The East-West Center in Washington invites you to an Asia Pacific Security Seminar Book Launch of:

**China’s Rise in Historical Perspective**
and
**U.S.-Chinese Relations: Perilous Past, Pragmatic Future**

Featuring:

**Dr. Brantly Womack**  
Cumming Memorial Professor of Foreign Affairs, University of Virginia

and

**Dr. Robert G. Sutter**  
Visiting Professor of Asian Studies, Georgetown University

Two recently published books, *China’s Rise in Historical Perspective* and *U.S.-Chinese Relations: Perilous Past, Pragmatic Future*, give fresh perspectives on the historical and contemporary experiences of China’s rise and the complex nature of current engagement between the US and China. Dr. Brantly Womack will discuss how the Chinese identity is being shaped, given the globalized state of the international community, and Dr. Robert G. Sutter will provide an assessment of the forces of divergence and convergence in contemporary US-China relations.

**Friday, October 29**  
12:30 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.  
Lunch will be served.

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1819 L Street NW, Washington, D.C., 2nd Floor Conference Room  
This event is free and open to the public.


**Brantly Womack** is the Cumming Memorial Professor of Foreign Affairs at the University of Virginia and the author of several books on China and its relations with the Asian region. In addition to editing *China’s Rise in Historical Perspective* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2010) this year, Dr. Womack has also published *China Among Unequals: Asymmetric International Relationships in Asia* (World Scientific Publishing Company, 2010). His earlier books include *China and Vietnam: The Politics of Asymmetry* (Cambridge University Press, 2006), *Contemporary Chinese Politics in Historical Perspective* (ed., Cambridge University Press, 1992), *Politics in China*, co-authored with James Townsend (Scott Foresman & Co, 1986) and *Foundations of Mao Zedong’s Political Thought, 1917-1935* (The University of Hawaii Press, 1982). Dr. Womack’s current research involves developing a general theory of international asymmetric relationships, as well as addressing issues of sustainable political economic development in China and Vietnam.

**Robert G. Sutter** is a Visiting Professor of Asian Studies at the School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, since 2001. In addition to this full-time position, Sutter teaches regularly as Adjunct Professor of Asian Studies in the Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University. A PhD graduate in History and East Asian Languages from Harvard University, Sutter taught part-time for over thirty years at Georgetown, George Washington, Johns Hopkins Universities, or the University of Virginia. Sutter’s government career (1968-2001) involved work on Asian and Pacific affairs and US foreign policy for the Congressional Research Service, the Central Intelligence Agency, the Department of State, and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He was, for many years, the Senior Specialist and Director of the Foreign Affairs and National Defense Division of the Congressional Research Service. Dr. Sutter has published 18 books, over 100 articles and several hundred government reports dealing with contemporary East Asian and Pacific countries and their relations with the United States. His most recent book is *U.S.-Chinese Relations: Perilous Past, Pragmatic Present* (Rowman and Littlefield 2010).