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# 2014

REGIONAL STUDIES EAST ASIA

## ALUMNI CAREER PANEL

October 23, 2014 at 5:00pm  
CGIS, S-020, 1730 Cambridge Street

### MABLE CHAN

RSEA'93, is Founder and President of China Personified LLC — a media start-up with a storytelling website for Gen Y individuals pursuing success in America and in China. Chan was a producer for ABC News's "Good Morning America" and then for NBC News's "Dateline" where she received top journalism awards including the Edward R. Murrow, the Alfred I. DuPont-Columbia, and the George F. Peabody award for investigative reporting. Prior to that, Chan served as principal anchor and correspondent for Television Broadcasts (TVB) of Hong Kong.

### CLAIRE CONCEISON

RSEA '92, is a professor of theater studies and Asian studies at Duke University teaching Chinese theater, cross-cultural performance, Asian American theatre, translation, and sport as performance. Editor of the forthcoming anthology *I Love XXX and Other Plays of Meng Jinghui*, she is also author of *Significant Other: Staging the American in China* (2004), and *Voices Carry: Behind Bars and Backstage During China's Revolution and Reform* (the autobiography of Ying Ruocheng, 2009).

### IACOB KOCH-WESER

RSEA'11, is a Policy Analyst specializing in economics and trade at the Congressional US-China Economic and Security Review Commission. Prior to this, his research work at The Wharton School allowed him to co-author a business case on Apple Inc.'s China strategy in the context of China's economic rebalancing. The report was presented at the 2013 Wharton Global Summit and is used as Wharton teaching material. His earlier work as research assistant at the HBS focused on China's industrial policy and political economy.

### ROXANE SISMANIDIS

RSEA'79, has worked for most of her career on issues concerning China and Taiwan, primarily in the federal government. She began at the Library of Congress and now serves as a Senior Foreign Affairs Research Analyst in the State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research, where she covers Chinese leadership and domestic politics.

### SCOTT SNYDER

RSEA'90, is currently Director, U.S.-Korea policy at the Council on Foreign Relations. Prior to joining CFR, he was a senior associate in the international relations program of the Asia Foundation, where he founded and directed the Center for U.S.-Korea Policy, serving as their representative in Korea. He was also a senior associate at Pacific Forum CSIS, an Asia specialist in the U.S. Institute of Peace, and acting director of Asia Society's contemporary affairs program.

### EMMA J. TENG

RSEA '92, is the T.T. and Wei Fong Chao Professor of Asian Civilizations at MIT. She teaches courses in Chinese culture, Chinese migration history, Asian American history, East Asian culture, and women's and gender studies. Among other activities, Teng currently serves as Chair of the China and Inner Asia Council in the Association for Asian Studies; she is on the Faculty Advisory Committee of the Harvard-Yenching Institute and is Director of the MIT Program in Women's and Gender Studies.

### GAVIN H. WHITELAW

RSEA '01, is Associate Professor of Anthropology at International Christian University (ICU) in Tokyo. He received his doctorate from Yale University (2007) and was a Reischauer Institute Postdoctoral Fellow from 2007-2008. Between 2010 and 2014, he served as Coordinator for ICU's Japan Studies Program. In addition to his research and teaching on contemporary Japan, globalization, and consumer culture, Gavin recently co-curated an exhibit on the material culture of Japan's convenience stores.

### PROGRAM

5:00-6:15 PLENARY PANEL S020 Belfer Case Study Room

6:15-6:30 Break

6:30-7:30 BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

S050 Academic careers

S040 Non-academic career paths

7:30 DINNER

S030 Lee Gathering Room