The Center for China-US Cooperation hosted the first Inaugural CCUSC Sabel Award Dinner and Presentations on May 4th. Sponsored by John and Vivian Sabel, this event was held to celebrate the Award of the best article in the Journal of Contemporary China. Before the award presentation, the award recipient Professor Benjamin van Rooij gave an excellent speech about “Understanding Citizen Action against Pollution in China”. The two keynote speakers for the event were Amb. Chas Freeman and Dr. Carla Freeman who presented a wonderful father-daughter talk about “Understanding China: A reflection from two generations of China hands in the Freeman family”.

Dr. Benjamin van Rooij is the John S. and Marilyn Long Professor of U.S.-China Business and Law at the School of Law of UC Irvine, and director of the UC Irvine Long U.S.-China Institute. His research focuses on implementation of law in comparative perspective. Since 2000 he has studied the implementability of legislation, regulatory law enforcement and compliance, and rights invocation and legal empowerment. He uses innovative fieldwork data to seek both improvement to persistent implementation problems as well as to reorient existing regulatory, criminological, and the socio-legal theories that have yet to adapt to data from countries such as China. Fields of law studies include environmental law, land law, labor law, food safety law, and taxation.

Amb. Chas Freeman’s long involvement with China began with his service as the principal American interpreter during President Nixon’s historic 1972 visit to Beijing. While serving as Ambassador to Saudi Arabia (during the Gulf War), he concluded his thirty years in public service as Assistant Secretary of Defense, and was responsible for managing defense relations with all regions of the world except the countries of the former Soviet Union. He is the recipient of numerous high honors and awards for international negotiation, policy, and management innovation.

Dr. Carla Freeman is currently the director of Foreign Policy Institute at SAIS, Johns Hopkins University. She previously served as program officer for civil society and community development with a focus on sustainability at The Johnson Foundation; was a lead political risk analyst for China, Japan, Korea, Taiwan and Vietnam; and has held various academic positions, including Chair of the Program in Global Studies and International Affairs at Alverno College in Milwaukee, WI. Dr. Freeman currently conducts research on Chinese foreign and domestic policy, focusing on regional dynamics, environmental politics and security, as well as China’s role in international organizations.

John and Vivian Sabel became interested in the Josef Korbel School over the past several years and have attended many programs sponsored by School’s academic centers of excellence. They chose to support the CCUSC in an effort to help expose the community to the ever-changing field of international relations, specifically China and East Asia as the world’s attention increasingly grows towards the dynamic region. John Sabel recently noted, “The Korbel School is one of the most respected academic centers dealing with foreign policy, and we are glad to make a small contribution to support it.”
Winter/spring 2016 Jackson/Ho China Forum Recap

January 21, 2016 - Dr. David F. Gordon presented "Changing Global Energy Markets and China-US Relations". Dr. David F. Gordon is the senior advisor and former chairman of Eurasia Group.

February 3, 2016 - Dr. Chung-in Moon presented "China's Rise and South Korea's Strategic Choice". Dr. Moon is a professor of political science at Yonsei University, Editor-in-Chief of Global Asia, a quarterly magazine in English, and Director of the Kim Dae-jung Presidential Library the Republic of Korea.

February 26, 2016 - Robert Daly spoke on "The High Priest of Chineseness: Can China Be Powerful and Modern Under Xi Jinping?". Robert Daly is director of the Kissinger Institute on China and the United States at the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington DC.

March 22, 2016 - Dr. Yongqian Tu presented "The Labor Clauses in TPP: Its Impact on China’s Industrial Relations, Labor law and Beyond". Dr. Yongqian Tu is Professor in School of Labor and Human Resources of Renmin University of China.

April 12, 2016 - Dr. Shiping Tang spoke on "The "Liberal" International Order: any room for an illiberal rising power like China?". Shiping Tang is Fulbright visiting research scholar at the School of Global Policy and Strategy (GPS), University of California at San Diego for 2015-16 academic year.

April 20, 2016 - Dr. Richard Bush - "Taiwan’s 2016 Elections and the Implications for China-Taiwan relations" Dr. Richard Bush is a Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution and Director of its Center for Northeast Asian Policy Studies, and the Chen-Fu and Cecilia Yen Koo Chair in Taiwan Studies.

May 18, 2016 - Edward Dong - "Korea and China: Middle Power and Middle Kingdom" Edward Dong spent close to four decades as an American diplomat conversant in Korean, Chinese, and Japanese affairs. He retired from the Department of State, his last posting as the Political Minister Counselor at the U.S. Embassy in Seoul.

Korbel Professor and Students’ Upcoming Trips to Taiwan

This summer, Professor Paul Viotti from Korbel School recommended by the Center for China-US Cooperation, will participate the US scholars’ delegation to visit Taiwan. Meanwhile, two Korbel students, Leanne McCallum and Charles Emmett, recommended by CCUSC, were selected from a competitive pool of applicants to participate in the 2016 Mosaic Taiwan Program. Set up by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, this fellowship exchange program promises US and Canadian individuals wishing to gain firsthand experience of the Republic of China (Taiwan). The fellows will take part in team-building and leadership development exercises, as well as workshops and lectures on topics involving Taiwan. There will also be visits to businesses and NGOs in various cities, as well as indigenous areas and sites of outstanding natural beauty around the island. Fellow will also meet with government officials and some of their peers to discuss issues of common concern.

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