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**Invitation to a presentation**

***Challenging Democracy:  
Gender Quotas in the Chinese Countryside***

**by Professor Kimberley Manning, Concordia University**

**Thursday, June 9, 2011**

Library and Archives Canada, Room A  
395 Wellington Street, Ottawa

**at 7:30 p.m.**

**Refreshments following the presentation.**

**All are welcome.\***



Over the past three decades, and particularly since the introduction of village-level elections in the late 1980s, the number of women active in leadership roles at the village level has dramatically declined. Currently only about 1% of elected village heads are women. In this talk, Kimberley Manning will discuss the surprising rise of rural women leaders in the 1950s and 1960s, and why they have all but disappeared from village life since the commencement of the reform era. She will also discuss how a small group of activists recently forged an innovative partnership with a provincial women's federation to successfully reverse this trend in the province of Shaanxi.

Kimberley Manning is an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Concordia University. After earning her PhD in Political Science from the University of Washington in 2003, Dr. Manning served as a post-doctoral fellow at the Center for East Asian Studies, Stanford University. A past recipient of grants from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada and the Fonds de recherche sur la société et la culture du Québec, Dr. Manning is completing a monograph on women's movements and state building in the Chinese countryside during the 1940s and 1950s. Dr. Manning has published in the *China Review*, *Modern China*, and the *China Quarterly*, and recently published a major co-edited volume: *Eating Bitterness: New Perspectives on China's Great Leap Forward and Famine*. Dr. Manning is currently embarking on a collaborative study of Sino-Tanzanian relations.

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