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### **University of Tennessee-Knoxville and TN-China Network Join 80+ City Live Event on China, October 24**

***Featuring Former National Security Advisor Susan Rice via Webcast and  
Dr. William Hurst of Northwestern University On-Site in Knoxville***

***Knoxville, TN – October 18, 2017*** – Former National Security Advisor Susan Rice will join audiences in Knoxville, TN, and over 80 locations across America on October 24 for a live CHINA Town Hall event with Q&A on the complex U.S.-China relationship and its influence on the U.S. economy, policies, and security. She will be joined by local speakers at venues across the country, including Dr. William Hurst of Northwestern University, who will speak on-site in Knoxville.

In Knoxville, Ambassador Rice's webcast will be preceded by a lecture and Q&A with Dr. William Hurst of Northwestern University, an expert in contemporary Chinese politics, who will speak on "China's Foreign Policy in the Age of Trump." The entire event will take place in the University of Tennessee-Knoxville (UTK) Howard H. Baker Center for Public Policy Toyota Auditorium, located at 1640 Cumberland Avenue, and last for approximately two hours, from 6 to 8 pm ET. It is free and open to the public. UTK students, faculty, and staff, as well as the Knoxville international business community and public at large are encouraged to attend.

The eleventh annual CHINA Town Hall, presented by the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, will be hosted by over 80 local partners nationwide. Attendees will submit questions to Ambassador Rice, and each venue will have an expert speaker on-site to discuss issues of interest to the local community. The national webcast with Ambassador Rice will be moderated by National Committee President Stephen Orlins.

China's emergence as a global power, an important trading partner, and potential collaborator in key U.S. global policies ensures that U.S.-China relations will affect the lives of every American. CHINA Town Hall will help audiences around the country to understand the challenges and opportunities of what has been characterized as the most important bilateral relationship of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

CHINA Town Hall at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville is sponsored by the UTK Department of History and the TN-China Network, the UTK Asian Studies Program, the UTK Confucius Institute, and the Howard H. Baker Center for Public Policy.

Ambassador Susan E. Rice was National Security Advisor (2013-2017) for the Obama Administration and U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations (2009-2013), as well as U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs and Senior Director for African Affairs at the National Security Council. Her critical role as a presidential advisor developing and executing U.S. foreign policy make her perspective on the relationship especially relevant during this uncertain time in the bilateral relationship.

For fifty years, the **National Committee on United States-China Relations** has been the leading national, non-partisan, nonprofit public affairs organization devoted to building constructive and durable relationships between the United States and China.

**EVENT:** CHINA Town Hall: Discussion and live Q&A with audiences in 80+ venues nationwide

**WHO:**

- **Ambassador Susan Rice**, former National Security Advisor and U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations (via webcast)
- **Dr. William Hurst**, Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science at Northwestern University (on-site)

**WHEN:** Tuesday, October 24, 2017 / 6:00-8:00 pm ET

**WHERE:** University of Tennessee-Knoxville (UTK) Howard H. Baker Center for Public Policy Toyota Auditorium, 1640 Cumberland Avenue, Knoxville, TN

**INFORMATION:**

*NCUSCR program and speaker information:*

<https://www.ncuscr.org/content/2017-china-town-hall-susan-rice>

*On-site program information:*

<http://tnchinanetwork.org/event/china-town-hall-knoxville/>

**LIVE-STREAM (Susan Rice):** <https://www.ncuscr.org/content/china-town-hall>

**HOSTS:**

- National Committee on U.S.-China Relations: [www.ncuscr.org](http://www.ncuscr.org)
- University of Tennessee-Knoxville (UTK) Department of History

- TN-China Network
- UTK Asian Studies Program
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