



Eagle Council XLVIII

Saturday, 9/21/19

1:00 pm

Speaker: Gordon Chang, JD – Gordon G. Chang is the author of *Losing South Korea*, a booklet released by Encounter Books in March 2019. His previous books are *Nuclear Showdown: North Korea Takes on the World* and *The Coming Collapse of China*. He is a columnist at *The Daily Beast*.

Chang lived and worked in China and Hong Kong for almost two decades, most recently in Shanghai, as Counsel to the American law firm Paul Weiss and earlier in Hong Kong as Partner in the international law firm Baker & McKenzie.

His writings on China and North Korea have appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The National Interest*, *The American Conservative*, the *International Herald Tribune*, *Commentary*, *The Weekly Standard*, *National Review*, and *Barron's*.

Chang has appeared before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission. Outside the United States he has spoken in Beijing, Shanghai, Taipei, Hong Kong, New Delhi, Seoul, Singapore, Tokyo, The Hague, London, Ottawa, Toronto, and Vancouver.

He has served two terms as a trustee of Cornell University.

Title: *China: America's Grandest Wager*

Outline:

- For four decades, American presidents tried to integrate China into the international system, yet our diligent efforts produced the very thing we hoped to prevent: a totalitarian, militant state advocating a xenophobic ideology.
- The Chinese regime threatens the U.S. and the international system of rules, treaties, conventions, and norms.
- Beijing is trying to undermine our democracy by, for example, infiltrating our campus and classrooms.
- The People's Republic is not trying to change the current global framework; it is pushing the notion that it is the world's only sovereign state.

- This means there cannot be an enduring peace as long as the Communist Party rules China.
- Never before in the history of our republic has such a large adversary threatened us, never before has the threat been so pervasive, and never before have we been this ill-prepared to defend ourselves.

Action Items:

- Support efforts to end China's theft of American intellectual property
- Boycott China-made products
- Ask candidates where they stand on China
- Demand the closure of Confucius Institutes and Confucius Classrooms