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When the dust settles from my still-in-progress “book tour for the post-book tour age” (as I’ve taken to calling the series of events relating to [China in the 21st Century](#) that I’ve been taking part in, sometimes having the stage to myself, sometimes sharing it with others), I’m going to try to write something about the experience as a whole (though there won’t be any video log of my travels a la the [ones by Rebecca Skloot](#) I’ve been enjoying: h/t to Mara H. for leading me to them on the web). But for now I’m still too busy accumulating frequent flyer miles (and sometimes selling and signing some books) to do that, so a few quick updates from the road (or actually from home, but about to go back on the road) will have to suffice.

Update 1: Tomorrow, I’m off to the East Coast...again. Last time I was there, a couple of weeks back, one of the most interesting conversations I had (during a trip that was memorable largely for a lot of interesting conversations with old friends and people I’d just met) was with [Devin Stewart](#) of the Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs, someone who knows a great deal about Asia (though his focus has been on Japan more often than China). That conversation is now up [here](#) as a podcast (with an accompanying transcript for anyone who would rather read than listen—and the transcript even has some links embedded in it, a nice touch by the folks at Carnegie, that take you to place to find out more about subjects that came up when we chatted).

Update 2: Between that last East Coast leg of the “tour” and a short West Coast one (about which I’ll provide some details another time), I did a segment of the “Here on Earth” radio show with World’s Fair expert [Urso Chappell](#) as the other guest, and you can hear what we had to say [here](#).

Update 3: On May 11, I’ll be speaking about the book from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in New York in an event sponsored by NYU’s China House: the address for the talk is 19 University Place, Room 102, New York University.

Update 4: On May 12, I’ll be in Washington, D.C. speaking at an event sponsored by the World Affairs Council, which requires [advance registration](#) and even buying a ticket if you aren’t a member of the organization—or a student or intern, as they get in free as well.

Update 5: On May 15, I’ll be back on the West Coast [speaking at an event](#) that includes presentations or comments by several other people whose names should be familiar to many readers of this blog: Perry Link (like me, a main presenter), Richard Baum (commenting on Perry’s talk), and Daniel Lynch (commenting on mine).

Update 6: In the “wish I could be in two places at once category”...on May 11, while I’m speaking in one part of New York, Ian Johnson (who does stellar reporting on China and is a longtime friend of this blog) will be speaking in another part of it. He’s on his own [book tour](#), you see, promoting his fascinating new non-China book *A Mosque in Munich* (I’ve read it and can recommend it as a thoroughly compelling work). Fortunately, after discovering that we’d both be in the same city at the same time, we did work out a time between talks to meet and compare notes. And, of course, I’ll get to see him again and hear him talk about his book (as well as about China) [when he comes to UCI](#) in June to engage in a dialog with Angilee Shah that continues the *China Beat* series of writers-in-conversation events.