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We don't usually do posts about upcoming events, but there are so many involving *China Beat*-related folks (either contributors or people we've reviewed or referred to recently) in Southern California in the next few weeks that we felt remiss not mentioning them.

First, tomorrow (nothing like starting with the present!) USC will be hosting a day-long symposium on "[Hong Kong, China and the World Art System](#)." It features many speakers, including *China Beat* contributor [Richard Kraus](#).

The UCI Center for Asian Studies, in cooperation with several other units, will be hosting Michael Meyer, author of *[Last Days of Old Beijing](#)*, for a [reading and booksigning](#) on October 14.

And, finally, the Asia Society of Southern California will be [hosting Ian Buruma](#) on October 21 for a conversation about his new novel, *[The China Lover](#)*.