

Participant Biographies:

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Professor Victor Shih, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, USA

Professor Shih is interested in political economy in developing countries broadly and how politics affect economic outcomes in China specifically. His dissertation, which is currently a book manuscript, concerns the impact of factional politics on Chinese monetary and banking policies. His current research examines how China's authoritarian politics affect taxation policies and fiscal transfers. He also has on-going projects on the performance of Chinese banks, signalling in elite politics, and elite selection in China.

Randall Peerenboom is the director of the Foundation's *Rule of Law in China* programme, an associate fellow of the Oxford Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, and a law professor at La Trobe University. He was a professor at UCLA Law School from 1998 to 2007, and has been a consultant to the Ford Foundation and the Asian Development Bank on legal reforms and rule of law in China. He is also a CIETAC arbitrator, and frequently serves as expert witness on PRC legal issues. Recent books include *China Modernizes: Threat to the West or Model for the Rest?* (Oxford University Press, 2007); *Asian Discourses of Rule of Law* (ed., RoutledgeCurzon, 2004); and *China's Long March toward Rule of Law* (Cambridge University Press, 2002).

Minxin Pei, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Minxin Pei is a senior associate and director of the China Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington DC. He received his Ph.D. in political science from Harvard University in 1991 and taught politics at Princeton University from 1992 to 1998. His main interest is U.S.-China relations, the development of democratic political systems, and Chinese politics. He is the author of *From Reform to Revolution: The Demise of Communism in China and the Soviet Union* (Harvard University Press, 1994) and *China's Trapped Transition: The Limits of Developmental Autocracy* (Harvard University Press, 2006). His research has been published in *Foreign Policy*, *Foreign Affairs*, *The National Interest*, *Modern China*, *China Quarterly*, *Journal of Democracy* and many edited books. His op-eds have appeared in the *Financial Times*, *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Christian Science Monitor*, and other major newspapers.

Professor Dali Yang, University of Chicago, USA

Dali L. Yang is Professor and Chairman of the Department of Political Science at The University of Chicago. His research interests are political institutions and political economy, with special reference to China. He is also a member and former director of the University's Committee on International Relations, one of the nation's oldest graduate programs in international affairs. An engineering graduate from the University of Science and Technology, Beijing, Yang received his Ph.D. in political science from Princeton University, specializing in international relations and comparative politics. He joined the University of Chicago faculty in 1992.

Professor Yang teaches classes on China's politics and political economy at Chicago. He is a member of professional associations such as the American Political Science Association and the Association for Asian Studies. He is also on the editorial boards of various journals, including *Asian Perspective*, *Journal of Contemporary China*, and *World Politics*. At Chicago he is a member of the Center for East Asian Studies. He has been a co-director of the University of Chicago Workshop on East Asia Politics, Economy, and Society.

Professor Joseph Fewsmith, Boston University, USA

Joe Fewsmith is the Director of East Asian Studies Program and Professor of International Relations and Political Science at Boston University. He gained his B.A. at Northwestern University; and his M.A., Ph.D., University of Chicago. He specialises in comparative politics, Chinese domestic and international politics.

Professor Fewsmith is the author of four books: *China Since Tiananmen: The Politics of Transition* (2001), *Elite Politics in Contemporary China* (2001), *The Dilemmas of Reform in China: Political Conflict and Economic Debate* (1994), and *Party, State, and Local Elites in Republican China: Merchant Organizations and Politics in Shanghai, 1980-1930* (1985). He is very active in the China field, traveling to China frequently and presenting papers at professional conferences such as the Association for Asian Studies and the American Political Science Association. His articles have appeared in such journals as *Asian Survey*, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, *The China Journal*, *The China Quarterly*, *Current History*, *The Journal of Contemporary China*, *Problems of Communism*, and *Modern China*. He is also a research associate of the John King Fairbank Center for East Asian Studies at Harvard University.

Jacques deLisle, University of Pennsylvania, USA

Jacques deLisle received his J.D. from Harvard and his A.B from Princeton.

DeLisle's research focuses on the law and politics of the People's Republic of China, China's approach to international law, Taiwan's international status, legal change and economic reform in China, Hong Kong's transition to and political-legal development under Chinese rule, and public international law. His writings on these subjects appear in a variety of fora, including international relations journals, edited volumes of multidisciplinary scholarship, and Asian studies journals, as well as law reviews. His Op-Eds and commentaries on law, politics and foreign policy regularly appear in newspapers and specialized foreign policy and Asian affairs media.

DeLisle is Director of Asia Programs at the Foreign Policy Research Institute, a member of the faculty of the Center for East Asian Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, and a member of the National Committee on U.S.- China Relations. He has served frequently as an expert witness on issues of P.R.C. law and government policies. He is also a consultant, lecturer and advisor to foreign-assisted legal reform, development and education programs, primarily in China, including the Temple University - Tsinghua University Masters of Law Program.

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Lester Ross is a partner in the Corporate Department of WilmerHale. His practice concentrates on mergers and acquisitions, foreign investment, financial services, project finance, energy and environmental law matters and capital markets.

Mr. Ross has represented foreign companies in the agricultural, automotive, chemicals, energy, environmental, financial, high tech, pharmaceuticals, publishing and service industries in their strategic expansion in China. He also has extensive experience representing foreign banks and corporations in the United States. He has prepared environmental, health and safety audit protocols for multinational companies conducting business in China and advised clients on environmental regulatory matters in China. He has represented clients in trade investigations, dispute resolution and regulatory matters in China.

Mr. Ross is general counsel of the American Chamber of Commerce – People's Republic of China and former chair of the Board of Advisors of the International Montessori School of Beijing. Fluent in Mandarin, Mr. Ross has been a visiting scholar at the Chinese Research Academy of Environmental Sciences in Beijing and studied Chinese at Taiwan National University. He has conducted field work in China under the sponsorship of the Committee on Scholarly Communication with China of the National Academy of Sciences. Lester has been listed in the 2004, 2005 and 2006 editions of AsiaLaw Leading Lawyers as one of Asia's top business lawyers in areas including capital markets, mergers and acquisitions and project finance

Professor Barry Naughton, University of California, San Diego, USA

Professor Naughton has a BA in Chinese language and literature from the University of Washington and an MA and PhD from Yale. He specialises in Chinese economics and lectures graduate students on the Chinese Economy, Globalisation and Doing Business in China.

He has published on subjects such as, 'The Political Economy of China's Transition', 'Regional Development in China and Economic Geography', 'Foreign Trade and Foreign Direct Investment in China', 'Technology Development and Information Technology Business in China', 'Economics of Transition: Chinese Enterprise Reforms and Transition Strategy', 'Macroeconomics and Financial Development'.

His most recent international policy brief is entitled, 'Cooling the Chinese Economy'.

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Michael Dowdle, is the first holder of the chair in Globalization and Governance at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (sciences Po). He was previously the Himalayas Foundation distinguished professor in Comparative Law at the Qinghua University Law School. In autumn 2008, he will join the National University of Singapore Faculty of Law.

**Hugh Davies, China Association, and Senior Partner, Orient-Asian Partners
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Senior partner Hugh Davies has a wealth of expertise and experience, both in government and the private sector, relating to East Asia, particularly to China, and including Hong Kong and Taiwan.

Hugh was born in India, educated at Cambridge, and spent 33 years in the British Diplomatic Service, much of it in East Asia, including China, Hong Kong and Singapore. In the 1980s he headed the British Embassy trade promotion section in Beijing as Commercial Counsellor and in the early 1990s he was Senior British Trade Commissioner in Hong Kong. His final overseas posting was as Ambassador leading

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Hugh holds various positions related to Asia, including Chairman of the China Association, Vice Chairman of the Great Britain China Centre, member of the Executive Committee of the CBBC and of the Committee of the 48 Group Club, and he serves on two University advisory panels, in Cambridge and Nottingham. He is married with two grown up children.

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Ferranti assists Chinese companies to expand their operations into the West by acquiring companies with brands, distribution and technology. Ferranti also advise and invest in Western businesses that wish to merge with well-matched high quality Chinese companies. In both cases Ferranti creates global businesses that are capable of trading in their market sector on a worldwide basis.