

## CALS SEMINAR SERIES: CHINESE LAW

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### 中国媒体监管的法制环境：笼中的自由

**Bird in Cage: The Regulatory Environment of Press and Media in China**

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#### ABSTRACT

Heavy-handed government regulation of the traditional media was mainly used by the Chinese Party-State as a tool to shape social thinking and political ideology in the Chinese society, thus not fundamentally based on the rule of law. The emergence of the Internet, however, has significantly changed the landscape of the media. The rise of We-media (自媒体) has provided a platform for the public to voice their opinions and even for social mobilization, which is further changing the traditional media by compelling the regulator to rely more on legal rules to regulate the media. The seminar will examine the recent changes in the regulatory environment of Chinese media, and discuss the legal challenges faced by the media.

#### ABOUT THE SPEAKER



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