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- HEARING NOTICE -

China and the Middle East

Hearing Co-Chairs: Commissioners Jeffrey L. Fiedler and James Talent

WHAT: Public Hearing on "China and the Middle East." The hearing will examine China's policies and perspectives related to the Middle East, including on energy security, trade and investment, regional conflicts, and instability in countries like Syria and Iran. In addition, this hearing will assess how China's Middle East policies impact U.S. interests in the region and beyond.

WHEN: Thursday, June 6th, 2013, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Reservations are not required to attend – seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

WHERE: 608 Dirksen Senate Office Building, 1st St. SE, Washington, D.C. 20002

PANEL INFO: Panelists' bios and written statements will be available on the Commission's website at www.uscc.gov on Thursday, June 6th, 2013.

HEARING AGENDA:

9:00a–9:05a **Co-Chairs' remarks: Commissioners Jeffrey L. Fiedler and James Talent**

9:05a–10:20a **Panel I: China's Perspectives and Policy in the Middle East**

- Dr. Dawn Murphy, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Princeton-Harvard China in the World Program.
- Dr. Yitzhak Shichor, Professor Emeritus, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the University of Haifa.

10:20a–10:30a **Break**

10:30a–11:45a **Panel II: China’s Energy and Other Economic Interests in the Middle East**

- Dr. Erica Downs, Fellow, John L. Thornton China Center, Brookings Institution.
- Mr. Bryant Edwards, Partner, Latham and Watkins LLP, Hong Kong.

11:45a–12:30p **Lunch Break**

12:30p–2:00p **Panel III: China’s Political and Security Challenges in the Middle East**

- Dr. Jon B. Alterman, Director, Middle East Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies.
- Dr. Joel Wuthnow, Research Analyst, China Studies, CNA.
- Dr. Andrew Erickson, Associate Professor and founding member, China Maritime Studies Institute, U.S. Naval War College.

2:00p **Adjourn**

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