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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS for Week of 2-5 April 2019**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Event/Lecture Topic</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>2 APRIL 2019, TUESDAY</b>	4:30 to 5:30 PM	Dr. Linda Lee Lindsey	Women in Asia: Gender Rules and Social Practices	College of Liberal Arts 225
<b>COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS 31<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM</b>				
<b>3 APRIL 2019, WEDNESDAY</b>	Noon	Dr. Jennifer Turner	China and the Environment – Part 1	Center for Transformative Learning: Radke Recital Hall
	3:30 – 4:30 PM	Dr. Jennifer Turner	Considering Internships: What UCO Students Need to Know about the Process and Opportunities	College of Liberal Arts 220
<b>4 APRIL 2019, THURSDAY</b>	<b>9:15 AM</b>	<b>WELCOME TO UISFL FACULTY, STUDENTS, AND GUESTS</b>		
	9:30 - 10:45 AM	Dr. Teresa Wright	Politics and Protest in China	Center for Transformative Learning: Radke Recital Hall
	11:00 - 12:15 PM	Dr. Jennifer Turner	China and the Environment	Center for Transformative Learning: Radke Recital Hall
	12:30 - 1:45 PM	Lunch for UISFL Faculty, guests, and supporting students		
	2:00 – 3:15 PM	Dr. Peter Hershock, Dr. Jennifer Turner, and Dr. Teresa Wright	Modern East Asia: How does China frame the world of contemporary East Asia?	College of Liberal Arts Room 225
	3:30 - 5:00 PM	Coffee-Tea Break and UISFL and Korea Institute Faculty Meeting – LA 211		
<b>5 APRIL 2019, FRIDAY</b>	<b>11:00 AM TO 4:00 PM</b>	<b>UCO ASIAN STUDIES STUDENT SYMPOSIUM – COLLEGE OF BUSINESS</b>		



## GUEST PRESENTERS

**JENNIFER TURNER** has been the director of the China Environment Forum at the Woodrow Wilson Center for 18 years where she creates meetings, exchanges, and publications focusing on a variety of energy and environmental challenges facing China, particularly on water, energy, and green civil society issues. She leads the Wilson Center's Global Choke Point Initiative, which together with the Circle of Blue, has produced multimedia reports, films, and convening on water-energy-food confrontations in China, India, Mexico, South Africa, and the United States. Other major initiatives include Cooperative Competitors:



Building U.S.-China Clean Energy Partnerships, From Farm to Chopsticks: Food Safety Challenges in China and Storytelling Is Serious Business Workshops for Chinese Environmental Professionals. Jennifer also serves as editor of the Wilson Center's journal the *China Environment Series* and most recently coauthored *China's Water Energy-Food Roadmap*. She received a Ph.D. in Public Policy and Comparative Politics in 1997 from Indiana University, Bloomington. Her dissertation examined local government innovation in implementing water policies in China.

**CHINA AND THE ENVIRONMENT:** China is at an environmental tipping point. Cities—crowded with modern skyscrapers, vehicles, and industrial parks—are at the heart of China's economic boom. However, many of these powerhouse cities are choked by air pollution so severe that even the mayor of Beijing has called his city “unlivable.” Citizens in Chinese cities and rural areas are equally challenged by water pollution and shortages, as well as

concerns about crop contamination by industrial waste. The Chinese government has declared a “war” on pollution and is moving to reduce dependence on coal, clean up its waste problems, and drastically reform energy and pollution regulations and laws. China's action on carbon reduction has led Xi Jinping to call China the world's new leader in addressing climate change. This top-down push for a cleaner environment is promising, but bottom-up pressure and activism from environmental NGOs and citizens will be critical in moving China away from the edge of an environmental catastrophe.



**TERESA WRIGHT** received her BA in Political Science at Santa Clara University, and her MA and Ph.D. in Political Science at the University of California, Berkeley. She has been a professor of Political Science at California State University, Long Beach since 1996, and has been chair of the Political Science department since 2009. Dr. Wright also has worked as a Visiting Scholar at the Academia Sinica in Taiwan and the East-West Center in Honolulu. Since 2012, she has served on the Editorial Board of the *China Quarterly*. Dr. Wright's research focuses on state-society relations, protest and dissent, and the relationship between capitalism and democracy—, particularly in China and Taiwan. Her publications include four solo-authored books, *The Perils of Protest: State Repression and Student Activism in China* (University of Hawaii Press, 2001), *Accepting*

*Authoritarianism: State-Society Relations in China's Reform Era* (Stanford University Press, 2010), *Party and State in Post-Mao China* (Polity Press, 2015), and *Popular Protest in China* (Polity Press, 2018); a solo-edited volume, the *Handbook of Protest and Resistance in China* (Elgar Press, forthcoming); journal articles in *Comparative Politics, Economy and Society, The Journal of International Affairs, Communist and Post-Communist Studies, The China Quarterly, China: An International Journal, Church and State, and Asian Survey*; and numerous chapters in edited volumes.

**POLITICS AND PROTEST IN CHINA:** How is the government in China structured, and how well does it serve the Chinese people? Alongside its many authoritarian features, numerous democratic and participatory mechanisms function as well. Meanwhile, the Chinese political regime presides over an economy that is a hybrid of state-directed and “capitalist” components. This talk assesses how well this combination of factors enables China's political leaders to fulfill the basic functions of a government, including responding to popular grievances, managing the economy, and ensuring the provision of essential goods and services.

## UISFL PROGRAM DIRECTOR AND PRESENTER



**Peter D. Hershock** is Director of the Asian Studies Development Program and Education Specialist at the East-West Center in Honolulu and holds a Ph.D. in Asian and Comparative Philosophy from the University of Hawai'i. His philosophical work makes use of Buddhist conceptual resources to address contemporary issues of global concern. He has authored or edited more than a dozen books on Buddhism, Asian philosophy, and contemporary issues. His most recent books are: *Valuing Diversity: Buddhist Reflection on Realizing a More Equitable Global Future* (2012); *Public Zen, Personal Zen: A Buddhist Introduction* (2014); *Value and Values: Economics and Justice in an Age of Global Interdependence* (edited, 2015); and Hershock and Ames, *Philosophies of Place: An Intercultural Conversation* (2019). <https://www.eastwestcenter.org/about/ewc/directory/peter.hershock>



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