

# CHINA TOWN HALL

Local Connections, National Reflections

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**A SPECIAL WEBCAST AND  
PANEL DISCUSSION ON  
U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2017**

**Auditorium (Room 101), Henry R. Luce Hall  
34 Hillhouse Avenue, New Haven, CT**

*Sponsored by the Council on East Asian Studies at Yale University  
and the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations*

**THIS EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

## 6:45 PM – INTRODUCTION FROM THE YALE PANEL

### PANELISTS

**Deborah S. Davis**

Professor of Sociology, Yale University

**Daniel Mattingly**

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Yale University

**Ian Johnson**

Pulitzer-Prize Winning Writer

## 7:00 PM - CHINA TOWN HALL WEBCAST ON U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS

Former National Security Advisor Susan Rice will examine America's economic, political and security relations with China.

China's emergence as a global power, role as an important trading partner and potential collaborator in key U.S. global policies ensures that U.S.-China relations will affect the lives of every American. CHINA Town Hall will help audiences around the country to understand the challenges and opportunities of what has been characterized as the most important bilateral relationship of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Ambassador Susan E. Rice was national security advisor (2013-2017) for the Obama administration and U.S. permanent representative to the UN (2009-2013), as well as U.S. assistant secretary of state for African affairs and senior director for African affairs at the National Security Council. Her critical role as a presidential advisor developing and executing policies U.S. foreign policy make her perspective on the relationship especially relevant during this uncertain time in the bilateral relationship.

## 8:00 PM – DISCUSSION and Q&A WITH YALE PANELISTS

Yale panelists will comment on the webcast with Ambassador Rice and answer questions from the audience.

*CHINA Town Hall is a national day of programming on China involving about 80 cities throughout the United States. For fifty years, the **National Committee on United States-China Relations** has been the leading national, non-partisan, nonprofit public affairs organization devoted to building constructive and durable relationships between the United States and China.*

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**Ambassador Susan E. Rice** served President Barack Obama as national security advisor and U.S. permanent representative to the United Nations. In her role as national security advisor from July 1, 2013, to January 20, 2017, Ambassador Rice led the National Security Council staff and chaired the Cabinet-level National Security Principals Committee. She provided the President daily national security briefings and was responsible for coordinating the formulation and implementation of all aspects of the Administration's foreign and national security policy, intelligence, and military efforts.

As U.S. permanent representative to the United Nations (UN) and a member of President Obama's cabinet, Ambassador Rice worked to advance U.S. interests, defend universal values, strengthen the world's security and prosperity, and promote respect for human rights. In a world of 21st century threats that pay no heed to borders, Ambassador Rice helped rebuild an effective basis for international cooperation that strengthened the United States' ability to achieve its foreign policy objectives and made the American people safer.

Ambassador Rice served as U.S. assistant secretary of state for African Affairs from 1997 to 2001. In that role, she formulated and implemented U.S. policy towards 48 countries in sub-Saharan Africa and oversaw the management of 43 U.S. embassies and more than 5,000 U.S. and local employees. Ambassador Rice was co-recipient of the White House's 2000 Samuel Nelson Drew Memorial Award for distinguished contributions to the formation of peaceful, cooperative relationships between states.

From 1993 to 1997, she served as special assistant to President William J. Clinton and senior director for African Affairs at the National Security Council at the White House, as well as director for international organizations and peacekeeping on the National Security Council staff. From 2002 to 2008, she was a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, where she conducted research and published widely on U.S. foreign policy, transnational security threats, weak states, global poverty, and development. She began her career as a management consultant with McKinsey and Company in Toronto, Canada. She has served on numerous boards, including the Bureau of National Affairs, the National Democratic Institute, and the U.S. Fund for UNICEF.

Ambassador Rice received her master's degree (M.Phil.) and Ph.D (D.Phil.) in international relations from New College, Oxford University, England, where she was a Rhodes Scholar. She was awarded the Chatham House-British International Studies Association prize for the most distinguished doctoral dissertation in the United Kingdom in the field of international relations in 1990. Ambassador Rice received her B.A. in history with honors from Stanford University in 1986, where she was awarded junior Phi Beta Kappa and was a Truman Scholar. In 2017, French President Francois Hollande presented Ambassador Rice with the Award of Commander, the Legion of Honor of France, for her contributions to Franco-American relations.



**Steve Orlins** has been president of the National Committee since 2005. Prior to that, he was the managing director of Carlyle Asia and the chairman of the board of Taiwan Broadband Communications, one of Taiwan's largest cable television and high speed internet providers. Prior to joining Carlyle, Mr. Orlins was a senior advisor to AEA Investors Inc., a New York based leveraged buyout firm, with responsibility for AEA's business activities throughout Asia.

From 1983 to 1991, Mr. Orlins was with the investment banking firm of Lehman Brothers where he was a Managing Director from 1985 to 1991. From 1987 to 1990, he served as President of Lehman Brothers Asia. Based in Hong Kong, he supervised over 150 professionals with offices in Hong Kong, Korea, China, Taiwan, Thailand, Manila and Singapore. Prior to joining Lehman Brothers, Mr. Orlins practiced law with Coudert Brothers and Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison in New York, Hong Kong and Beijing.

From 1976 to 1979, Mr. Orlins served in the Office of the Legal Advisor of the United States Department of State, first in the Office of the Assistant Legal Advisor for Political-Military Affairs and then for East Asian and Pacific Affairs. While in that office, he was a member of the legal team that helped establish diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China.

Mr. Orlins is a *magna cum laude* graduate of Harvard College and earned his law degree at Harvard Law School. He speaks Mandarin Chinese and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

In 1992, Mr. Orlins was the Democratic nominee for the United States Congress in New York's Third Congressional District.

## **YALE PANEL DISCUSSION - BIOS**



**Deborah S. Davis** is a Professor of Sociology and East Asian Studies at Yale, where her primary teaching interests are inequality and stratification, contemporary Chinese society, and methods of fieldwork. She first went to Asia as a Wellesley-Yenching Fellow at Chung Chi College at the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), and later taught at Tunghai University in Taiwan and Peking University in China. In 2017 she joined the inaugural faculty at Schwarzman College at Tsinghua University in Beijing. In addition to teaching at Yale, she coordinates a summer fieldwork seminar where Yale students work collaboratively with students from CUHK and China. Davis is Associate Editor of *the Journal of Asian Studies*, and on the editorial board of *The China Quarterly*. At Yale she has served as Director of Academic Programs at the Yale Center for the Study of Globalization, Chair of the Department of Sociology, Chair of the Council of East Asian Studies, Director of Graduate Studies in both East Asian Studies and Sociology, Member of the Publications Committee for Yale Press, and co-chair of the Women Faculty Forum. Past publications have analyzed the politics of the Cultural Revolution, social welfare policy, consumer culture, property

rights, social stratification and occupational mobility. Currently she is completing a monograph entitled *A Home of Their Own*, a study of the social consequences of the privatization of housing on the institution of marriage in Shanghai.



**Daniel Mattingly** is an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Yale University. He studies comparative politics, with a focus on political economy, authoritarianism, and Chinese politics. His current research examines communal and ethnic politics, local governance, and the history of state building in China. He received his B.A. from Yale and his Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley.



**Ian Johnson** is a Pulitzer-Prize winning writer focusing on society, religion, and history. He works out of Beijing, where he also teaches undergraduate classes.

Johnson has spent over half of the past thirty years in the Greater China region, first as a student in Beijing from 1984 to 1985, and then in Taipei from 1986 to 1988. He later worked as a newspaper correspondent in China, from 1994 to 1996 with Baltimore's *The Sun*, and from 1997 to 2001 with *The Wall Street Journal*, where he covered macro economics, China's WTO accession and social issues.

In 2009, Johnson returned to China, where he writes features and essays for *The New York Times*, *The New York Review of Books*, as well as other publications, such as *The New Yorker* and *National Geographic*. He teaches undergraduates at The Beijing Center for Chinese Studies, where he also runs a fellowship program. In addition, he formally advises a variety of academic journals and think tanks on China, such as the *Journal of Asian Studies*, the Berlin-based think tank *Merics*, and New York University's Center for Religion and Media.

He worked in Germany twice. From 1988 to 1992 he attended graduate school in West Berlin and worked as a free-lancer, covering the fall of the Berlin Wall and German unification for Baltimore's *The Sun*, *The St. Petersburg Times*, *The Toronto Star*, and other newspapers. In 2001 he moved back to Berlin, working until 2009 as *The Wall Street Journal*'s Germany bureau chief and senior writer. He headed coverage of European macro-economics, introduction of the euro, and social issues such as Islamist terrorism.

He was twice nominated for the Pulitzer Prize and won in 2001 for his coverage of China. He also won two awards from the Overseas Press Club, and an award from the Society of Professional Journalists. In 2017, he won Stanford University's Shorenstein Journalism Award for his body of work covering Asia.

In 2006-07 he spent a year as a Nieman fellow at Harvard, and later received research and writing grants from the Open Society Foundation, the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting, and the Alicia Patterson Foundation.

Johnson has published three books and contributed chapters to three others. His newest book, *The Souls of China: The Return of Religion After Mao*, describes China's religious revival and its implications for politics and society.

His other books are on civil society and grassroots protest in China (*Wild Grass*, 2004) and Islamism and the Cold War in Europe (*A Mosque in Munich*, 2010). He has also contributed chapters to three other books: *My First Trip to China* (2011), *Chinese Characters* (2012), and the *Oxford Illustrated History of Modern China* (2016).

