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The crackdown on the democracy movement on Tiananmen Square on June 4th, 1989 has been tabooed by the Chinese Communist Party. The number of students and other civilians killed is still unclear. People such as Ding Zilin, the organizer of the Tiananmen Mothers organization – mothers whose children were killed in the night of June 4th – are still under constant surveillance by the Chinese public security. It is exactly the fact that the party state turned against its own citizens, which makes remembering the event impossible in China until today. In any case, Tiananmen certainly constituted a major turning point in modern Chinese history with far-reaching effects not only on the development of Chinese politics and society but on global developments as well. The talk will discuss the Tiananmen crackdown in Chinese and global perspectives.

Perry Link has taught at Princeton University and is now professor for comparative literature and foreign languages at the University of California. He has written widely on Chinese literature and is one of the translators of *The Tiananmen Papers*, which detailed the governmental response to the 1989 democracy protests.