

Salt Lake Committee on Foreign Relations
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Monday March 18, 2019

6PM Social – 7PM Dinner – 8PM Presentation

The Alta Club – 100 East South Temple

Complementary parking is available in the Alta Club parking lot located on the south side of South Temple, east of the Carlton Hotel Annex.
Valet service available after 6pm

The Rise of Illiberal Democracy
And the Threat to Free Speech and Independent Journalism



James Dao has been the Op-Ed editor of The New York Times since February 2016. The department today includes nearly two dozen editors operating out of Hong Kong, London, Istanbul, San Francisco and New York, producing daily Op-Eds, the Sunday Review, the international Op-Ed section and online opinion features such as The Stone and Fixes. In 2017, the Sunday Review ran a 20-part series about Syrian refugees, “Welcome to the New World,” that won a Pulitzer Prize for editorial cartooning, the first time The Times has won in that category. During his 27 years with The Times, Mr. Dao has been the Albany bureau chief, a national and Washington correspondent, the military and veterans affairs reporter and deputy national editor. While he was deputy metropolitan editor in 2008, the section published a Pulitzer Prize-winning investigation that led to the resignation of Gov. Eliot Spitzer. He has reported from a dozen countries and across the United States, covering the impeachment of President Clinton, the 2000 presidential campaign, the invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq, and Hurricane Katrina. In 2010 and 2011, he was the reporter on an 8-part multi-media series about the yearlong deployment of an Army battalion to Afghanistan, titled “A Year at War,” which received an Emmy and an Alfred I. DuPont-Columbia University award. Prior to working at The Times, he worked as a reporter for The Record of Hackensack, N.J., and the Daily News in New York, and was a writer and researcher for the New York Chinatown History Project. He is a graduate of Yale College.

Please RSVP by 3pm Friday March 15 by one of the following; reply to this email; phone Lynda Sayge (801) 556-6173, or email at saygehen@xmission.com. Reservations made after deadline will be taken for speaker only. Please leave your name and the number in your party. Vegetarian meal is available, advise with RSVP. **Please cancel reservations by 3pm on Friday March 15 if you know you will not be attending the meeting.** You are responsible for your own and guests fees if you do not attend after making reservations.

Dinner fees; Member \$35, Guests \$40.