



The Lawrence Badash Memorial Lecture Series:
**The Human Factor: Work as Science in
Twentieth-Century China**

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In 1935, the Commercial Press in Shanghai published a modest-sized volume on a subject most of its readers likely never heard of. Titled *An Overview of Industrial Psychology* (工業心理學概觀), it was the first in Chinese on the titular subject, which promised to “restore the rightful place of human beings in processes of production.” What was industrial psychology, and why did those who promoted or practiced it across multiple political and productive regimes choose to do so? In this talk, Victor Seow will trace the history of industrial psychology in China from the 1930s to the 1990s, focusing on how this science of work reflected shifts in the meaning and value of labor over those decades.



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