

# "The Global Financial Crisis: Perspectives from China, Latin America and Europe."

Panel and Discussion

with Mark Frazier, Robin Grier and Mitchell Smith



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## **Mark Frazier**

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Dr. Frazier serves as the Associate Director of the Institute for US-China Issues at the University of Oklahoma. His research examines the politics of labor and social policies in China. He has authored several articles on pension politics and welfare issues, including articles in *Studies in Comparative International Development* (Summer 2004) and *The China Journal* (January 2004). He is also the author of *The Making of the Chinese Industrial Workplace: State, Revolution, and Labor Management* (Cambridge University Press, 2002), which explores labor practices in state-owned enterprises before and after the 1949 revolution.

## **Robin Grier**

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Professor Grier's research has been published in the *Journal of Law and Economics*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *Public Choice*, *Kyklos*, *Economia Mexicana*, *El Trimestre Economico*, and *Rationality and Society*. Her areas of specialization are Latin American economics, the political economy of Mexico, international finance, and development and growth. Current research interests are the effects of government policy on growth, the role of fixed exchange rates in the 1997 financial crisis, the politics and accumulation of human and physical capital in Latin America, and inflation, uncertainty, and growth in the developing world.

## **Mitchell Smith**

Associate Professor of Political Science and International and Area Studies

Mitchell Smith's work focuses on comparative and international political economy, with a particular emphasis on European integration. Dr. Smith is Co-Director of OU's European Union Center. He has been a Fulbright Fellow in European Union Affairs and a Visiting Fellow at the Centre for European Policy Studies in Brussels, Belgium. He also has been a Jean Monnet Fellow at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy. Smith is the co-editor of *Legitimacy and the European Union: The Contested Polity* (Routledge, 1999), and author of *States of Liberalization* (SUNY Press, 2005), which examines the impact of the European Union's single market on the role of the public sector in West European countries. His current book project is a comparative study of environmental and health regulation in the European Union and the U.S.