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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS

Dear ACPS Members and Friends:

It is my pleasure to extend my greetings to you as the new President of the ACPS. I am fortunate to be able to draw upon a talented Board of Directors, the experience of my predecessors, and numerous members who do so much to contribute to the life of our Association. The ACPS is a special organization that provides multiple opportunities to enrich our knowledge as well as friendships.

2010 saw many successes for the organization including two major conferences (one in the US and one in the PRC), diverse conference publications, a well received ACPS APSA associated group panel, continued member professional success, and various achievements for the ACPS's journal, *The Journal of Chinese Political Studies*.

For 2011, we plan to host two conferences (at least one international). Other organization objectives include strengthening our connection with China Centers globally, further bolstering our website, and improving member services (as reflected in this enhanced newsletter design).

We invite all of you to find ways to contribute to the ACPS as conference participants, committee members, or conference facilitators.

I welcome your feedback, ideas, and support at all times.

Jean-Marc F. Blanchard (白永輝)

NEW ACPS BOARD OF DIRECTORS PROFILE

DR. JEAN-MARC F. BLANCHARD (白永輝), President, is Associate Professor in the Department of International Relations at San Francisco State University (SFSU) and Associate Director of the SFSU Center for U.S.-China Policy Studies.

DR. JOHN JAMES KENNEDY, President-Elect, is Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Kansas.

DR. WEI LIANG (梁薇), Membership Director, is Assistant Professor in the School of International Policy Management at the Monterey Institute of International Studies.

DR. FUJIA LU (陆符嘉), Publicity Director, is the Associate Director of Academic Research at Endicott College.

DR. MING WAN, Research Director, is Professor of Government and Politics at George Mason University.

DR. YI EDWARD YANG, Treasurer, is Assistant Professor of Political Science at James Madison University.

DR. JIN JULIE ZENG (曾金), Secretary and Newsletter Editor, is Assistant Professor in the Department of Politics and International Relations at the Florida International University.

A more extensive bio of each director can be found on the ACPS website:

<http://www.acpsus.org/directors.asp>

CONFERENCE REPORT-23RD ACPS ANNUAL MEETING

The ACPS annual meeting, held in conjunction with the international symposium entitled "China in Search of Sustainable Development, Social Harmony, and Soft Power," was successfully held from July 30 to August 1, 2010 at Endicott College, Beverly, Massachusetts. Over 50 scholars from the US, mainland China, Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Russia, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Macau attended the three-day event. The meeting had more than a dozen panels, which covered topics such as the "Chinese Model," corruption and good governance, political support and legitimacy, China's relations with the world, and Soft Power.

Professor Gao Xinjun from CCP Central Compilation Bureau delivered a keynote speech on "The Status, Causes, Characteristics, and Prospects of China Local Governance Innovation." Dr. Teng Chung-Chien, Dean and Professor of the College of International Affairs, National Chengchi University, Taiwan, presented a dinner talk on the Guomindang's mainland China policy and the upcoming Mayoral election.

During the official ACPS Annual Business Meeting on the evening of June 31, Dr. Baogang Guo gave his outgoing presidential report. Dr. Jean-Marc F. Blanchard, the incoming president of the ACPS, gave his inaugural address and presented awards to Dr. Guo Baogang and Dr. Yu Yanmin for their outstanding service to the organization. The ACPS also awarded Dr. Richard Wylie, President of Endicott College, an honorable membership in the Association for his generous support of our conference.

At the business meeting, Dr. Guo also announced and welcomed four new institutional members—Endicott College, the College of International Affairs of National Chengchi University, the China Center for Strategic Studies, Peking University, and the Contemporary Chinese Politics Research Institute, Shenzhen University.

During the meeting, members elected the new ACPS president-elect Dr. John Kennedy (University of Kansas). They also elected Dr. Edward Yi Yang (James Madison University) Treasurer, Dr. Wei Liang (Monterey Institute of International Relations) Membership Director, Dr. Fujia Lu (Endicott College) Public Relations Director, and Dr. Ming Wan (George Mason University) Research Director. We welcome and congratulate these individuals on their new posts!

Submitted by Dr. Baogang Guo, ACPS President (2008-2010)



(Endicott Group Photo)

CONFERENCE REPORT-ACPS APSA ASSOCIATED GROUP PANEL

The ACPS sponsored two panels at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting in early September, 2010. The two panels were:

a) China and the Great Recession (Dali Yang, Chair)

Presenters:

1) William Hurst (Texas, Austin), Slowdown in the World's Workshop? Chinese Labor in the Great Recession; 2) Albert Yee (Colgate), Learning from the Great Recession: Adjustments to China's Export-Led Model of Economic Development; 3) Dong Wang (Beijing University), Eying the Crippled Hegemon: China's Grand Strategy Thinking in the Wake of the Global Financial Crisis; 4) Daniel Garrett (National Defense Intelligence College), Great Recession, Great Reunion: China's 'One Country' Press in Hong Kong & Taiwan

Discussants: Dali Yang (University of Chicago) and Pierre Landry (Yale, in absentia)

b) Change and Continuity in Chinese Politics (Dorothy J. Solinger, Chair)

Presenters:

1) Peter L. Lorentzen (Berkeley), Transparent Authoritarianism?; 2) Chien-min Chao and Chun-Chih Chang (presenting; National Chengchi), Professionalism, Institutionalism, and Party Control-Reforms of Legislative Committees in China; 3) He Li (Merrimack), Beyond Capitalism: Chinese Discourse on Social Democracy; 4) Titus Chen (IIR, National Chengchi) China's Reaction to the Colored Revolutions: Adaptive Authoritarianism in Full Swing

Discussants: Dorothy J. Solinger (UC Irvine) and Yuyung Yeo (City U of Hong Kong)

The two panels were reasonably well attended and there was lively discussion and exchange. I wish to thank the paper writers and discussants for their enthusiasm and good cheer.

Submitted by Dr. Dali Yang, ACPS Research Director (2008-2010)

CONFERENCE REPORTS-ACPS-FUDAN CONFERENCE

The ACPS sponsored an international conference on "legitimacy and governance" from July 3 to 4, 2010 in Shanghai. The conference was organized and co-hosted by the Fudan University Institute for Advanced Study in Social Sciences (Fudan-IAS).

At the opening sessions (chaired by Professor Zhenglai Deng, Dean of Fudan-IAS), Yu Keping (Vice Director of the Central Compilation and Translation Bureau) delivered a speech "Good Governance and Legitimacy" while Yun-han (Professor of National Taiwan University & Academia Sinica) delivered a speech "A Typological Analysis of Democratic Legitimacy."

The two-day conference brought together more than seventy political scientists from Europe, US, Canada, and various universities in China. About sixty-five papers, organized in seven panels, were presented on a wide range of topics, including a comparison of Chinese and western views of legitimacy, different approaches to legitimacy, the relationship between legitimacy and governance, theories and practices of legitimacy in China, regime legitimacy and popular support, theories and practices of governance in China, and China's role in global governance.

Submitted by Dr. Sujian Guo, ACPS Director for Public Relations (2008-2010)

ACPS BEST PAPER AWARDS

The 23rd ACPS Annual Meeting Best (Faculty) Paper Award

The Best Paper Award committee (Dr. Wanfa Prof. Zhang, chair, Dr. Shaochua Hu, and Dr. Jih-Kim) has awarded the Best Paper Award to Prof. Huisheng Shou (Xinhua University) for his paper entitled "Globalization and Transformation of China's Welfare Regime".

This well-structured and well-written paper deals with an issue of practical and theoretical importance. It examines the impact of the Chinese integration into the world economy on China's social welfare system. The author challenges two rather influential views: one is that the Maoist China was an ideal welfare state and the other is that the post-Mao China ignores the livelihood of underprivileged citizens. Instead the author finds that China's remarkable integration into the world economy changed China's economic structure, alleviated the need to protect millions of low-skilled labors employed by internationally-related businesses, and provided the Chinese government with more financial resources to cover more social groups. The author's insights are not limited to China and he points out that Chinese welfare policies fit a general trend among many developing countries in the age of globalization. This paper is distinguished by its careful collection of the data from China and other developing countries and its successful use of this data to support its central argument. In sum, this paper broadens and deepens our understanding of both China and the developing countries and makes theoretical and empirical contributions to the existing literature on developing countries, especially China, and on such issues like globalization and welfare policies.

The 23rd ACPS Annual Meeting Best Graduate Student Paper Award

Ms. Chelsea Chia-chen Chou, a doctoral student at Cornell University, has won the best graduate student paper award for her paper "The politics of voluntary expansion of social rights."

The ACPS Graduate Student Best Paper Award Committee, consisting of Prof. He Li (Chair, Merrimack College), Prof. Vera Fennell (Lehigh University), and Prof. Chloe Froissart (Rennes 2 University), observed that her paper tackled a very important question, specifically how are interests articulated in autocratic regimes, especially non-elite interests. In the committee's view, her paper showed a tremendous amount of research, a firm familiarity with the literature, and a solid knowledge of the evolution of China's bureaucratic state structure. They felt her argument was well-balanced, showing that urban and qualified workers have benefited more from policy development than migrant under-qualified workers. Overall, they deemed her paper academically rigorous, well-organized, and rich empirically.

As the winner, Chelsea receives a \$100 prize and a certificate of acknowledgement.

MEMBER NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS

Member News

Ching-Chang Chen (Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, Japan) was chosen as 2010 Modern Taiwan Visiting Professor by the Modern East Asia Research Centre (MEARC), Leiden University, The Netherlands. During his stay at Leiden in September, he gave an opening lecture titled "On the Impossibility of Constructing Non-Western IR Studies in Asia" for MEARC Lecture Series "The Concept and Practice of Human Security in East Asia." He also presented a paper for the Taiwan Workshop on Taiwan's post-Cold War economic policy towards the PRC, with a focus on the Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement (ECFA).

Carrie Liu Currier was promoted from assistant to associate professor (with tenure) of political science at Texas Christian University.

Baogang Guo was recently appointed as Director of the Center for International Education at Dalton State College.

John Kennedy received a Faculty Fulbright Research Award (2010-2011) this year. He and his family are currently in Xian for the next ten months. He is taking part in a large research project that is examining how changes in student nutritional and health standards in elementary schools can influence student performance in rural northwest China. He will be working with his Chinese colleagues at Northwest University (Xida) and Center for China Agricultural Policy (CCAP) in Beijing.

Zhongxiang Zhang, a Senior Fellow at East-West Center, Honolulu, is a founding member for *Low Carbon Economy*, Scientific Research Publishing, USA, and *Journal of Environmental Economics and Policy* 《环境经济与政策》, 科学出版社, Beijing. He is a co-editor of *Environmental Economics and Policy Studies*, the official journal of the Society of Environmental Economics and Policy Studies, Springer.

Member Publications

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Zhongxiang Zhang is a guest editor for the following special journal issues:

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Zhang, Zhongxiang, ed. 2010. "Services, the Environment and the NAFTA." Special Issue of *International Environmental Agreements: Politics, Law and Economics*. Springer, Vol. 10, No. 2: 89-164.

OTHER MATTERS

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