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Former solicitor general of Hong Kong to speak at Dean Rusk Center

The inaugural Willson Center - Dean Rusk Center Annual Lecture will feature the Honorable Daniel R. Fung, former solicitor general of Hong Kong, presenting "The Rise of China: Political and Economic Implications." The lecture will be held on Nov. 6 at 12.30 p.m. in the Larry Walker Room of Rusk Hall.

The new lecture series is sponsored by the University of Georgia Dean Rusk Center - International, Comparative and Graduate Legal Studies and the UGA Willson Center for Humanities and Arts.

"We are very pleased to be working with the Willson Center on this new lecture series," C. Donald Johnson, director of the Dean Rusk Center, said. "Having the ability to host guests such as Mr. Fung, who will be sharing with us his renowned insights on the political and economic challenges surrounding the new role of China, is a significant benefit to students and others in the UGA community who are seeking a broader understanding of current international trends."

In addition to being the first person of Chinese extraction to have served as solicitor general, Fung is a national delegate to the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, the principal political advisory body in the Peoples Republic of China (PRC). He served on the Basic Law Consultative Committee, leading to the promulgation of Hong Kong's constitution, as well as numerous governmental authorities in Hong Kong and investment initiatives in China.

Fung has also served as a visiting professor at the law schools of both Harvard and Yale. Among various publications, Fung is a contributing author to "Democracy & the Rule of Law," published in 2001, and "The Confluence of Affluence: The Pearl River Delta Story," published in 2005.