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The 20th ACPS Annual Meeting at San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA

The Association of Chinese Political Studies will hold an international symposium in conjunction with its 20th annual meeting at San Francisco State University from July 14-15, 2007. The conference will be hosted and co-sponsored by the Center for US-China Policy Studies (CUSCPS) at San Francisco State University and the Mr. & Mrs. S.H. Wong Foundation, Ltd. Hong Kong.

We welcome all papers that address any aspect of the central theme and the main questions related to the broad theme, which could include domestic politics, economics, culture, society, military, foreign policy, foreign relations, Taiwan Strait relations, Hong Kong and Macau, problems and challenges, domestic and global implications, continuity and change, and retrospective and prospects. Well researched conference papers will have the following opportunities: (1) to be selected as "The Best Paper;" (2) and/or to be published in *Journal of Chinese Political Science* (JCPS); (3) and/or to be published in edited books.

Paper proposals should include paper title, names of authors, institutional affiliation, address, phone number, fax number, e-mail address, and an abstract - everything in one page. The deadline for submission of paper proposals is **January 5, 2007**. Paper proposals should be emailed to Dr. Jean Marc F.

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ACPS—2007 APSA Panel Call for Paper Chicago, IL, August. 30--September 2, 2007



The ACPS is pleased to solicit proposals for the ACPS panel at the APSA Annual Meeting, August 30-September 2, 2007, in Chicago, Illinois. The theme of the ACPS panel is "China and Energy Security: Domestic and International Dimensions." Over the past few years, there has been intense concern about China's rising energy demand and its effect on the availability and prices of energy resources, the extant geopolitical relations of diverse countries, and China's military deployments. The panel welcomes papers which examine China's energy needs and their implications for China's bilateral and regional relationships, the behavior of Chinese energy firms, or Chinese domestic energy policy and which propose policies to stabilize China's bilateral and regional relationships where there are energy concerns. The ACPS is particularly interested in paper proposals that speak to bilateral energy relationships such as the Sino-Russian, Sino-African, and Sino-Central Asian energy relationships. Paper proposals should run no longer than 200 words. Proposals for the 2007 APSA annual meeting ACPS panel (not the 2007 annual meeting) should be sent to Dr. Jean-Marc F. Blanchard, ACPS Research Director, at jmfblanc@sfsu.edu by **January 1, 2007**. Proposals should indicate your paper title, position, email, mailing address, and paper abstract.

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Blanchard, Co-Program Chair, at events@sfsu.edu Due to the influx of a large amount of emails regarding different events, we hope you could kindly put "2007 ACPS annual meeting paper proposal" in the subject line of your emails.

Volunteers interested in serving as panel chairs and discussants and international travelers who need letter of invitation for visa application purpose should contact Dr. Sujian Guo, Program Chair, at events@sfsu.edu. The association will provide free room and meal accommodations (three nights and two days) for those who present papers at the conference's panel sessions and who serve as chairs or discussants. The association will issue a notification of acceptance of the paper proposals no later than **January 30, 2007**. All attendees will have to register and pay the registration fees for attending the conference.

2006 ACPS Best Paper Award



ACPS Best Paper Selection Committee, which consists of Jianwei Wang (Chair), Baogang Guo, and Greg Moore, is pleased to announce that Professor Robert Ross' paper, "Explaining Taiwan's Revisionist Diplomacy" won the ACPS Best Paper Award for 2006.

Ross's paper offers a very parsimonious analysis of Taiwan's revisionist diplomacy towards independence during Chen Shui-bian's reign. The research puzzle is why a small and vulnerable island off the coast of a great power has continued to challenge the vital interest of that great power and risk war? Well-immersed in the IR theory of different levels of analysis, he critically discussed four prevalent theories to explain this puzzle: the mainland's ineffective deterrence, the encouragement of the US defense commitment, the pressure from the domestic politics, and Chen Shui-bian's personal commitment to Taiwan independence and risk-acceptance. Contrary to the conventional wisdom, he found that the individual level of analysis, namely Chen's risk-acceptant personality, is the most powerful theory in explaining Taiwan's revisionist policy. Based on that analysis, he then predicts that cross-straits relations could return to more stability after Chen Shui-Bian leaves the political scene in 2008. The paper is sensible, well written, forcefully argued, and demonstrates high scholarly standards and exceptional merits.

The Committee has received 13 nominations which include many excellent papers. The competition was keen and the committee had a difficult time to make its choice. We want to take this opportunity to thank all the panel chairs and discussants for their work and support.

Editor's Note: Dr. Ross's paper has recently been published. The following is the publication reference:
Rober Ross, "Explaining Taiwan's revisionist diplomacy," *The Journal of Contemporary China*, 15(48) August 2006, p. 443-458.

A Report on The ACPS-sponsored International Symposium at Renmin University of China

The ACPS sponsored international symposium was successfully held between June 10-11, 2006 in Beijing in collaboration with Renmin University of China, Jilin University, Zhongshan University. The broad theme of the conference is “Political China in the 21st Century: Challenges and Opportunities.” The two-day conference brought together more than 150 scholars on China studies, among whom about 35 were from outside of China. There were 18 panels and about 100 papers presented. Participants explored a wide variety of topics related to the central theme, such as China’s peaceful rise or the China threat, the cultural dimensions of Chinese politics, political philosophy and China context, China and East Asia, Chinese foreign policy, democratization and dilemma, EU-China relations, transition of governance in China, China’s economic development, social space and political identity, the politics of governance, environmental and social challenges, rule of law and political development. The Vice President of the Central Party School, Li Junru, concluded the conference by delivering a speech on the Prospect of China’s Political Reform.

After the conference, the ACPS Officers, Drs. Sujian Guo, Jean-Marc F. Blanchard, and Shiping Hua, held a banquet on behalf of the Association to thank Dean Li Jingzhi of School of International Studies of Renmin University and his associates, Dr. Lynn T. White III of Princeton University, Dr. Brantly Womack of University of Virginia, and other institutional partners for the past years’ successful collaboration and exchange between our Association and their institutions. ACPS Officers also explored the opportunities of establishing collaborative relationship with Peking University, CCP Central Party School, and Ford Foundation in the future.



JCPS to be Published by Transaction Publishers



ACPS's official journal, *Journal of Chinese Political Science* has entered an agreement with Transaction Publishers. Beginning in 2007, the Journal will be published by Transaction for ACPS. Additionally, the Journal will be published 3 issues per year

in 2007 and 08, and then become quarterly in 2009. The Publishers are now preparing the advanced marketing material to launch the new title - a complex task involving many other journals under Transaction.

Transaction Publishers is widely acknowledged as a major independent publisher of social scientific books, periodicals and serials. Located on the campus of Rutgers University in Piscataway, New Jersey, Transaction has strong ties to the traditional mission of American university life as a center of learning, and to applied needs of public and private institutions in social research. life.

The editors and the editorial board would like to take this opportunity to ask you for your submission of your scholarly work for consideration of publication in JCPS. Please also pass the word around to your colleagues and friends in the field.

Our first issue of 2007 will be published in April. However, the delivery of ms to the publisher is due in December. If you would like to have your paper submitted for consideration of publication in the JCPS, please look at the following schedules. This schedule anticipates three issues in 2007, three issues in 2008 and four issues in 2009 and beyond...

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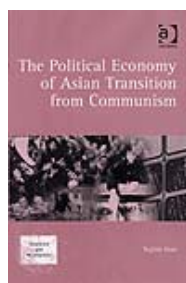
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From 2009 forward, future volumes/issues would publish on the same schedule as outlined for volume 14. Stay tune for more information.

New Books from ACPS Members



Sujian Guo's new book, *The Political Economy of Asia Transition from Communism*, is published by Ashgate Publishing recently. This is a comparative study of the political economy of the transition from communism in East and Southeast Asian countries (China, North Korea, Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia), addressing the key theoretical questions generated from the debate between shock-therapists and gradualists. Comparing the "real world" experiences of transition nations in communist Asia with East-

ern Europe, prominent questions are brought to the fore: will market capitalism or market socialism prevail after the grand failure of communism?



Sujian Guo's new book, *China's Peaceful Rise in the 21st Century* is recently published by Ashgate Publishing. This book contains many papers presented in our 2005 annual ACPS conference. It exams the conditions and challenges of China's peaceful rise and is ideal as supplementary course book in foreign policy, Asian politics and development.

New Books from ACPS Members



Gabe T. Wang's new book, *China and the Taiwan Issue: Impending War at Taiwan Strait* is recently published by the University Press of America. This book offers a timely examination of the developments in mainland China, Taiwan, and U.S. involvement in the region as they relate to the ongoing Taiwan Strait dilemma. While many books approach this issue primarily from the viewpoint of Taiwan, this book gives considerable attention to China and its development and role in the issue. In an approachable style, this intriguing work identifies the realities that mainland China and Taiwan, as well as the United States, face and presents various options in an effort to develop mutual understanding and peaceful solutions for each party involved in the Taiwan issue.

Jinghao Zhou's new book, *Remaking China's Public Philosophy and Chinese Women's Liberation: The Volatile Mixing of Confucianism, Marxism, and Feminism* was published by the Edwin Mellen Press. This study views women's liberation as a comprehensive project and part of the process of China's democratization by using the prism of "public philosophy" to examine Chinese women's liberation in a global context. Drawing the lessons from the past four revolutions in modern China, the author asserts that China needs the fifth revolution - remaking China's public philosophy in order for Chinese women to achieve their full liberation in communist China. The author challenges the conventional Western and Eastern European opinions and refutes the official Chinese gender ideology, arguing that Confucianism is not the source of women's oppression, Western feminism is not a panacea to women's liberation, and Marxism cannot be the guiding principle of the Chinese women's movement.

Member News

- **Dr. Michael Alan Brittingham** has been appointed as a visiting assistant professor at McDaniel College.
- **Mr. Bryan Cheung**, a Ph.D. candidate at the City University of Hong Kong, has received a "Contemporary China fellowship" from the Center for Contemporary China (CFCC) in National Tsinghua University (NTHU) in Hsinchu, Taiwan. This fellowship supports a 6-month visit and stay in NTHU campus, from Sept 2006 to Feb 2007.
- **Dr. Baogang Guo** has been named as the inaugural recipient of the newly established *C. Tracy Harrington Award* for Inter-Institutional Collaboration in International Education in the University System of Georgia (USG). This award honors an individual, program, partnership, consortium, or institution that has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to collaborative activities between two or more USG institutions in international education.
- **Dr. Shiping Hua** has received a number of appointments recently, including Director of the recently created Center for Asian Democracy in the University of Louisville, "Professor in Affiliation" (jianzhi jiaoshou) with the School of

International Studies at Renmin University and the Center for International Strategic Studies at Peking University, and Senior Fellow by the McConnell Center for Political Leadership at University of Louisville. Additionally, Dr. Hua has recently signed a contract with the University Press of Kentucky to start a book series on Asia: Asia in the New Millennium."

- **Dr. Guoli Liu** is promoted to full Professor of Political Science recently at the College of Charleston.
- **Dr. Sheng Lijun's** article "China in Southeast Asia: The Limits of Power" was published by *Japan Focus*, Cornell University, available at <http://japanfocus.org/products/details/2184>
- **Dr. Gabe T. Wang**, chair of the Department of Sociology, has been promoted to full professor at William Paterson University in 2006. In addition, his paper "Advocate More Positivism in China's Social Science Research" appears in the *Journal of Yunnan Nationalities University*, January 2006, 23(1): 48-53. Supported by a Fulbright Hay Grant, Professor Wang also visited India in summer, 2006.

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