Jon Huntsman

Jon Huntsman was tapped by President Barack Obama to serve as United States Ambassador to China in May 2009 and his nomination was unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate.

Prior to this position, Jon Huntsman served as governor of Utah. His public service career began as a White House staff assistant to President Ronald Reagan and included appointments as Deputy Assistant secretary of commerce for Asia, U.S. Ambassador to Singapore and Deputy U.S. Trade Representative.

Jon Huntsman is a founding director of the Pacific Council on International Policy and has served on various boards such as the Brookings Institution Asia Policy board, the Center for Strategic and International Studies Pacific forum, the Asian Society and the National Bureau of Asian Research.

Regina Abrami

Regina Abrami is a senior fellow at Harvard Business School and faculty chair of the Immersion Experience Program (IXP), a field-based learning opportunity for MBA students. She is also on the executive committee of Harvard University’s Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies and a Faculty Associate of the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs.

Her primary area of expertise is comparative political economy. Her current research is focused in three areas: the politics of industrial strategy; the impact of historical institutional differences on political economic development; and doing business in emerging markets, focusing especially on China and Vietnam where she has lived and conducted research for many years.

Dr. Abrami has taught courses in the MBA, executive education and doctoral programs, including the required first year course, “Business, Government, and the International Economy” and a doctoral course on “The Political Economy of Business in the Developing World.” She also designed and now teaches the second year elective course, “Doing Business in China.”

Dr. Abrami speaks Vietnamese and Mandarin Chinese, and is a frequent commentator on the challenges of managing in a global context, especially with regard to China’s impact and the relation between political development and business strategy within Vietnam and China.

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