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Nov. 12 Shirk lecture to be simulcast in North Platte

Susan Shirk, a leading authority on China, will deliver a Nov. 12 lecture entitled “China: Fragile Superpower.” Part of the 2009-10 E.N. Thompson Forum on World Issues, the lecture will be simulcast in North Platte at North Platte Community College, 1101 Halligan Drive on the North Campus.

The E.N. Thompson lecture originates from the Lied Center for Performing Arts at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The simulcast begins at 7 p.m. and is free and open to the public. A discussion on the topic will follow.

Shirk is the Ho Miu Lam endowed chair in China and Pacific relations in the School of International Relations and Pacific Studies at the University of California San Diego, and director of the University of California’s Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation, whose mission is to educate the next generation of international problem-solvers and peace-makers through research and teaching activities.

“Mr. Hu and Mr. Obama will work hard to present an image of unity,” Shirk said in the Oct. 31 edition of *The Scotsman* before President Obama’s recent China trip. “Both sides want to prevent any serious rupture. But substantive agreements on climate change, the financial crisis or North Korea would require both to take actions that could be domestically costly. The era when China made all the compromises in the relationship has passed.”

The simulcast, sponsored by the Nebraska Humanities Council and North Platte Community College, allows more Nebraskans the opportunity to benefit from outstanding speakers and community discussion. Details about the E.N. Thompson Forum are available at <http://enthompson.unl.edu>.

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