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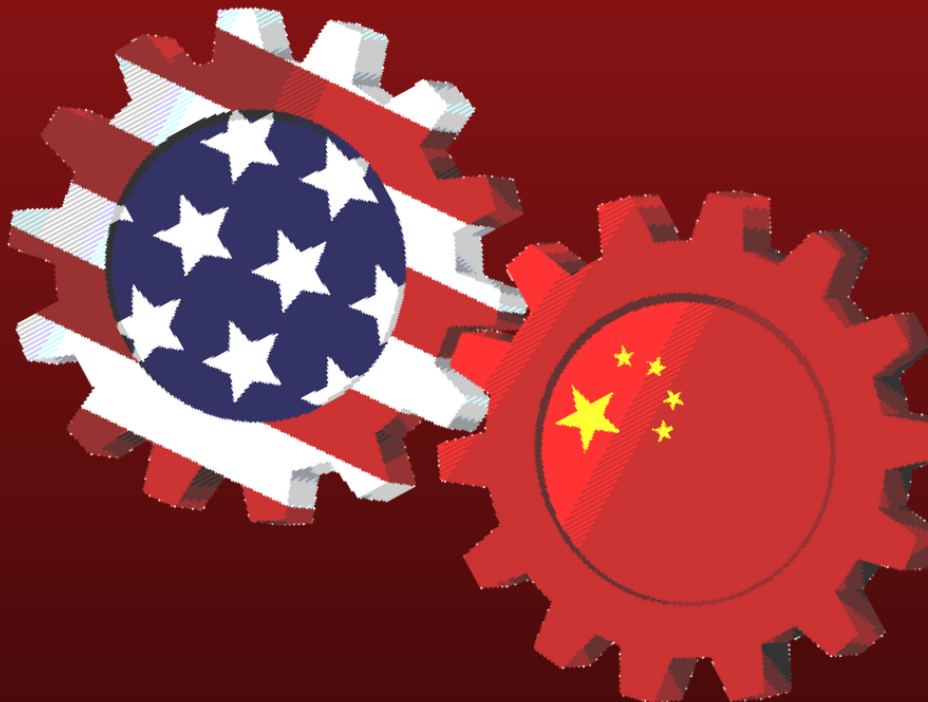
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U.S. China Relations: Damaged beyond repair?

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About



Xinsheng Zhang joined Shell in 2011 after 17 years with Cabot Corporation, a global performance materials company. As the head of Shell Aviation, Zhang and his colleagues manage a business that serves fuels and lubricants to airlines, air forces, and other aviation customers. Shell Aviation is a leading player in the aviation industry, operating in more than 800 airports and fueling an aircraft every 12 seconds.

Before joining Shell, Zhang was a member of the executive committee of Cabot Corporation and vice president and general manager of Cabot Asia Pacific Region, with 11 manufacturing facilities and seven offices.

Zhang is a Canadian citizen and native of China. He received his undergraduate education at Shiyan Normal School in Hubei, holds a master's degree in engineering from the Rubber Research and Design Institute in Beijing, and earned a PhD in polymer science from the Institute of Chemistry of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (Academica Sinica).

Zhang is married with two children. In his spare time, he enjoys playing golf and walking his dog.



Founded in 1882, Cabot is headquartered in Boston, Massachusetts, and is a global leading producer of specialty chemicals and performance materials company. Cabot operates 46 manufacturing facilities and nine research and development facilities located in the USA and 20 other countries. It is a public company quoted on the NYSE under CBT. Cabot's products are based on technical expertise and innovation in one or more of three core competencies: making and handling very fine particles; modifying the surfaces of very fine particles to alter their functionality; and designing particles to impart specific properties to a composite. Its particles support existing and emerging applications for its global business-to-business customer base.



Guest Speaker

Bob Davis

Bob Davis has covered U.S.-China relations since the 1990s when the two nations were working hard to strengthen their ties.

In 2022, Davis retired from the Wall Street Journal as a senior editor in Washington DC after 39 years at the newspaper. He continues to write about China policy for the Wall Street Journal, Foreign Policy, Politico Magazine, The Wire China and other publications.

His 2020 book, "Superpower Showdown," with Lingling Wei traces the history of the U.S.-China trade and economic battle from both capitals. He has won a number of awards and was part of a team awarded the 1999 Pulitzer Prize for coverage of the Asia and Russia financial crisis. But he is proudest of his China reporting with Wei, who he met during his 2011-2014 stint in Beijing covering the Chinese economy.

Earlier in his career, Davis covered President's Clinton's negotiations with China to join the WTO. Davis and his wife wrote an e-book in 2014 for the Wall Street Journal based on their China experiences, called "Beijing from A-to-Z."

Until Oct. 2011, Davis was international economics correspondent in Washington DC. and for a time headed the global economy bureau during the global financial crisis of 2008 and 2009. From 2004 to 2007, he was the Journal's Latin America bureau chief and won an Overseas Press Club award. In 2001, he headed the Wall Street Journal's Brussels bureau. In 1998, he co-authored "Prosperity," which was selected by Business Week as one of the year's 10 best business books.

Program

4:30 PM INTRODUCTION
Vijay Ramani

Vice Provost for Graduate Education and International Affairs; Roma B. & Raymond H. Wittcoff Distinguished University Professor; Executive Director, McDonnell International Scholars Academy

MODERATOR
Zhao Ma

Associate Professor of Modern Chinese History and Culture; Director of Undergraduate Studies

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5:45 PM RECEPTION
Hillman Hall Lobby