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## The Honorable Julia Chang Bloch

### *Moderator*

Julia Chang Bloch is the founding president of the US-China Education Trust (USCET), a non-profit organization that promotes US-China relations through education and exchange. USCET works with networks of more than 70 Chinese universities, and Ambassador Bloch serves as Distinguished Adviser or Visiting Professor at several top Beijing and Shanghai institutions.

Ambassador Bloch, the first Asian American to hold such rank in US history, has had an extensive career in international affairs and government service, beginning as a Peace Corps volunteer in Sabah, Malaysia, in 1964, and culminating as US ambassador to the Kingdom of Nepal in 1989. From 1981 to 1988, Ambassador Bloch served at the US Agency for International Development as assistant administrator for Food for Peace and voluntary assistance and as assistant administrator for Asia and the Near East, positions appointed by the president and confirmed by the Senate. She also was the chief minority counsel to a Senate select committee; a Senate professional staff member; the deputy director of the Office of African Affairs at the US Information Agency; a fellow of the Institute of Politics at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, and an associate of the US-Japan Relations Program of the Center for International Affairs at Harvard.

After 25 years in government service, Ambassador Bloch moved to the corporate sector in 1993, becoming group executive vice president at the Bank of America, where she created the Corporate Relations Department, heading the bank's public relations, government affairs, and public policy operations. From 1996 to 1998, Ambassador Bloch moved into philanthropy, serving as president and CEO of the United States-Japan Foundation, a private grant-making institution, with \$100 million in assets. Beginning in 1998, Ambassador Bloch shifted her focus to China, first becoming a visiting professor at the Institute for International Relations and executive vice chairman of the American Studies Center at Peking University, and subsequently affiliating with Fudan University in Shanghai, as well as the University of Maryland as ambassador-in-residence at the Institute for Global Chinese Affairs.

A native of China who came to the US at age nine, Ambassador Bloch grew up in San Francisco and earned a bachelor's degree in communications and public policy from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1964, and a master's degree in government and East Asia regional studies from Harvard University in 1967. She was awarded an honorary doctorate of humane letters from Northeastern University in 1986.

Ambassador Bloch serves on a number of corporate and non-profit boards, including: lifetime director of the Atlantic Council, the Foreign Policy Association, Asia Institute for Political Economy, and Council of American Ambassadors. She co-founded the Women's Foreign Policy Group and the Organization of Chinese-American Women and served as trustee and regent of Meridian International Center, the World Affairs Council, the Fund for American Studies, the US Asia Pacific Council, and Penn Mutual Insurance Co. She was elected as a fellow to the National Academy of Public Administration and has served on the Expert/Eminent Persons Register of the ASEAN Regional Forum, a member of the Woodrow Wilson Council, as well as trustee emeriti of the Asia Society, and an honorary member of the Board of Directors of the Friends Society of the Asian Division, Library of Congress. A member of the Council on Foreign Relations and American Academy of Diplomacy, she also served on the Editorial Board of Berkshire Publishing Group's Encyclopedia of China.

She has received numerous awards, including election to the Business Excellence Institute's Excellence Hall of Fame (2017), the Cassandra Pyle Award (2011), NAFSA's highest award; and Association of International Educators and Women of Wealth (WOW magazine) Women Mentoring Leadership award (2011). Her publications include: *Women and Diplomacy*, [Bonds Across Borders](#), UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2007; *Nepal: End of Shangri-la*, Liberal Democracy Nepal Bulletin, Vol. 1, No. 1, 2005, *America's Love-Hate Relationship with China*, American Forum Journal of the Fudan University Center of American Studies, 2003, *Commercial Diplomacy*, [Living with China: US-China Relations in the 21st Century](#), an American Assembly book, New York: W.W. Norton, 1995. *Japanese Foreign Aid and the Politics of Burden Sharing*, [Yen for Development](#), New York: Council on Foreign Relations, 1991.

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### Mr. Robert Daly

Robert Daly was named as the second director of the Kissinger Institute on China and the United States at the Woodrow Wilson Center in August 2013. He came to the Wilson Center from the Maryland China Initiative at the University of Maryland. Prior to that, he was the American director of the Johns Hopkins University-Nanjing University Center for Chinese and American Studies in Nanjing. Robert Daly began work in US-China relations as a diplomat, serving as a cultural exchanges officer at the US embassy in Beijing in the late 80s and early 90s.

After leaving the Foreign Service, he taught Chinese at Cornell University, worked on television (北京人在纽约) and theater projects in China as a host, actor, and writer, and helped produce Chinese-language versions of Sesame Street and other Children's Television Workshop programs. During the same period, he directed the Syracuse University China Seminar and served as a commentator on Chinese affairs for CNN, the Voice of America, and Chinese television and radio stations.

From 2000 to 2001, he was American director of the US-China Housing Initiative at the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Mr. Daly has testified before Congress on US-China relations and has lectured at scores of Chinese and American institutions, including the Smithsonian Institution, the East-West Center, the Asia Society, and the National Committee on US-China Relations. He has lived in China for 11 years and has interpreted for Chinese leaders, including Jiang Zemin and Li Yuanchao, and American leaders, including Jimmy Carter and Henry Kissinger.



### The Honorable Chas W. Freeman, Jr.

Chas W. Freeman, Jr. is a visiting scholar at Brown University's Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs. He is the former assistant secretary of defense for international security affairs (1993-1994), ambassador to Saudi Arabia (1989-1992), principal deputy assistant secretary of state for African affairs (1986-1989), and chargé d'affaires at Bangkok (1984-1986) and Beijing (1981-1984). He served as vice chair of the Atlantic Council (1996-2008); co-chair of the United States China Policy Foundation (1996-2009); president of the Middle East Policy Council (1997-2009), and chair of the Committee for the Republic (2003-2020).

He was the principal American interpreter during President Nixon's path-breaking 1972 visit to Beijing, the editor of the Encyclopedia Britannica article on diplomacy, and the author of *America's Continuing Misadventures in the Middle East*; *Interesting Times: China, America, and the Shifting Balance of Prestige*; *America's Misadventures in the Middle East*; *The Diplomat's Dictionary*; and *Arts of Power: Statecraft and Diplomacy*. He is a graduate of Yale University and the Harvard Law School who studied at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México and the 國立臺中教育大學. A compendium of his speeches is available at [chasfreeman.net](http://chasfreeman.net).

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### The Honorable J. Stapleton Roy

Ambassador J. Stapleton (Stape) Roy is founding director emeritus of the Kissinger Institute on China and the United States at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, DC, and a distinguished fellow at the Center. He was born in China and spent much of his youth there during the upheavals of World War II and the communist revolution.

Ambassador Roy joined the US Foreign Service immediately after graduating from Princeton in 1956, retiring 45 years later with the rank of Career Ambassador, the highest in the service. During a career focused on East Asia and the Soviet Union, his ambassadorial assignments included Singapore, the People's Republic of China, and Indonesia. His final post with the State Department was as assistant secretary for intelligence and research.

On retirement, he joined Kissinger Associates, Inc., a strategic consulting firm, moving to the Wilson Center in 2008 to head the newly created Kissinger Institute. In 2001, he received Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson Award for Distinguished Public Service.