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**Prospects of China’s Criminal Procedure**

**中國刑事訴訟程序向何處去**

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**Abstract:**

In recent years, a series of innovative reforms has emerged in China’s criminal justice system, including criminal reconciliation/restorative justice, sentencing procedure, death penalty review and exclusionary rules. These institutional arrangements were borrowed from foreign legal systems and introduced into the Chinese system in responding to certain “emergencies”, such as public outcries over wrongful convictions, uncompensated victims, and disproportionate sentence in Xu Ting and similar cases. Can these innovations be coherently incorporated into the Chinese system? Shall they lead to systematic changes in China’s criminal procedure? Where is the Chinese criminal justice going? These questions shall be discussed and tentatively answered in this talk.

**About the speaker:**

Professor Zuo Weimin is a professor of law at Sichuan University Law School and is Executive Dean of Sichuan University Graduate School. Zuo completed his university and post-graduate studies at China’s Southwest University of Political Science and Law (SWUPL) in Chongqing, China. In 1987, Zuo joined the faculty at Sichuan University Law School, and in 2000, Zuo became director of the University’s Judicial Reform Research Center. From 1998 to 2005, Zuo served as the Vice-Dean at Sichuan University Law School. For his academic teaching and research, Zuo has received various accolades, including being named one of the “Ten Outstanding Young Legal Scholars” in 2004 and winning the Ministry of Education’s “Young Teacher Award” in 2000. In addition, Zuo was a Visiting Scholar at Yale Law School in 2002, and, more recently, at Harvard Law School in 2005. Among his numerous publications, a recent book, the Landscape of Chinese Criminal Procedure, was published by the prestigious SDX Joint Publishing Co. in Beijing.