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The Political Participation of Chinese and Asian Americans

The political participation of Chinese Americans has been a subject of curiosity for observers of U.S. racial and ethnic politics. Depending on how political participation is defined as well as when and where it is practiced and by whom, Chinese Americans may be considered either politically hyperactive or apathetic. They may be characterized as politically conservative in one context but progressive in another. This chameleon characteristic has made the ethnic community vulnerable to suspicion, misunderstanding, and stereotyping by the American mainstream of their political identities and motivations. To help unpack the complicated, multi-faceted, and shifting phenomenon, the talk shall begin by providing a quick review of community formation and political activism over time, followed by a discussion of patterns of political attitudes and behavior in the early 21st century, including results from several large scale public opinion surveys and the US census data.



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Born and raised in Taiwan and a graduate of English Language and Literature from 國立臺灣大學. Professor Lien has graduate degrees in Journalism & Mass Communications and Political Science from the University of Florida. She is currently a Professor of Political Science and an affiliated faculty of Asian American Studies and Feminist Studies at UCSB. Her primary research interest is the political participation and representation of Asian and other nonwhite Americans. She is the author/editor of 4 books and numerous articles and book chapters, including the award-winning *The Making of Asian America through Political Participation*.

Language: English & 中文

When :

Saturday: Nov. 7, 2015 at 9:45-11:00am

Where :

**Swenson Center, Room SWEN 101, CLU
141 Faculty Street, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360**

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