Stability in China: Lessons from Tiananmen and Implications for the United States

**Hearing Co-Chairs:** Dr. Larry M. Wortzel and Commissioner Carolyn Bartholomew

**WHAT:** Public Hearing on “Stability in China: Lessons from Tiananmen and Implications for the United States.” This hearing will examine the legacy of the Tiananmen Square Massacre and the underlying economic, political, and social tensions that cause instability in China today, as well as the implications of these challenges for U.S. economic and security interests. The hearing will also assess China’s response to its internal security challenges, and the use of media and information controls to contain domestic unrest and manage public opinion.

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 15, 2014, 8:45 am to 3:15 pm. Reservations are not required to attend – seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**WHERE:** Room 608, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC

**PANEL INFO:** Panelists’ bios and written statements will be available on the Commission’s website at [www.uscc.gov](http://www.uscc.gov) on Thursday, May 15, 2014.

**HEARING AGENDA:**

8:45a – 9:00a  **Co-Chairs’ remarks:** Dr. Larry M. Wortzel and Commissioner Carolyn Bartholomew

9:00a – 9:30a  **Congressional Perspectives**

- Representative Frank Wolf (VA-10)
9:30a – 11:00a  **Panel I: Tiananmen and Contemporary Economic, Political, and Social Challenges in China**

- Dr. Joseph Fewsmith, Professor of International Relations and Political Science, Boston University, Boston, MA
- Mr. Xiao Qiang, Adjunct Professor at the University of California-Berkeley, Founder and Editor of China Digital Times, Berkeley, CA
- Dr. Stephen Hess, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Bridgeport University, Bridgeport, CT

11:00a – 11:15a  **Break**

11:15a – 12:45p  **Panel II: Expression of Dissent in China Today**

- Dr. Murray Scot Tanner, Senior Research Scientist, CNA, Alexandria, VA
- Dr. Sophie Richardson, China Director, Human Rights Watch, Washington, DC
- Mr. Carl Minzner, Associate Professor of Law, Fordham University, New York, NY

12:45p – 1:45p  **Lunch Break**

1:45p – 3:15p  **Panel III: Freedom of Expression and Media Control: Implications for the United States**

- Ms. Sarah Cook, Senior Research Analyst for East Asia, Freedom House, New York, NY
- Ms. Delphine Halgand, U.S. Director, Reporters Without Borders, Washington, DC
- Mr. David Wertime, Senior Editor, Foreign Policy, Washington, DC

3:15p  **Adjourn**

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