



# China's Global Rise: International Relations in an Era of Change

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TUESDAY, APRIL 7

8 P.M.

Keynote Address

“Priorities, Opportunities and Challenges  
in China’s Foreign Policy”

*Minister Xie Feng, Deputy Chief of Mission,  
Embassy of the People’s Republic of China*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

3:30–4:30 P.M.

Panel I: United States–China Relations

*Moderated by Brantly Womack*

“Domestic Factors  
in China’s United States Policy”

*Ni Shixiong, Professor of International Relations,  
Fudan University Center for American Studies*

“Key Issues in US–China Relations”

*Hank Levine, Stonebridge International,  
former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Asia*

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5–6:30 P.M.

Panel II: China’s International Relations  
and Security Policy

*Moderated by Hank Levine*

“The Military Dimensions  
of China’s Re-emergence”

*David Finkelstein, Director, China Studies Center  
at the CNA Corporation*

“Good Neighbors?  
China’s Role in the Asia Pacific”

*Brantly Womack, Professor of Foreign Affairs,  
University of Virginia*

“Taiwan and China’s  
International Diplomacy”

*Shelley Rigger, Professor of Politics, Davidson University*

6:30 P.M.

Reception

7:30 P.M.

Keynote Address

“China and United States Foreign Policy”

*Ambassador Stapleton Roy, United States  
Ambassador to the People’s Republic of China, 1991–95*

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**XIE FENG** is minister and deputy chief of mission at the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the United States. From 2003–2008, he held positions as China's deputy director general and as counselor for Policy

Analysis and Planning in the Department of North American and Oceanian Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Since 1986, he has served the Chinese government in various capacities including as spokesman of the Chinese Embassy, congressional liaison counselor for the Chinese Embassy in the U. S. and secretary to the Chinese ambassador to Malta. In 1999, he was selected by Eisenhower Fellowships to be an Eisenhower Exchange Fellow. Minister Xie received a B.A. of Law from the China Foreign Affairs University in Beijing in 1986. Minister Xie is married with one son.



**NI SHIXIONG**, professor of international relations, is former dean of the School of International Relations and Public Affairs at Fudan University and former director of the Center for American Studies, Shanghai, China. He did postdoctoral research at

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Ni's publications include *Selected Readings on American School of Thought in International Relations*; *Conflict and Cooperation: An Introduction to Western Strategies*; *Reflection of the Century's Winds: Contemporary International Relations*; *International Human Rights*; *War and Morality: The Rise of Nuclear Ethics*; *From Normalization to Renormalization: 20 Years of Sino-U.S. Relations*; *American Studies Series* and *Contemporary Western Theories in International Relations*. He recently completed a book marking the 30th anniversary of China-U.S. diplomatic relations.

Ni is vice president of Shanghai Association of International Relations, vice president of Shanghai Association of International Strategic Studies and vice president of Shanghai Association of American Studies. He is now on the international committee of Asia Society.



**HENRY LEVINE** is a senior director with Stonebridge International, a strategic advisory firm in Washington, D.C., where he advises multinational firms in efforts to deepen their interactions with the Chinese government and resolve business issues. He is also chair of the Intensive China Area Studies Course at the State Department's Foreign Service Institute.

Prior to entering the private sector, Levine spent 25 years with the U.S. Department of State. He served twice at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing and as U.S. Consul General in Shanghai (1999–2002). In his last government assignment he served for three years as the deputy assistant secretary for Asia at the U.S. Commerce Department. In this capacity he was the lead negotiator for the U.S.-China Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade chaired by the U.S. Commerce Secretary and U.S. Trade Representative with Chinese Vice Premier Wu Yi.

Levine has a B.A. in political science from Bucknell University. He did graduate work in international affairs at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. He is a 1993 graduate, with distinction, from the U.S. National War College, and he is fluent in Chinese (Mandarin).



**DAVID FINKELSTEIN** is vice president and director of China Studies at CNA. With over a dozen full-time analysts, CNA China Studies is one of the nation's largest analytic groups focused on Chinese affairs.

Finkelstein received his Ph.D. in Chinese history from Princeton University and studied Mandarin at Nankai University in Tianjin. A retired U.S. Army officer, Finkelstein is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, the Command & General Staff College, the U.S. Army War College, the JFK School for Military Assistance and Unconventional Warfare at Fort Bragg (Foreign Area Officer Course), and the U.S. Army Airborne School at Fort Benning.

Finkelstein serves on the advisory board of *Issues & Studies* (Taipei), is a senior advisor to *The China and Eurasia*

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*Forum Quarterly* (Washington, D.C. & Stockholm), and a member of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations. He was a member of then Treasury Secretary Paulson's outreach group for the U.S.-China Strategic Economic Dialogue. He has also served as advisor on China to the U.S. secretary of defense and chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He is the editor of numerous books on China's military and leadership and recently served as consultant and contributing author to the newly published *National Geographic Atlas of China*.



**BRANTLY WOMACK** is the Cumming Memorial Professor of International Affairs at the University of Virginia and has been named an honorary professor at two Chinese universities, Jilin University in Changchun and East China Normal University in Shanghai. His most recent book, *China and Vietnam: The Politics of Asymmetry*, was published by Cambridge University Press in 2006. He is also the author of *Foundations of Mao Zedong's Political Thought (1917-1935)* and *Politics in China (with James Townsend)*, and he is the editor of a number of books, including *Contemporary Chinese Politics in Historical Perspective*.

After receiving his B.A. in politics and philosophy Magna Cum Laude from the University of Dallas in 1969, Womack held a Fulbright Scholarship in philosophy to the University of Munich. He received an M.A. and Ph.D. in political science from the University of Chicago. After postdoctoral studies at the Contemporary China Center at the University of California, Berkeley, he taught at Northern Illinois University and the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London before coming to the University of Virginia in 1992. There he has served as director of the East Asia Center, chair of the Department of Asian and Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures, and director of the University's International Activities Planning Commission.



**SHELLEY RIGGER** is the Brown Professor of East Asian Politics at Davidson College in Davidson, N.C. She has a Ph.D. in government from Harvard University and a B.A. in public and international affairs from Princeton University. She has been a visiting researcher at National Chengchi University in Taiwan (2005) and a visiting professor at Fudan University in Shanghai (2006). Rigger is the author of two books on Taiwan's domestic politics: *Politics in Taiwan: Voting for Democracy* (Routledge 1999) and *From Opposition to Power: Taiwan's Democratic Progressive Party* (Lynne Rienner Publishers 2001). She has published articles on Taiwan's domestic politics, the national identity issue in Taiwan-China relations and related topics. Her current research studies the effects of cross-strait economic interactions on Taiwan people's perceptions of Mainland China. Her monograph, "Taiwan's Rising Rationalism: Generations, Politics and 'Taiwan Nationalism'" was published by the East West Center in Washington in November 2006.



**AMBASSADOR J. STAPLETON ROY** retired from the Foreign Service in January 2001 after a career spanning 45 years with the U.S. Department of State. He rose to become a three-time ambassador, serving as the top U.S. envoy in Singapore (1984-86), the People's Republic of China (1991-95), and Indonesia (1996-99). In 1996, he was promoted to the rank of career ambassador, the highest rank in the Foreign Service. Ambassador Roy's final post with the State Department was as assistant secretary for Intelligence and Research. In 2001, he received Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson Award for Distinguished Public Service.

In January 2001, Ambassador Roy joined Kissinger Associates, Inc., a strategic consulting firm, as managing director and later vice chairman. In September 2008, he became the first director of the newly-established Kissinger Institute on China and the United States at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C., while continuing as a senior adviser to Kissinger Associates.

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