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Editor's Note

Organizing a conference is a challenging endeavor, even more so if the conference is an international one. Items that have to be dealt with include: identification of possible keynote speakers, selection of panel proposals, formation of panels under a common theme, location of the conference (affected by things such as travel restrictions, air fares, university travel budgets), cooperation from host institutions, date of the conference, whether the conference is “in person”, virtual or hybrid, registration fee, and nitty gritty considerations on matters such as food, hotels and local transportation.

Fortunately, Association of Chinese Political Studies (ACPS) was able to meet these challenges for its 2023 annual conference and, under the leadership of its president, Nele Noesselt, staged a highly successful event. Reasons for saying this are: ACPS was able to attract big-name speakers; presenters were able to get feedback on their work; spirited discussions took place; the location of the conference was excellent at a university – University of Duisburg-Essen – with a strong China studies program (and a Confucius Institute) and in a city – Duisburg – with strong China connections. Details of the conference can be found on page two of this newsletter.

Earlier in 2023 – in March – ACPS staged its first public event of the year – the fielding of a panel at the annual convention of the International Studies Association in Montreal, Canada under the theme “China’s Changing

Role in Global Governance.” Participating in the event – as paper presenters – were Georg Lammich, Jing Chen, Xi Chen, Karl Yan and James F. Paradise, who also served as a discussant. Another discussant was Gregory J. Moore.

Shaping the environment in 2023 have been efforts by Western powers to improve bilateral relations with China. Leading the way has been the United States, which sent high-level government officials to Beijing, including Secretary of State Anthony Blinken in June, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen and U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Climate Change John Kerry in July, and Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo, who also traveled to Shanghai, in August. Efforts culminated in November when U.S. President Joe Biden met Chinese President Xi Jinping on the sidelines of an APEC summit in California out of which came agreement to cooperate on combatting illicit drug activities, including those related to fentanyl, resume military-to-military communication and accelerate efforts to deal with climate change. Much of the detailed work on climate issues had been handled by John Kerry and China Special Envoy for Climate Change Xie Zhenhua at meetings in Beijing and Sunnylands, California. The British government has also been seeking to improve relations with China, which have been hamstrung over issues related to Hong Kong and Taiwan. As a Reuters report of August put it, China and Britain are making “tentative steps to repair ties” with the first visit of a senior British minister to China in five years. The situation with Germany is complex. In November 2022, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz traveled to China, accompanied by a business delegation, where he met Xi Jinping, and in November 2023, the two political leaders had a video talk in which Xi was reported by CGTV to have said that cooperation between China and Germany “is becoming more stable, more solid and more dynamic.” Yet in July 2023, the German government released a document outlining its strategy for dealing with China, which it identified as a systemic rival as well as partner and competitor. Among the topics it touched on include respect for human rights, the environment, and the need for diversifying supply chains.

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Editor's Note Continued

On the scholarship front, China specialists continue to produce an impressive amount of high-quality publications on a wide range of topics, as the very partial list of books, book chapters and journal articles in this newsletter reveals. Especially interesting for its overarching perspective is an article by David Shambaugh titled "The Evolution of American Contemporary China Studies: Coming Full Circle?" The article describes the different generations of contemporary China scholarship in the United States and recommends that academics simplify their language to better meet the demand for China-related knowledge.

James F. Paradise
Newsletter Editor



ACPS Panel at American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, September 5-8, 2024: Call for Proposals

The Association of Chinese Political Studies welcomes submissions from interested scholars and practitioners for its panel at the 2024 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. ACPS invites paper proposals that apply diverse theoretical and empirical approaches to the analysis of China-related research questions, particularly those that address political, economic, historical, and sociological dimensions of domestic political change and the global repercussions of China's global rise. ACPS encourages submissions that combine cross-disciplinary theory approaches with empirical research (and, whenever possible, primary sources in Chinese).

Proposal deadline: January 17, 2024

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Report on 2023 ACPS Annual Meeting

Association of Chinese Political Studies held its annual conference for 2023 at University of Duisburg-Essen (UDE) from October 12-14. Sponsored by ACPS, the Institute of East Asian Studies and Institut für Politikwissenschaft of UDE, and the German Research Foundation for two special panels on China and the global order, the conference featured opening remarks by Professor Karen Shire, Vice-Rector for University Culture, Diversity and International Affairs at the university, keynote talks by eminent scholars, and panel session presentations by professors, research fellows and graduate students from around the world. Keynote talks were given by Steve Chan of the University of Colorado, Boulder who addressed the issue of the impact of the Thucydides' Trap on Sino-American relations, Brantly Womack of the University of Virginia who discussed his new book *Recentering Pacific Asia: Regional China and World Order*, and Rosemary Foot of University of Oxford who discussed power-related issues in a talk titled "Reining in a Liberal UN: China, Power Shifts, and the UN's Peace and Security Pillar." Panel presentations were organized around international and domestic topics – China's global influence, China's rise and the liberal world order, China's relations with the United States and the European Union, China's relations with Africa and Latin America, domestic politics and "governing the green transition in China." Intriguing about the conference was its location in Duisburg, Germany, a city with strong, though possibly weakening, connections to China's Belt and Road Initiative as a transportation and logistics hub that was visited by Chinese President Xi Jinping in 2014. Conference participants who attended the welcome dinner in the inner harbor area were able to get a feel for the importance of the waterways in a city where the Rhine river meets the Ruhr river. **(James F. Paradise)**



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Photos from the 2023 ACPS Annual Meeting



Karen Shire

Steve Chan



Chen Dan

Süha Atatüre



Brantly Womack

Rosemary Foot



(Left to right) Markus Taube and Steve Chan

(Left to right) Brantly Womack, Benjamin Creutzfeldt, and Rosemary Foot



Baogang Guo

Wei Liang



(Left to right) Haiyu Xie, Sau Kan Chan, Tianrong Pan and Danielle Wu

(Left to right) Pedro Henrique Abelin and Margaret Pearson



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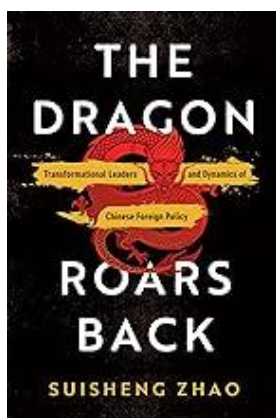
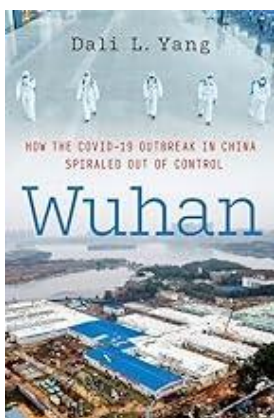
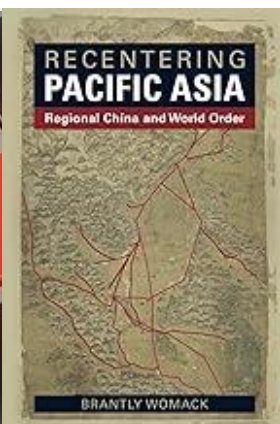
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Scholar Profiles

Dr. Margaret M. Pearson



Margaret M. Pearson is Dr. Horace V. and Wilma E. Harrison Distinguished Professor of Government and Politics at the University of Maryland, College Park. Her research is in the areas of comparative and international political economy of China. Recent work has focused on evolving firm governance practices in China and the impact of China's overseas economic footprint on public opinion and on host state behavior. She received her Ph.D. in Political Science from Yale University and taught for a decade at Dartmouth College before moving to the University of Maryland in 1996. Her books include *The State and Capitalism in China* (with Meg Rithmire and Kellee Tsai, Cambridge Element), *China's Strategic Multilateralism* (with Scott Kastner and Chad Rector, Cambridge University Press), *Joint Ventures in the People's Republic of China* (Princeton University Press) and *China's New Business Elite: The Political Results of Economic Reform* (University of California Press). Her articles have appeared in *Journal of Politics*, *World Politics*, *World Development*, *Governance*, *China Quarterly*, *The China Journal*, *Public Administration Review*, *Journal of Contemporary China*, and *Review of International Political Economy*. She held a Fulbright Fellowship at Peking University in 2002.

Haiyu Xie



Haiyu Xie is currently a Ph.D. candidate in Chinese energy and environmental policy research at the School of Social Sciences and Technology, Technical University of Munich, Germany. She studied at the Center for Global Politics at the Freie Universität Berlin from 2016 to 2019, during which time her research focused on energy security. In 2020, she interned at the Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (located in Bonn, Germany), participating in research on renewable energy issues in underdeveloped areas, and was also involved in a sustainable development project that aimed to solve the electricity problem of residents in villages without electricity in African countries through solar power generation. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she became a research assistant (online) at the Energy Transition and Social Development Research Center of Tsinghua University (China), studying the development of solar and wind energy in rural areas of China. During this period, she conducted a large number of surveys and interviews with Chinese local governments and energy companies including private enterprises and state-owned enterprises. She has conducted academic exchange activities at the University of Oslo, Oxford University and Ukrainian Catholic University (Lviv, Ukraine). Her doctoral thesis focuses on the formulation of provincial renewable energy policies and accelerated energy transition in China, analyzing China's subnational energy politics and the politics surrounding policy acceleration based on case studies and comparative analysis.

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