

# **Elizabeth Larus**

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Dr. Larus is an expert in the politics of China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong

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## **Biography**

Elizabeth Freund Larus, Professor of Political Science, received a Ph.D. (1994) in government with a certificate in Asian studies from the University of Virginia. She earned an M.A. (1989) in public administration, also from the University of Virginia, and a B.A. (1983) in journalism from Creighton University. An expert in the politics of China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong, Dr. Larus conducted field research while living in Asia for three years. She speaks Mandarin Chinese and is the former press secretary for former U.S. Congressman Hal Daub. She is the author of the books *Economic Reform in China, 1979-2003: The Marketization of Labor and State Enterprises* (2005) and *Politics and Society in Contemporary China* (2012).

Her articles have been published in several professional journals including *Issues & Studies*, *American Journal of Chinese Studies*, *Policy Studies Review*, *Southeast Review of Asian Studies*, *Asian Affairs*, *American Asian Review*, and the Chinese-English magazine *Voice of Han*.

She also has written chapters in several books including *Taiwan and the International Community*; *The China Handbook*; *Taiwan and Mainland China Toward the Twenty first Century*; *Adjusting to Capitalism: Chinese Workers and Their State*; *Across the Taiwan Strait: Exchanges, Conflicts, and Negotiations*; and *Remaking China's Public Management*.

Dr. Larus has presented the papers "Taiwan after the Global Financial Crisis: Where Do We Go From Here?" at the American Association for Chinese Studies conference and "Taiwan's Reaction to Global Financial Crisis" at the American Political Science Association conference.

Among her awards are a Dissertation Fellowship Award and two duPont Fellowships, all from the University of Virginia. She also was the recipient of a Lingnan Foundation Research Grant and a Pacific Cultural Foundation Grant. She was a 2007-08 academic fellow of The Foundation for the Defense of Democracies. In addition, Dr. Larus is a member of the American Political Science Association, the Association for Asian Studies, the American Association for Chinese Studies, and the Conference Group on Taiwan Studies. Dr. Larus has served on the editorial board of *Issues & Studies* and as the president of the Virginia Consortium for Asian Studies.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Education/Learning, Government Relations

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Political Science, University Teaching, Public Policy, International Relations, Foreign Policy, Research, Community Outreach, Public Speaking, Policy Analysis, Asia-Pacific Issues, Economic Research, Journalism

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## **Affiliations**

American Association for Chinese Studies, China Studies Group, American Political Science Association, Conference Group on Taiwan Studies, Virginia Consortium for Asian Studies

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## **Event Appearances**

**Taiwan after the Global Financial Crisis: Where Do We Go from Here?**  
American Association for Chinese Studies annual meeting

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## **Education**

**University of Virginia**  
Ph.D. Government

**University of Virginia**  
M.A. Public Administration

**Creighton University**  
B.A. Journalism

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## **Accomplishments**

**Taiwan Fellowship**  
Awarded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of China.

**Research Grant**  
Awarded by the Lingnan Foundation.

**Research Grant in Chinese Studies**  
Awarded by the Pacific Cultural Foundation.

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