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RCCPB Media Seminar Series

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## **China's Troubled Rise: Bumps on the Road to Becoming a Superpower**

Friday, February 4, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Room 4095, Kelley School of Business  
801 W. Michigan St., IUPUI Campus, Indianapolis

The US-China relationship is of monumental importance to both countries and to the global economy, including the Midwest's, but it can be difficult for regional media to identify the true big stories and know how to provide an angle meaningful to the local community. John Pomfret will help us understand the larger context in which to cover China through the lens of China's troubled rise.

China's emergence is one of the greatest stories of last decade. Its GDP has rocketed; its geopolitical heft has increased; its trade and investment spans the globe. But what are the issues that could derail its rise? From demographics to the environment to political issues, China is facing a string of challenges that could bump it off its trajectory.

John Pomfret is an award-winning journalist with *The Washington Post*. He has been a foreign correspondent for 15 years, covering big wars and small in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Congo, Sri Lanka, Iraq, southwestern Turkey and northeastern Iran. He has spent seven years covering China – one in the late 1980s during the Tiananmen Square protests and then from 1998 until the end of 2003 as the bureau chief for *The Washington Post* in Beijing. Returning to the United States in 2004, he was the paper's West Coast bureau chief for two years before being appointed the editor of its Outlook section from 2007 until September 2009. In 2003, Pomfret was awarded the Osborne Elliot Award for the best coverage of Asia by the Asia Society. In 2007, he was awarded the Shorenstein Award from Harvard and Stanford universities for his lifetime coverage of Asia. He is the author of the critically-acclaimed *Chinese Lessons: Five Classmates and the Story of the New China*.

*The event is free and open to the public. No RSVP necessary.*

