

April 2, 2007

Dear Friend and Colleague:

I am pleased to invite you to a debate on **China's strategic objectives in Asia**, the fifth in the Capitol Hill series of Carnegie Debates on "Reframing China Policy." It will be held on **Friday, April 20, 2007, in the Senate Dirksen Building, Room 106, from noon to 1 pm**. For those who have time to stay, we offer an additional half hour for audience Q&A. A light lunch will be provided.

The Asia-Pacific region is a major source of economic growth and a key factor in the national security calculations of both the United States and China. Unfortunately, it is far from clear that Beijing and Washington hold similar visions of how the region should best serve their continued prosperity and security over the long term. Some observers believe that the Asian interests of a growing China will ultimately prove incompatible with those of the U.S., thus transforming a largely positive-sum interaction into a zero-sum competition. Others believe that the two powers will eventually establish a stable *modus vivendi* that can protect their most vital interests while averting a potentially dangerous strategic confrontation.

This issue---Beijing's objectives in Asia and America's response---clearly constitutes the core of any assessment of the long-term strategic implications of China's rise for the United States. The Carnegie Endowment is therefore pleased to offer a debate on the question: **Does China seek to dominate Asia and drastically reduce (if not eliminate) U.S. influence as a regional power?** Michael Swaine, Carnegie's Senior Associate, will moderate this debate between two distinguished Asia experts, Aaron Friedberg (pro) and Robert Sutter (con). See attached bios.

Space is limited and the event is by-invitation-only. To reserve a seat, we hope that you will indicate to us no later than Wednesday, April 18, whether you will attend--by e-mail ([pchristoff@carnegieendowment.org](mailto:pchristoff@carnegieendowment.org)), fax (202-939-2377), or phone (202-939-2396).

Sincerely,

Jessica T. Mathews, President

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### **Biographical Information Moderator**

Heading the China Security Program at Carnegie, Dr. **Michael Swaine** specializes in the study of China's national security and foreign policies, its military modernization program, and U.S.-China security relations. He is currently co-directing a multi-year collaborative project on key aspects of Sino-American crisis management with a Beijing based think tank. Prior to joining Carnegie, Dr. Swaine was director of research for Asia-Pacific Policy at the Rand Corporation.

### **Pro**

Mr. **Aaron Friedberg**, a professor at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School who served as Vice President Cheney's Deputy National Security Advisor, has been a fellow at the Smithsonian Institution's Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, the Norwegian Nobel Institute, and was the first holder of the Henry Alfred Kissinger Chair in Foreign Policy and International Relations at the Library of Congress.

### **Con**

Mr. **Robert Sutter**, a visiting professor of Asian Studies, School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, has held a variety of positions in the Congressional Research Service at the Library of Congress and served as the National Intelligence Officer for East Asia and the Pacific at the U.S. National Intelligence Council.