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Jan. 26 Behar lecture to be simulcast statewide

The E.N. Thompson Forum on World Issues continues with a Jan. 26 lecture entitled “China in Africa: The New Scramble?” originating from the Lied Center for Performing Arts at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and simulcast in Columbus, Hastings, North Platte, Omaha, Scottsbluff and Wayne.

The Thompson Forum on “Encountering China” presents speakers from a variety of backgrounds to explore China from diverse perspectives. In his Jan. 26 lecture, Richard Behar will discuss China’s increasing involvement in Africa in search of resources to fuel its economy, how China’s path in Africa today might be compared to European colonization there at the turn of the last century, and how it all relates to America’s economy.

An award-winning investigative journalist, Behar was called “one of the most dogged of our watchdogs” by the late syndicated columnist Jack Anderson. His 25-year career as a business journalist has included work for Fortune, Time and Forbes magazines.

Behar’s lecture will be simulcast and followed with community conversation at the following locations:

- Columbus at Central Community College, Room 205, West Education Center. For details contact Karen Mroczek at (402) 562-1249.
- Hastings at Hastings College, Wilson Center. For details contact Sharon Brooks at (402) 461-7267.
- North Platte at 1101 Halligan Drive on the North Campus of North Platte Community College. For details contact Tom Gorman at (308) 535-3714.
- Omaha at UNO’s Milo Bail Student Center, Chancellor’s Room. For details contact Wei Rowe at (402) 554-2812.
- Scottsbluff at Western Nebraska Community College’s Harms Advanced Technology Center, Room A111. For details contact Carla Stein at (308) 635-6050.
- Wayne at Wayne State College Library, Room 201. For details contact David Graber at (402) 375-7272.

The lecture begins at 7 p.m. (CST); 6 p.m. (MST) in Scottsbluff; and is free and open to the public.

Additional speakers in the series on China are scheduled in late February and early April.

The series, named in honor of E.N. “Jack” Thompson, who served as president of the Cooper Foundation from 1964 to 1990 and as its chairman from 1990 until his death in 2002. Thompson established the series to promote better understanding of world events and issues for all Nebraskans.

The simulcasts, sponsored by the Cooper Foundation, Nebraska Humanities Council and the hosting college or university, allow more Nebraskans to have the opportunity to benefit from outstanding speakers and community discussion. Details about the E.N. Thompson Forum are available at <http://enthompson.unl.edu>.

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