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# Center for Chinese Studies

## Fall 2021 Seminars on China

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Wednesday October 27, 12 noon to 1:30 pm, via Zoom

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# Policy Storms: Understanding China's Education Market & State Through Recent Policy Changes

In recent years and especially in 2021, new, strict regulations promulgated by the Chinese government hammered a number of industries, such as education, commerce, real estate and even entertainment. These policy changes have proven detrimental to the high-tech growth of the for-profit supplemental education industry, and are likely to have profound consequences for the Chinese economy and society in general. This presentation draws on these policy changes to analyze current conditions in China's education, market and state sectors.

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