**Latin America and China: What Do They Mean for Each Other?**

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9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Speakers’ Bios**

**Cynthia Arnson** is director of the Latin American Program at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. She is the editor of *Comparative Peace Processes in Latin America*, and co-editor of *Rethinking the Economics of War: The Intersection of Need, Creed, and Greed*, among other works. She is a member of the editorial advisory board of *Foreign Affairs Latinoamérica* and a member of the advisory board of Human Rights Watch/Americas. Arnson has an MA and PhD in International Relations from Johns Hopkins University.

**Inés Bustillo** is director of the Washington Office of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). She joined ECLAC in 1989 as an Economic Affairs Officer working on a variety of topics, including macroeconomic analysis, international trade, and finance. Previously, Ms. Bustillo was Professor of Economics at Universidad Anáhuac in Mexico City and Visiting Faculty at American University in Washington D.C. Other positions held include consultant to the World Bank, the Center for Latin American and Monetary Studies (CEMLA), and Operadora de Bolsa in Mexico City. She is the author of several articles and a frequent lecturer at universities, think tanks, and other fora. Ms. Bustillo, a national of Uruguay, earned her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in economics from American University

**Chas W. Freeman, Jr.** became chairman of Projects International in 1995, after a distinguished thirty-year career in U.S. diplomacy which included positions as Ambassador to Saudi Arabia and Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs. Ambassador Freeman entered the United States Foreign Service in 1965 and after three years in India, he entered a long period of involvement with China, serving in Taiwan and as the principal American interpreter during President Nixon’s historic 1972 visit to Beijing. He was a member of the advance team that opened the U.S. Liaison Office in Beijing in 1973. From 1979 to 1981, he directed Chinese Affairs at the Department of State. He served as Chargé and Deputy Chief of Mission at the American embassy in Beijing (1981–84). Ambassador Freeman attended the National Autonomous University of Mexico, and received his A.B. from Yale University, as well as a J.D. from the Harvard Law School.

**João Castro Neves** is currently the political editor of The Brazilian Economy, published by the Getulio Vargas Foundation (FGV). He also works as an independent political consultant and researcher in Wahsington, D.C. and has collaborated with top international think-tanks, such as the Brookings Institution, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and the Canadian Foundation for the Americas (FOCAL), and top consulting firms such as Oxford Analytica and Eurasia Group. Mr. Neves possesses both undergraduate and graduate degrees in political science and is a doctoral candidate at the University of Sao Paulo (USP). His main focus areas include Brazilian politics and foreign policy, regional powers, and the post-Cold War global order.

**Dr. Yuan Peng** is assistant president of China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations (CICIR) and Director of the CICIR Institute of American Studies. Dr. Yuan's research focuses on U.S. foreign policy, Sino-American relations, Trans-Pacific relations, and Chinese foreign policy. Dr. Yuan has published widely in both Chinese and foreign journals such as *Survival*, *Global Asia*, *China Security*, etc. as well as policy comments in influential newspapers like *People’s Daily*, *Global Times*, *China Daily*, etc. In addition to numerous policy reports, he has also contributed to several chapters and is the editor of the book American Think-Tanks and Their Attitudes towards China. Dr. Yuan was a visiting fellow in the CNAPS Program at the Brookings Institution, and a visiting scholar at the Atlantic Council of the United States from 1999-2000.  Dr. Yuan earned his Ph.D. in history from the Northeast Normal University of China.

**J. Stapleton Roy** is director of the Kissinger Institute on China and the United States at the Woodrow Wilson Center. He retired from the U.S. Foreign Service 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). Mr. Roy attained 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. Roy currently serves as a senior advisory with Kissinger Associates, Inc., a strategic consulting firm.

**Charles Shapiro** will become the president of the Institute of the Americas in October 2011. Shapiro has held numerous senior positions with the Department of States including Ambassador to Venezuela and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Western Hemisphere. As an advisor to Secretary Clinton, he led an inter-agency working group to promote financial and economic inclusion in the Americas.

**Dr. Yang Shouguo** is deputy director of the Institute of Latin American Studies at the China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations (CICIR). He has been a visiting scholar at the Complutense University of Madrid, Spain. Dr. Shouguo holds MA in Latin American History Studies from the University of Hubei and a Ph.D in international relations from CICIR. His areas of expertise include Mexican, Cuban, and Chilean studies; Sino-Latin American relations; and U.S.-Latin American relations. His published pieces include “The 40-Year Diplomatic Relations between China and Chile and Its Future”(2010), and “Some Reflections on Actual Cuban Reforms”(2011), among others.

**S. Lynne Walker** has served as vice president of the Institute of the Americas since April 2008. Before joining the Institute, she was the Mexico City Bureau Chief for Copley News Service for 15 years where she covered major political and economic news events including the historic election of Vicente Fox and Pope John Paul’s visits to Mexico. Walker has received numerous honors for her in-depth reporting on immigration. In 1989, she received a Gerald Loeb Award for a five-part series, "The Invisible Work Force," on Mexico's Mixtec Indians who migrated to San Diego's farm fields. In 1997, she received a National Headliner Award for a 14-part serial narrative, "Journey to the Promised Land.," She received the Maria Moors Cabot Prize from the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism for her outstanding coverage of Latin America, And in 2004, Walker was named a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for national reporting.