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Top China expert at UTAS

One of the world's leading China analysts is visiting UTAS this week.

Professor Harry Harding is University Professor of International Affairs at the George Washington University and Visiting Fellow of the United States Studies Centre, University of Sydney.

His is a member of many prestigious US think-tanks on international affairs including the Council on Foreign Relations and was the Director of Research and Analysis at Eurasia Group, a political risk research and consulting firm in New York for several years.

He will visit the UTAS School of Government and give a talk at a dinner of the Australian Institute of International Affairs entitled *China in the 21st Century: Implications for Australia, the US and the World*.

Dr Matthew Sussex, senior lecturer, said the School was pleased to host one of the world's most respected specialists on China.

“In today's uncertain world, buffeted by growing turmoil from the global financial crisis, one thing is clear: Beijing will play an increasingly crucial role in the strategic direction of future international affairs.

“The School of Government is looking forward to Professor Harding's insights on what the Peoples' Republic of China's rise means for Australia, the US and the world,” Dr Sussex said.

From 2005-07, Professor Harding was Director of Research and Analysis at Eurasia Group, a political risk research and consulting firm headquartered in New York.

He remains a Counsellor to Eurasia Group and Chair of its China Task Force, and also serves as a Visiting Fellow in the Center on U.S.-China Relations at the Asia Society.

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