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NBR AND WILSON CENTER ANNOUNCE NEW ASIA RESEARCH ASSOCIATES

WASHINGTON — The National Bureau of Asian Research and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars welcome the first class of Research Associates and Fellows of the National Asia Research Program (NARP). Thirty-nine outstanding scholars of Asia were chosen through a competitive, nationwide selection process based on their research into issues of importance to U.S. interests in Asia. The NARP will support the research of 27 Research Associates and 12 Research Fellows during their two-year terms and bring it to the attention of policymakers.

“Our goal in this new program is to highlight and reward scholars who have successfully bridged the gap between the academy and policy,” said NBR President and NARP co-director Richard Ellings.

“America’s future security, prosperity, and well-being will be deeply linked with Asia’s future, and thus America needs some of its best and brightest to understand our interests in Asia -- and the history, nations, peoples, and issues of Asia. In short the NARP is responding to the needs for information and assessment arising from the shift in locus in world power from the Atlantic to the Pacific.”

Robert Hathaway, Asia Program Director at the Wilson Center and co-director of the NARP, underscored the role the Associates and Fellows will play in bridging the gap between the academic and policy communities. “The selection of these top scholars from across the United States marks the beginning of a new national association for U.S. experts who care about policy issues related to Asia. The enthusiastic response we’ve seen to the NARP is a good indication of the potential we have to achieve our goal of strengthening and reinvigorating the policy-relevant study of Asia.”

The heads of universities and research organizations in the United States were invited to nominate outstanding scholars from their faculty and staff for consideration as Research Associates and Fellows. More than 140 experts were considered during the selection process, which concluded last month and was followed by private notifications to all of the candidates.

The [National Asia Research Program](#) (NARP) is a new research and conference program designed to reinvigorate and promote the policy-relevant study of Asia, particularly by highlighting the research of NARP Associates and Fellows, who will present their work at the inaugural [Asia Policy Assembly](#) in Washington, D.C., on June 17–18, 2010.

The 2010–2011 class of National Asia Research Associates and Fellows are:

- Amit Ahuja, University of California-Santa Barbara
- Richard Baum, University of California-Los Angeles
- Stephen Blank, U.S. Army War College
- Dan Blumenthal, American Enterprise Institute

- Victor Cha, Georgetown University
- T. J. Cheng, College of William and Mary
- Stephen Cohen, The Brookings Institution
- Donald Emmerson, Stanford University
- C. Christine Fair, Georgetown University
- M. Taylor Fravel, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Steven Goldstein, Smith College
- William Grimes, Boston University
- Justin Hastings, Georgia Institute of Technology
- Yanzhong Huang, Seton Hall University
- Yasheng Huang, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- David M. Lampton, Johns Hopkins University
- Sung-Yoon Lee, Tufts University
- Wei Li, Arizona State University
- Eric McGlinchey, George Mason University
- Katharine Moon, Wellesley College
- Ann Marie Murphy, Seton Hall University
- Tun Myint, Carleton College
- Minxin Pei, Claremont McKenna College
- Saadia Pekkanen, University of Washington
- Thomas Pepinsky, Cornell University
- David Pietz, Washington State University
- Jonathan Pollack, Naval War College
- Kenneth Pomeranz, University of California-Irvine
- Robert Pomeroy, University of Connecticut
- Eswar Prasad, Cornell University
- Ely Ratner, RAND Corporation
- Thomas Rawski, University of Pittsburgh
- Jonathan Schwartz, State University of New York
- Adam Segal, Council on Foreign Relations
- Daniel Sneider, Stanford University
- Eric Strahorn, Florida Gulf Coast University
- Christopher Twomey, Naval Postgraduate School
- Mark Valenica, Nautilus Institute
- Elizabeth Wishnick, Montclair State University

Founded in 1989 with a major grant from the Henry M. Jackson Foundation, NBR is an independent, nonpartisan research institution committed to informing and strengthening policy in the Asia Pacific. NBR also helps train the next generation of scholars who concentrate on Asia.

The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars is the national, living memorial honoring President Woodrow Wilson. Created by an Act of Congress in 1968, the Center is a nonpartisan

institution that promotes policy-relevant research and dialogue, headquartered in Washington, D.C., and supported by public and private funds.

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