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AUTHOR SERIES EVENT

**Dr. SUSAN L. SHIRK**

Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State

**CHINA:  
FRAGILE SUPERPOWER:  
How China's Internal Politics Could  
Derail Its Peaceful Rise**

Moderated by:  
**Dr. RICHARD SOLOMON**  
President of the United States Institute of  
Peace



Once a sleeping giant, China is now the world's fastest growing economy, a dramatic turnaround that raises concerns on the part of many observers. In this engaging book, Dr. Shirk argues that rising powers such as China tend to provoke wars in large part because other countries mishandle them. She examines China's internal politics and how its leaders respond to the challenges presented by new openness to the outside world and miraculous economic growth. *China: Fragile Superpower* provides invaluable insight from an experienced China scholar who seeks to deepen understanding of the roots of Chinese foreign policy, in the hope that potential conflicts born out of mutual misunderstanding can be avoided.

**Dr. Susan Shirk** is former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, with responsibility for the People's Republic of China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Mongolia. Currently, she is a professor at the University of California, San Diego's Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies and serves as the Director of the University of California's Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation. Dr. Shirk met with top Chinese officials throughout her career and continues her research on China, while producing numerous publications on Chinese politics and foreign policy. Her latest book titled *China: Fragile Superpower* was published March 25, 2007.

We are pleased to have **Dr. Richard Solomon**, the President of the United States Institute of Peace, moderating the event. Dr. Solomon served as Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs from 1989 to 1992. He had a leading role in many peacemaking efforts and agreements throughout Asia during his tenure. He also served as the U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines.

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**WHAT:** Author Series Event: Dr. Susan Shirk – Cosponsored with the National Committee on US China Relations

**WHEN:** Thursday, April 12, 2007  
Panel Discussion: 6:30 – 8:00 pm Reception: 8:00 – 8:30 pm

**WHERE:** National Association of Home Builders - Conference Center  
1201 15<sup>th</sup> St., NW, Washington, DC 20005

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