

Visiting Speaker Series 2018-19 Term 2

Betraying Big Brother: The Feminist Awakening in China

Leta Hong Fincher

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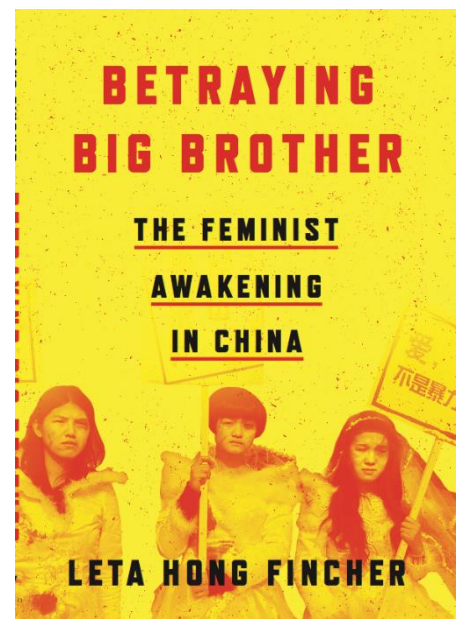


ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Dr. Leta Hong Fincher is a journalist, scholar and author of *Betraying Big Brother: The Feminist Awakening in China* (Verso 2018), which was named one of the best books of 2018 by Vanity Fair, Newsweek, Foreign Policy Interrupted and others. Hong Fincher won the Society of Professional Journalists Sigma Delta Chi award for her China reporting and is the first American to receive a Ph.D. from Tsinghua University's Department of Sociology in Beijing. Her first book was the critically acclaimed *Leftover Women: The Resurgence of Gender Inequality in China* (Zed 2014).

ABOUT THE TALK

On the eve of International Women's Day in 2015, the Chinese government arrested five feminist activists and jailed them for thirty-seven days. The Feminist Five became a global cause célèbre, with Hillary Clinton speaking out on their behalf and activists inundating social media with #FreeTheFive messages. But the Five are only symbols of a much larger feminist movement of university students, labor activists, civil rights lawyers, performance artists, and online warriors prompting an unprecedented awakening among young Chinese women. Through interviews with the Feminist Five and other Chinese activists, Hong Fincher illuminates both the difficulties they face and their "joy of betraying Big Brother," as one of the Feminist Five wrote of the defiance she felt during her detention. Tracing the rise of a new feminist consciousness now finding expression through the #MeToo movement, Hong Fincher describes how the movement against patriarchy could reconfigure China and the world.



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