

# CHINA TOWN HALL

## Local Connections, National Reflections

We are delighted to announce that George Mason University, together with the National Committee on US-China Relations, will convene the fifth annual *CHINA Town Hall: Local Connections, National Reflections* on Wednesday, November 16, 2011.

China's rapid development and US-China relations directly impact the lives of just about everyone in the United States. *CHINA Town Hall* is a national program at sites across the country designed to give Americans the opportunity to discuss these issues with leading China experts. George Mason University will host the only *CHINA Town Hall* in the greater Washington, D.C. region.

The evening will begin with a reception and refreshments at 6:30 p.m. The program begins at 7 p.m. with a live webcast featuring Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski, former national security advisor to President Jimmy Carter and current counselor and trustee of the Center for Strategic & International Studies in Washington, D.C.

The webcast will be followed by a discussion with special Mason guest David M. Lampton, the George and Sadie Hyman Professor and Director of China Studies at the Johns Hopkins Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies. Dr. Lampton will discuss "China's Political Challenges, or Why You Might Not Want to be a Chinese Leader."

When Americans explain their own country's foreign policy to outsiders, domestic politics usually plays a role in their explanation. Similarly, much of China's behavior in the world and in US-China relations can be explained by an understanding of the domestic challenges confronting Beijing leaders. What are these challenges and where, in the end, does America fit in the list of issues of concern to the Chinese elite?

*Join us on November 16 to learn more and have your own questions answered.*

**CHINA Town Hall: Local Connections, National Reflections is free and open to the public.**

**Location:** George Mason University – Mason Hall (Meese Conference Room)  
4400 University Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030

**Date:** Wednesday, November 16, 2011

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| 6:30 p.m. | Reception and Refreshments                                  |
| 6:50 p.m. | Welcoming Remarks   |
| 7:00 p.m. | Webcast and discussion featuring <u>Zbigniew Brzezinski</u> |
| 8:00 p.m. | Presentation by <u>David M. Lampton</u>                     |
| 8:20 p.m. | Q & A   |
| 9:00 p.m. | Adjourn   |

We welcome your participation and would appreciate your spreading the word to other students, friends, and family who might be interested. For more details and directions see: <http://www.ncusr.org/cth> and <http://www.gmu.edu/resources/welcome/Directions-to-GMU.html>.

## Zbigniew Brzezinski

### Center for Strategic & International Studies



Zbigniew Brzezinski is counselor and trustee of the Center for Strategic & International Studies in Washington, D.C.

From 1977 to 1981 Dr. Brzezinski was national security adviser to the president of the United States. In 1981, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom “for his role in the normalization of U.S.-Chinese relations and for his contributions to the human rights and national security policies of the United States.”

Before his government service, Dr. Brzezinski was on the faculty of Harvard University (1953-60) and Columbia University (1960-69). He received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from McGill and his doctorate from Harvard.

Dr. Brzezinski is a frequent public speaker, commentator on major domestic and foreign TV programs, and contributor to domestic and foreign newspapers and journals. He is a prolific author. His most recent book is *America and the World: Conversations on the Future of American Foreign Policy*, coauthored with Brent Scowcroft and moderated by David Ignatius. He is also the author of *Second Chance: Three Presidents and the Crisis of American Superpower*; *The Choice: Global Domination or Global Leadership*; *The Grand Chessboard: American Primacy and its Geostrategic Imperatives*; the best-selling *The Grand Failure: The Birth and Death of Communism in the 20th Century*; *Out of Control: Global Turmoil on the Eve of the 21st Century*; *Game Plan: How to Conduct the U.S.-Soviet Contest*; *Power and Principle: Memoirs of the National Security Adviser, 1977-1981*; *The Fragile Blossom: Crisis and Change in Japan*; *Between Two Ages: America’s Role in the Technetronic Era*; *The Soviet Bloc: Unity and Conflict*; and other books and many articles in numerous U.S. and foreign academic journals.

## David M. Lampton

### Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies



David M. Lampton, Dean of Faculty, is George and Sadie Hyman Professor and Director of China Studies at the Johns Hopkins University Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies. Formerly he was president of the National Committee on United States - China Relations. His most recent book is, *The Three Faces of Chinese Power: Might, Money, and Minds* (University of California Press, 2008, for which he won honorable mention in the Bernard Schwartz book competition of the Asia Society). His articles have appeared in the *American Political Science Review*, *The China Quarterly*, *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and other venues academic and popular.

Dr. Lampton received his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees from Stanford University. He has an honorary doctorate from the Russian Academy of Sciences’ Institute of Far Eastern Studies and is an Honorary Senior Fellow of the American Studies Institute of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. He was the inaugural winner of the Scalapino Prize in July 2010 awarded by the National Bureau of Asian Research and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.