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Linda Sprague, the Thomas J. Petters Distinguished Professor of International Business at Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla., will present the lecture "China's Evolving Supply Chain Infrastructure: A Work in Progress" at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 24, in the Miriam Hall atrium. A reception immediately follows.

In the lecture, Sprague, who before going to Rollins was a professor of manufacturing and operations management at the China International Business School in Shanghai, will address the fitness of China's supply-chain infrastructure to support the unprecedented growth of China's industrial output. In that environment, manufacturers accustomed to "lean" operations are finding they are vulnerable to supply variability, which is a fact of life in China.

The lecture is sponsored by the department of management information systems, operations management and decision sciences in the UD School of Business Administration.