WEEK TWO

Yi-Ling Liu on the Changing Chinese Web

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Since 2008, doing a speech supporting China's entry into the WTO, Bill Clinton's frequent refrain has been that economic liberalization would lead to political change in China. Perhaps the most obvious sign that he was wrong (apart of course, of the great wall of censorship) is the rapid growth of the Chinese Internet, which has been continuously monitored and controlled by the Party.

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> I see this term 'dancer' instead of 'fighter' or 'thinker' because I think those minds do actually describe that experience to begin with. — Yi-Ling Liu

Speakers

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Transcript

Bracketed text represents an audio edit of an exchange, or a change of pace, or a joke.

Jeremy Goldkorn: Welcome to Sinica podcast, I am Jeremy Goldkorn and I'm joined today by Yi-Ling Liu. Yi-Ling's blog, Blogs and Bytes, covers the Internet and technology in China, and she has also written a book about the rise of Chinese capitalism. Today we are going to talk about the Chinese Internet, the Great Firewall, the Party's attempts to control the Internet, and the Internet's role in Chinese society and politics. Yi-Ling, welcome to the show.

Yi-Ling Liu: Thanks, it feels like it's been a long time coming, I'm very happy to be here.

Jeremy Goldkorn: Well, I'm sure it's been a long time coming, and I'm very happy to have you on the show. Yi-Ling, you've been blogging for a long time, and you've been a journalist for a long time, and you've been a consultant for a long time, and you've been a translator for a long time, and I'm sure there's other things you've been doing, but I'm sure you've been doing a lot of things. Tell us a little about your background, and what you've been doing, and what you're doing now.

Yi-Ling Liu: Yeah, I mean I'm a lot of different things, I'm a writer, I'm a journalist, I'm a consultant, I'm a translator, I'm a lot of different things, I'm a lot of different things, I'm a lot of different things