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Vishakha Desai

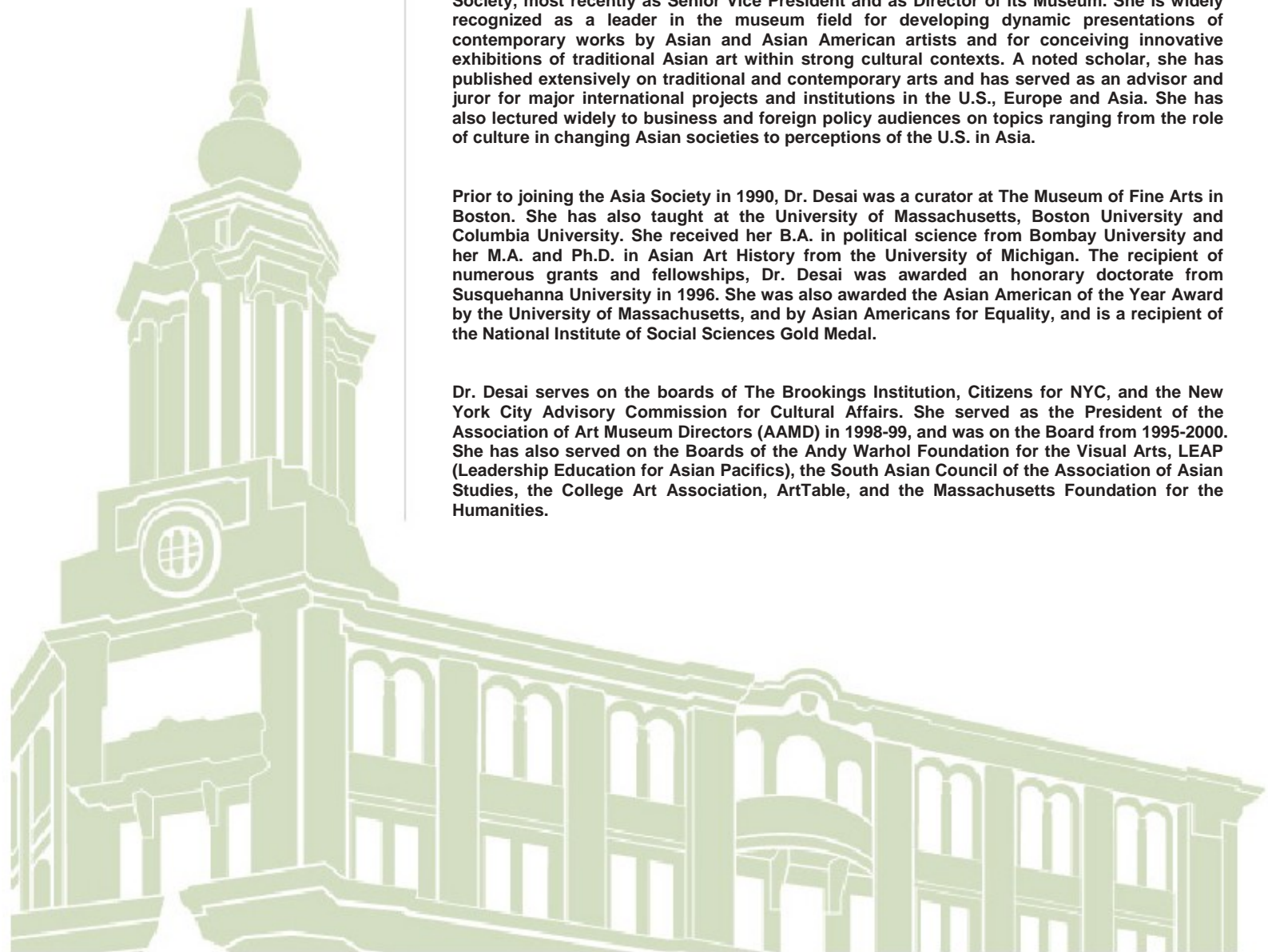
President and CEO of the Asia Society,

Vishakha N. Desai is president and CEO of the Asia Society, an international educational organization dedicated to strengthening connections between the peoples of Asia and the United States. She sets the directions for the Society's diverse set of programs—in the areas of policy, business, arts, culture and education—throughout the vast network of Asia Society's regional centers in the U.S. and in Asia, including its New York headquarters. She is a frequent speaker and participant at major conferences around the world addressing business, policy and cultural issues.

Appointed president in 2004, Dr. Desai has served in various leadership positions at the Asia Society, most recently as Senior Vice President and as Director of its Museum. She is widely recognized as a leader in the museum field for developing dynamic presentations of contemporary works by Asian and Asian American artists and for conceiving innovative exhibitions of traditional Asian art within strong cultural contexts. A noted scholar, she has published extensively on traditional and contemporary arts and has served as an advisor and juror for major international projects and institutions in the U.S., Europe and Asia. She has also lectured widely to business and foreign policy audiences on topics ranging from the role of culture in changing Asian societies to perceptions of the U.S. in Asia.

Prior to joining the Asia Society in 1990, Dr. Desai was a curator at The Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. She has also taught at the University of Massachusetts, Boston University and Columbia University. She received her B.A. in political science from Bombay University and her M.A. and Ph.D. in Asian Art History from the University of Michigan. The recipient of numerous grants and fellowships, Dr. Desai was awarded an honorary doctorate from Susquehanna University in 1996. She was also awarded the Asian American of the Year Award by the University of Massachusetts, and by Asian Americans for Equality, and is a recipient of the National Institute of Social Sciences Gold Medal.

Dr. Desai serves on the boards of The Brookings Institution, Citizens for NYC, and the New York City Advisory Commission for Cultural Affairs. She served as the President of the Association of Art Museum Directors (AAMD) in 1998-99, and was on the Board from 1995-2000. She has also served on the Boards of the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, LEAP (Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics), the South Asian Council of the Association of Asian Studies, the College Art Association, ArtTable, and the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities.





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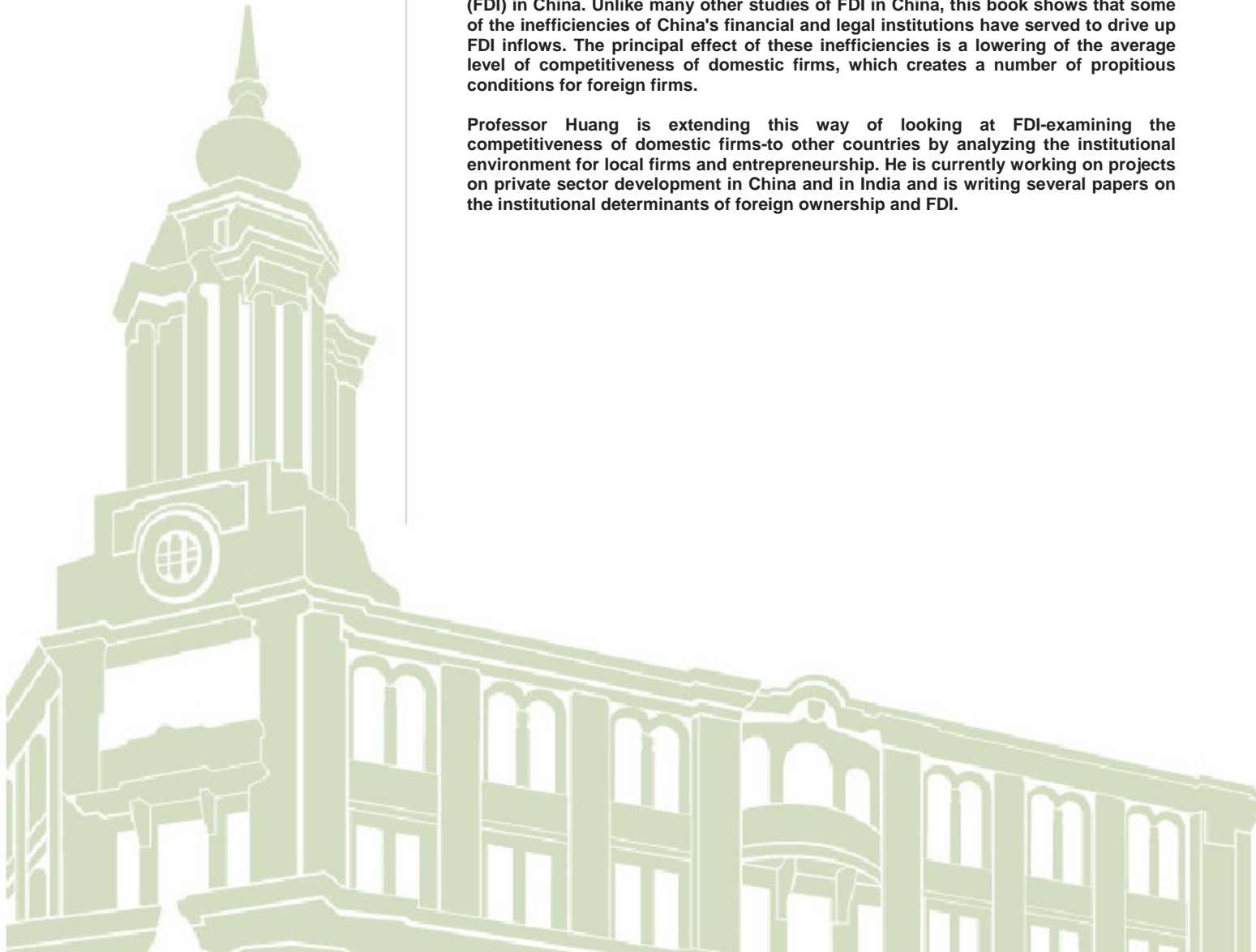
Huang Yasheng

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Yasheng Huang is an associate professor in the area of international management at the MIT Sloan School of Management. He joined MIT in 2003. His previous appointments include assistant professor at the University of Michigan, associate professor at Harvard University, and consultant to the World Bank.

Professor Huang's research focuses on international business, political economy, and institutional issues. His recently published book, *Selling China* (Cambridge University Press, 2003) examines the institutional drivers of foreign direct investment (FDI) in China. Unlike many other studies of FDI in China, this book shows that some of the inefficiencies of China's financial and legal institutions have served to drive up FDI inflows. The principal effect of these inefficiencies is a lowering of the average level of competitiveness of domestic firms, which creates a number of propitious conditions for foreign firms.

Professor Huang is extending this way of looking at FDI-examining the competitiveness of domestic firms-to other countries by analyzing the institutional environment for local firms and entrepreneurship. He is currently working on projects on private sector development in China and in India and is writing several papers on the institutional determinants of foreign ownership and FDI.





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Robert B. Oxnam

Robert B. Oxnam was President of The Asia Society for over a decade (1981-92). The Asia Society, America's leading public education institution on all aspects of the Asia/Pacific region, grew rapidly under his direction to encompass corporate, contemporary, and cultural programs concerning over thirty Asian countries, with a New York headquarters and offices in Washington, Los Angeles, Houston, and Hong Kong. Prior to his presidency, he served as the Society's Vice President and Washington Center Director (1979-81) and as China Council Director (1975-81).

In recent years, he has been Senior Advisor to a major wealth management firm, the Bessemer Trust Company, offering insights on the Asia/Pacific region. He often acts as lecturer for prominent Americans seeking in-depth knowledge of China, including Bill Gates (Microsoft) and Warren Buffett (Berkshire Hathaway) in 1995, and former President George Bush and Mrs. Bush in 1997. He has been Senior Advisor to the Atlanta-based Society of International Business Fellows and often accompanied their business leaders to various parts of Asia.

In the 1990s, Robert Oxnam was the Special Correspondent for the MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour. He was the on-air host and the author of an acclaimed nine-part special on China which aired on the NewsHour in 1993-1994.

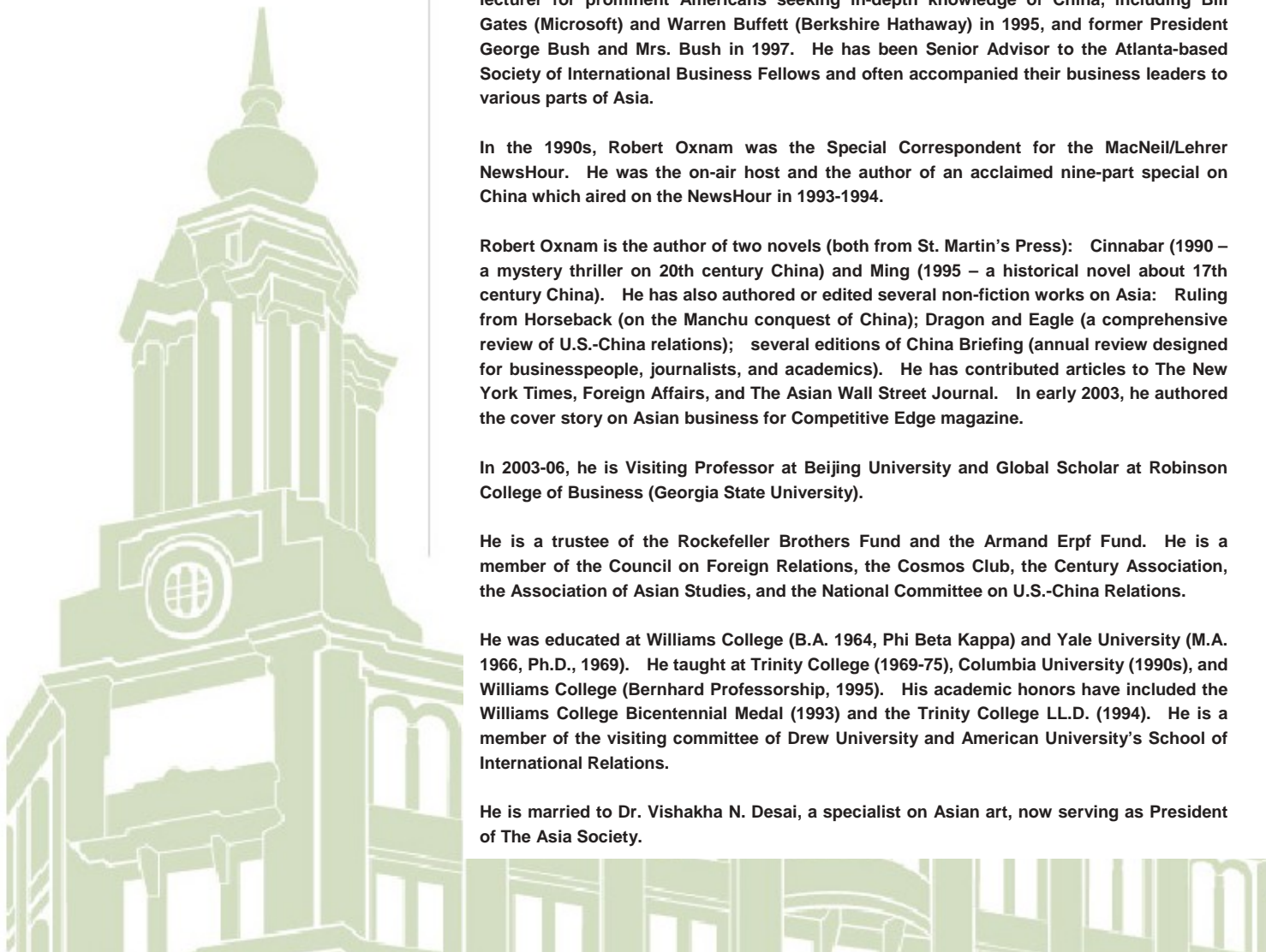
Robert Oxnam is the author of two novels (both from St. Martin's Press): *Cinnabar* (1990 – a mystery thriller on 20th century China) and *Ming* (1995 – a historical novel about 17th century China). He has also authored or edited several non-fiction works on Asia: *Ruling from Horseback* (on the Manchu conquest of China); *Dragon and Eagle* (a comprehensive review of U.S.-China relations); several editions of *China Briefing* (annual review designed for businesspeople, journalists, and academics). He has contributed articles to *The New York Times*, *Foreign Affairs*, and *The Asian Wall Street Journal*. In early 2003, he authored the cover story on Asian business for *Competitive Edge* magazine.

In 2003-06, he is Visiting Professor at Beijing University and Global Scholar at Robinson College of Business (Georgia State University).

He is a trustee of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund and the Armand Erpf Fund. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Cosmos Club, the Century Association, the Association of Asian Studies, and the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations.

He was educated at Williams College (B.A. 1964, Phi Beta Kappa) and Yale University (M.A. 1966, Ph.D., 1969). He taught at Trinity College (1969-75), Columbia University (1990s), and Williams College (Bernhard Professorship, 1995). His academic honors have included the Williams College Bicentennial Medal (1993) and the Trinity College LL.D. (1994). He is a member of the visiting committee of Drew University and American University's School of International Relations.

He is married to Dr. Vishakha N. Desai, a specialist on Asian art, now serving as President of The Asia Society.





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Research Interests: China-U.S. Relations; Nuclear Arms Control and Nonproliferation; Regional Security; Export Control; China's Foreign and Defense Policy; Nuclear Weapons Policy of China and the U.S.

Current Projects: Missile Defense; WTO and Shanghai's Import Strategy

Shen Dingli, a physicist by training, is a professor of international relations at Fudan University. He is the Executive Dean of Fudan University's Institute of International Studies, and Director of Center for American Studies. He is also the founder and director of China's first non-government-based Program on Arms Control and Regional Security at Fudan University.

Dr. Shen teaches at Fudan University graduate courses "Nonproliferation and International Security", "Science/Technology and National Security", as well as doctoral courses "International Security: Theory and Practice", and "Regional Security". He co-teaches undergraduate courses, "China and the World", and "Contemporary America", at Fudan. He has taught China's foreign policies at Colorado College since 2002.

His research areas cover China-U.S. security relationship, nuclear arms control and disarmament, nuclear weapons policy of the United States and China, regional nonproliferation issues concerning South Asia, Northeast Asia and Middle East, test ban, missile defense, export control, as well as China's foreign and defense policies. He has co-edited "China's Development Report", "China and South Asian Relations in the 1990s", "Conservatism and American Foreign Policy", "Realism and U.S. Foreign Policy" and published over 500 articles and papers, 1/2 of which abroad in a dozen foreign languages. In addition, he has published over 20 papers in physics in China and abroad.

As a key independent academic voice in China in arms control and nonproliferation, Dr. Shen has been invited to numerous conferences at home and abroad. Also, among three dozens of international conferences he has organized, The Shanghai Dialogue (or Shanghai Initiative), a high level track-II series of meetings since 1994 involving China, India, Pakistan and the United States, has been viewed as one of the most important multilateral unofficial talks on nuclear arms control and nonproliferation involving these countries.

Dr. Shen is a member of IISS and a number of other international organizations. He is on the editorial board of Contemporary Asia-Pacific Studies (China), South Asia Studies (China), Fudan Journal Social Sciences Edition (China), Journal of Contemporary China (U.S.), Journal of East Asian Studies (ROK/Japan/Taiwan), IRI Journal (ROK), INESAP Information Bulletin (Germany), and Nonproliferation Literature Review (U.S.), as well as on the international advisory board of Regional Studies (Pakistan). Dr. Shen also provides consulting service to China's MFA, MOFCOM etc. In January 2002 he was invited by Secretary General of the United Nations Kofi Annan to advise SG of the strategy panning for his second term, as the sole Chinese out of 40 persons chosen worldwide.

Dr. Shen was born in 1961. He received his Ph.D. in physics in 1989 from Fudan University and did his post-doc in arms control at Princeton University from 1989-1991. In 1997, he was awarded an Eisenhower Fellowship. From 1997-2000, he served as Fudan University's Director of Office of International Programs and Deputy Director of Office of Development and Research.

