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NHC partners with schools to simulcast lectures

The Nebraska Humanities Council will collaborate with six colleges and universities across the state to simulcast the lectures of the 2009-10 E.N. Thompson Forum on World Issues.

The lecture series, which is a cooperative project of the Cooper Foundation and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and is held at the Lied Center for Performing Arts in Lincoln, will explore China's role as an emerging power and its impact on U.S. economic and foreign policy.

In an effort to allow a greater number of Nebraskans to benefit from outstanding speakers on important topics, the lectures will be simulcast and followed by community conversations in Columbus at Central Community College, in Kearney at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, in North Platte at North Platte Community College, in Omaha on the University of Nebraska at Omaha campus, in Scottsbluff at Western Nebraska Community College, and in Wayne at Wayne State College. Programs begin at 7 p.m. (6 p.m. Mountain Time in Scottsbluff).

The series begins Sept. 14 with former Nebraska Congressman Doug Bereuter presenting "China's Trade and Soft Power Relationships with Asia and the United States—Reason to Worry?" As president and CEO of The Asia Foundation, with 17 offices across Asia focused on improving civil society, women's empowerment, economic reform and development, and international relations, Bereuter is uniquely qualified to address this question.

Both students and community members are invited to join in viewing the lecture and discussing its implications. The events are free and open to the public. Free tickets are required only for the Lied Center in Lincoln and guarantee a reserved seat there.

The series continues as follows: Oct. 6, Kaiser Kuo, "Shouting Across the Chasm: Chinese and American Netizens Clash in Cyberspace;" Nov. 12, Susan Shirk, "China: Fragile Superpower;" Jan. 26, Richard Behar, "China in Africa: The New Scramble?"; April 1, Rob Gifford, "China Road: A Journey into the Future of a Rising Power." The Charles and Linda Wilson Dialogue on Domestic Issues featuring "China Rising: Good News or Bad News for U.S. Workers, Consumers and Investors" is yet to be scheduled in February or March.

More information about the E.N. Thompson Forum on World Issues is available at <http://enthompson.unl.edu>. For more information about the simulcasts contact Mary Yager at the Nebraska Humanities Council, (402) 474-2131 or mary@nebraskahumanities.org.

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