

# **CGC Seminar on Researching Citizenship Education in China - New Directions and New Thinking**

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## **Volunteer Development in Chinese Universities**

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Volunteerism has risen rapidly in China since the 1990s. With the expansion of higher education, colleges and universities have become an important arena for raising voluntary awareness among Chinese youth. This presentation will address three questions related to the training and development of student volunteers in Chinese universities: (1) how do the new volunteering programs differ from the conventional moral activities (such as the 'Learn from Lei Feng' campaign starting in the 1960s)? (2) how do the governments solve the dilemma of fostering volunteerism and maintaining political and ideological control over youth? and (3) how does college student volunteerism influence the development of Chinese civil society?