

CHINA Town Hall: Local Connections, National Reflections

CHINA Town Hall is a national day of programming on China involving 70 cities throughout the United States. This event, the ninth CHINA Town Hall, consists of a live, national webcast and a local speaker, and is **free and open to the public**.

PROGRAM: At The Ohio State University, the evening's program commences at 6:00 pm with our local speaker, Professor Rian Thum (Loyola University New Orleans), followed by a one-hour, live, national webcast beginning at 7:00 pm.



Monday, October 5, 2015

6:00—8:30 pm

120 Mershon Center

1501 Neil Avenue

**CHINA TOWN
HALL**

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON
U.S. CHINA RELATIONS



6:00—6:50 pm | Local Speaker Presenting at The Ohio State University

Professor Rian Thum (Dept. of History, Loyola University New Orleans)

Lecture Title: "Three ways to be uncivilized in China: The language, policy, and consequences of ethnicity"

The concept of "minorities" (少数民族) is a pillar of China's current ethnic policy. Beneath this concept's sheen of mathematical impartiality, diasporas and colonies become indistinguishable, while state policies toward "minorities" veer from assimilation to benign neglect without any sign of contradiction. Rian Thum outlines the origins of this powerful term and its relation to earlier Chinese ways understanding difference. He then analyzes its effects on various peoples who have been labeled minorities, focusing on the Uyghurs and comparing them to the Hui, Miao, and others.



7:00—8:00 pm | Live National Webcast

National Panel Discussion with **Secretary Robert Rubin**, **Mayor Sheldon Day**, and **Mr. Daniel Rosen**; Moderator: National Committee president **Steve Orlins**

Title: "Chinese Investment in the United States"



This year's national webcast is a panel discussion focusing on the findings of a new report by the National Committee and Rhodium Group on the recent growth of Chinese foreign direct investment in the United States. The report, titled "New Neighbors: Chinese Investment in the United States by Congressional District," breaks down for the first time Chinese commercial investment in the United States by congressional district.



Former Secretary of the Treasury Robert Rubin, **Mayor Sheldon Day** (Thomasville, Alabama), and **Mr. Daniel Rosen**, founding partner of Rhodium Group, will discuss the impact of Chinese investment in the United States, including job creation, revitalization of economically depressed areas, infrastructure improvement, and the deepening of ties between the people of the two countries, all of which help strengthen the overall bilateral relationship.

National Committee president Steve Orlins will moderate this one-hour portion of the program, comprised of a 30-minute discussion followed by half an hour during which the panelists will respond to questions submitted by audience members throughout the country.



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