

**Environmental Engineering**

**and Earth Sciences**

**EEES Department Seminar**

**“advanced materials for sustainable water purification”**

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**Abstract**: Society is currently confronting serious threats to our sustainable development including the contamination of dwindling freshwater supplies, an impending energy crisis, and resource depletion. Innovative materials-based strategies have emerged as a promising platform for sustainable water treatment with performance that can far exceed traditional approaches. Work presented herein will demonstrate the promise of several novel materials-based strategies for treatment of impaired water supplies. For example, noble metal (palladium) catalysts were proven highly effective for the reduction of a broad spectrum of EOPAA-regulated contaminants by hydrogen, providing a route by which otherwise persistent graphitic carbon nitride (g-C3N4) was developed under the guidance of molecular simulations, and fundamental science of innovative materials for water treatment, this talk will also discuss practical engineering applications of these materials in the future.

**Bio**: Dr. Danmeng Shuai graduated from Tsinghua University, P. R. China with

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