Thomas J. Christensen to Address U.S.-China Relations

Thomas J. Christensen, professor of politics and international affairs and director of the China and the World Program at Princeton University, will present “Challenges and Opportunities in U.S.-China Relations” April 8th at 4:30 PM in G10 Biotechnology Building. The talk is part of the Einaudi Center’s Foreign Policy Distinguished Speaker Series.

Thomas J. Christensen is Professor of Politics and International Affairs and Director of the Princeton-Harvard China and the World Program at Princeton University. From 2006-2008 Professor Christensen served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs with responsibility for relations with China, Taiwan, and Mongolia.

Prior to teaching at Princeton, Christensen taught at both Cornell University and MIT. Christensen's research and teaching focus is on China's foreign relations, the international relations of East Asia, and international security. Christensen has published numerous book chapters, articles, and the book, *Useful Adversaries: Grand Strategy, Domestic Mobilization, and Sino-American Conflict, 1947-1958*. He received his Ph.D. in Political Science from Columbia University.

Professor Christensen has served on the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations and as co-editor of the International History and Politics series at Princeton University Press. He is a life member of the Council on Foreign Relations. In 2002 he was presented with a Distinguished Public Service Award by the United States Department of State.

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