

The Division of Economics and the Economic Growth Centre under the One Asia Foundation Lecture Series cordially invite you to a seminar by Professor Edward Tower

Speaker : **Professor Edward Tower**
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Topic : **"Politics of Protection: Some Recent Issues, Protectionist Poetry, and what Researchers Can Do to Help"**

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Date : **Monday, 22 July 2013**

Time : **2:30 pm – 3:30 pm**

Venue : **HSS Seminar Room 6 (HSS-01-04 [Level 1])**
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About the Speaker:

Ed Tower is a Professor of Economics at Duke University in the United States and a Visiting Professor at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. He has previously held positions at Australian National University, the University of Auckland, Claremont Graduate University, Helsinki School of Economics and Business, Nanjing University, Simon Fraser University, Tufts University, Venice International University, and the University of Zagreb. He has also consulted on economic development problems at the Harvard Institute for International Development, the World Bank, the U.S. Agency for International Development, the Centre for International Economics and in Indonesia, Kenya, Malawi, and Sudan. He writes on financial, international and development economics. He has served on 11 editorial boards, written or coauthored 4 books & monographs, and 139 articles, and he has compiled 115 books on the teaching of economics. His most recent book, coauthored with John Gilbert, is *Introduction to Numerical Simulation for Trade Theory and Policy*. World Scientific., January 2013. He earned his Ph.D. in Economics at Harvard University. E-mail: tower@econ.duke.edu

Abstract::

This talk examines some research on the politics of protectionism in the American congress, and the ill effects of American protectionism on the American economy. It builds on an article by William Kaempfer, Ed Tower and Tom Willett, "Trade Protectionism," published in the *Encyclopedia of Public Choice*. Here is the link: <http://public.econ.duke.edu/Papers//Other/Tower/Protectionism.pdf>

That article is a short, nontechnical exposition of the political economy of protection. It asks how do political forces operate to generate protection, and what determines the magnitude and form that protection takes.

The talk concludes with the suggestion that researchers in the Universities of America's trading partners should focus on the corruption associated with American trade policy and the costs to America of American protectionism in hopes of tipping the scale of American politics toward policies that will improve the American economy, and also the economies of her trading partners.

Reservation:

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