

# A Conversation on China's Environment

## Bio of Elizabeth Economy

Elizabeth Economy is the C.V. Starr senior fellow and director of Asia studies at the Council on Foreign Relations. Dr. Economy has published widely on both Chinese domestic and foreign policy. Her most recent book, *The River Runs Black: The Environmental Challenge to China's Future* (Cornell University Press, 2004), won the 2005 International Convention on Asia Scholars Award for the best social sciences book published on Asia, and was named one of the University of Cambridge's Top 50 Sustainability Books in 2008 and one of the top ten books of 2004 by the Globalist. She also coedited *China Joins the World: Progress and Prospects* (Council on Foreign Relations Press, with Michel Oksenberg, 1999) and *The Internationalization of Environmental Protection* (Cambridge University Press, with Miranda Schreurs, 1997). She has published articles in foreign policy and scholarly journals including *Foreign Affairs*, *Harvard Business Review*, *Survival*, and *Current History*; and op-eds in the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, and *International Herald Tribune*, among others. Her most recent piece, "The G-2 Mirage," in the May/June 2009 issue of *Foreign Affairs* (co-authored with Adam Segal), explores the complex layers of the U.S.-China relationship and the limitations to upgrading bilateral cooperation. Dr. Economy is a frequent guest on nationally broadcast radio and television programs, has testified before Congress on numerous occasions, and regularly consults for U.S. government agencies and companies. She is currently working on a new book focusing on the implications of China's economic rise.

Dr. Economy is a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on the Future of China. She also serves on the board of the China-U.S. Center for Sustainable Development. She has taught undergraduate- and graduate-level courses at Columbia University, Johns Hopkins University's Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, and the University of Washington's Jackson School of International Studies. Dr. Economy received her PhD from the University of Michigan, her AM from Stanford University and her BA from Swarthmore College. In 2008, she received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Vermont Law School. She lives in New York City with her husband and three children.



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