

Call for Papers

Domestic and Global Governance in the Era of China's "New Normal"

ASSOCIATION OF CHINESE POLITICAL STUDIES
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Deadline for submission of paper proposals: May 13, 2016

The Association of Chinese Political Studies (ACPS) will hold its 29th annual meeting and international symposium from **October 10 to 11, 2016**.

Conference Theme

The past forty years have witnessed remarkable developments in China. Since the policy transformations of late 1978, reform has become a key word in all policy areas, ranging from politics and economics to social development. Recently, the new leadership has placed great emphasis on good governance, both domestically and internationally. This is all happening in the context of China's "new normal," a term coined by Chinese President Xi Jinping to refer to the next phase of development characterized by slower growth rate. What, in practice, does this "new normal" mean for China? Will it yield a fundamental rebalancing where the country diversifies its economy, embraces more sustainable growth, distributes benefits more evenly, and integrates further into the global economy or will it result in, as Paul Krugman has predicted, China's hitting its "Great Wall?"

In terms of domestic governance, China's governance system is rather centralized and the government still plays a key role. Yet, in the light of current reforms, China is undergoing crucial transformations in their systems of governance that require discussion and analysis. Globally, what are the governance gap in areas such as security, trade, finance, competition policy, the environment, and energy? What are the roles played and challenges faced by Chinese government, companies, NGOs and other stakeholders in global governance? How are these institutions and the major powers, including the United States, coping with and adapting to a more vigorous and assertive China?

We invite papers that examine these topics and analyze the drivers, features and consequences of China's contemporary international and domestic policies. In the domestic policy realm, we

invite papers that address political, economic, social, educational, and cultural challenges in governance. In the international policy realm, we welcome papers that investigate China's growing international presence and the policies that China has developed to respond to and manage global challenges.

Publication Opportunities

Exemplary conference papers will have the opportunity to be published in edited volumes as well as to be considered for publication in the ACPS's flagship journal, the *Journal of Chinese Political Science* (JCPS).

Abstract/Paper Submission Procedures

The deadline for abstract submission is **Friday, May 13, 2016**. Current ACPS members will receive priority consideration, though we seek the best papers possible. The proposal review committee will also consider cohesive and theme-related panel proposals consisting of 4-5 presenters, a chair, and a discussant.

Paper and panel proposals can be submitted via e-mail to: acpsus.org@gmail.com. For paper proposals, please submit the author (s)' full name(s), contact information, paper title and abstract. The subject line for e-mail paper submissions should be "Paper Submission ACPS MIIS 2016". For panel submissions, please provide the panel title and abstract along with the full name, contact information, paper title and abstract for each panel participant. Please use "Panel Submission ACPS MIIS 2016" as the subject line for e-mail panel submissions.

Acceptance of Proposals

The proposal review committee will issue notifications of acceptance, via email, to the primary author listed in the paper proposal by the **end of May 2016**.

Conference Registration Procedures

Those whose papers are accepted and plan on attending the conference must register for the conference on ACPS website by **June 30, 2016**. *Individuals who have paid their ACPS membership dues and conference registration fees in full will be entitled to three free nights of lodging and complimentary meals throughout the duration of the conference.*

Volunteering

We welcome expressions of interest from conference attendees willing to serve as chairs and discussants.