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From the Desk of the President

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Wei Liang, President of ACPS

I am honored to serve as the president of the Association of Chinese Political Studies (ACPS) in 2015-2016, which has provided continuous leadership, professional opportunities, and intellectual exchange to those interested in Chinese political studies since its founding in 1986. Over the past several years, the ACPS has held successful academic symposia in conjunction with the University of Kansas (USA), University of Costa Rica (Costa Rica), King's College London China Institute (UK), Cal State San Francisco University (USA), Endicott College (USA), Fudan University's National Institute for Advanced Study on Social Science (PRC), the National Chengchi University College of International Affairs (Taiwan), and the Missouri State University Department of Political Science (USA). It also has orchestrated well attended related group panels at the American Political Science Association annual meetings. These venues have yielded a number of articles, edited book volumes, and special journal issues, advancing the ACPS's objective of promoting Chinese political studies.

The ACPS has been active in establishing relations with institutions in China, the US, and elsewhere. In recent years, the ACPS has supplemented its large membership base with new members from a multitude of lands in Asia, Latin America, Russia and Europe. We have been described by some

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Editor's Note

It has been a while since last issue of the newsletter was published, during which quite a number of events have happened. We want to have all these happenings reflected in our new issue so that our members can be informed of all the changes.

The first of these changes is the election of our new board of directors. John James Kennedy finished his term (2012-2014) successfully and fruitfully and Wei Liang has assumed the new office (2014-2016). The major events and achievements during Kennedy's presidency are summarized in his farewell remarks while our future planning is described in the statement of the new president Wei Liang.

In this issue, we also feature a report on the recently concluded joint conference between the ACPS and Peking University, June 6-7. This

conference participants as “one big family” and many ACPS conference attendees build life-long associations through our gatherings.

Our most recent gathering was the 28th annual meeting of the ACPS, co-sponsored by Peking University School of International Studies in early June. The conference attracted scholars from around the world and we ran more than 60 panels, the largest in ACPS’s history. On behalf of the ACPS board, I want to express my sincere gratitude to all those who had participated in the conference and those who had contributed in different ways to the success of this event. With the support of you, I am confident that ACPS will make even greater achievements in the future. ■

Farewell Speech of Former President John James Kennedy



The ACPS has been an important part of my academic career since graduate school. From writing the dissertation, the search for a teaching position and then tenure, the ACPS has provided support and encouragement throughout my career. Therefore, it was a great pleasure to serve as the President of the ACPS from 2012-2014. I was extremely fortunate to work with a great Board of Directors: Zeng Jin, Zhang Ning, Steven Balla, Zhang Wanfa, Edward Yang and Wei Liang. We accomplished much and put together two outstanding conferences. On August 22nd and 23rd, 2013, we held the first ACPS conference in Latin America at the University of Costa Rica (UCR). China and Latin American relations have been growing over the years with greater diplomatic and economic engagement. This is a developing field (region) in China studies and the ACPS is at the forefront. The meeting was hosted by the ACPS and UCR as well as the UCR Confucian Institute.

annual event is the hallmark of the ACPS and this year’s conference is one of the most widely attended and successful events ever held by ACPS. Those members who had missed this important event will be able to keep track of what had happened to our association during these days.

As usual we include an update of our member changes and their recent publications. Our readers will be impressed with how significant these publications as well as those activities are. Since the newsletter was not published in 2014 for various reasons, our update covers all what had taken place during this period. An introduction to all those who have been involved in the operation of our organization in recent years is included at the end of the newsletter.

We are indebted to all our members for their constant support for the ACPS and the newsletter, particularly those who have provided us with new information. Your attention and support make all our work meaningful and worthwhile. ■

Any contributions, comments and/or suggestions, please contact the ACPS Newsletter editor Wanfa Zhang at globalpolitics@fit.edu or President Liang at: wliang@miis.edu.

Announcement of the 2016 Meeting

At the Beijing conference, the Board decided that ACPS’ next conference would be held at Middlebury Institute of International Studies, CA in Summer 2016.

Details are still under discussion. When things are finalized, they will be announced formally to our members as well as the academics around the world. Please keep an eye on our next important event.

The conference had 23 presentations within two days with topics ranging from China's perception of the United States to China's recent economic and cultural influence in Latin America. At the end of the conference, participants met with UCR faculty to discuss the establishment of a China-Latin American Studies center. Based on this discussion, I made a follow up visit to UCR in December 2014 and we are moving forward with the center. The 2013 ACPS meeting was the critical starting point for this project and the ACPS will continue to participate in the development of this center.

On September 22-23, 2014, we held our 27th annual meeting at the University of Kansas. The conference was a great success with 22 paper presentations and the key note speaker was Kevin O'Brien, Professor of Political Science and Director, Institute of East Asian Studies at the University of California, Berkeley. We also had an additional invited speaker Professor Yang Zhong, School of International and Public Affairs at Shanghai Jiao Tong University. Participants came from universities across the United States such as University of Hawaii, University of California (Merced), University of Iowa, University of Pittsburgh, and New York University. In addition, we also had international participants from the University of Regina (Canada), Feng Chia University (Taiwan), National University of Singapore and Central China Normal University (Wuhan). The meeting produced a number of excellent papers and discussions in the areas of governance and

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political development, public opinion and social media, foreign policy as well as surveys and social development in China.

Beyond the conferences we have also started the process for becoming a federal tax exempt nonprofit organization. The process begins with an application to receive 501(c)(3) status. We are submitting the application in 2015.

In addition, Steven Balla has put together fantastic ACPS panels at American Political Science Association (APSA) meetings. The ACPS was well represented at the 109th APSA Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL and the ACPS panels at the 110th APSA Annual Meeting in Washington DC.

I have learned much over the last two years. The greatest pleasure in serving as the President of the ACPS is having the opportunity to meet and work with China scholars from around the country and the globe. I have enjoyed meeting new people and fellow China scholars at the conferences as well as working with my friends on the Board of Directors.

I am looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones at the future ACPS meetings and events. ■



Closing ceremony of the 2013 conference at UCR with dancers in traditional Costa Rican costumes entertaining the conference participants.

Special Report on the 28th ACPS Annual Meeting Jointly Held with Peking University

On June 6-7, the United States (US) Association of Chinese Political Studies (ACPS), in conjunction with School of International Studies at the Peking University (Beijing, China), held an international conference entitled “China and the changing world order: domestic and international dimensions” on the campus of Peking University. The conference received financial support from the Peking University Center for China and Global Governance Studies, Peking University Center for International Security and Peace Studies, Peking University Editorial Board of the Journal of International Studies, the Mr. & Mrs. S.H. Wong Center for the Study of Multinational Corporations (U.S.).

This timely and stimulating conference attracted 75 participants from 17 countries and regions, including U.S., Russia, Germany, Singapore, Pakistan, Mexico, Colombia, Chile, Canada, South Korea, United Kingdom, Israel, Japan, mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao. Presentations were given by academics, doctoral candidates, and researchers associated



Opening ceremony in the North Building at Peking University.

with international organizations, research centers, and universities. The meeting’s 16 panels covered a wide range of issues related to Chinese political studies. Foreign policy oriented papers covered a variety topics as National Security and Territorial Contention; China and its Neighbors; The Politico-Economy of China-Latin America Investment Relations; China in Global Environmental Governance; A Constructivist Approach to Great Power Politics; China in International Political Economy; China-US relations; China’s Economic Diplomacy in the World; China Rising: Threat or Opportunity for the Rest? Domestic politics oriented presentations tackled issues such as Social Changes and Regime Stability in China; Trade and Investment; Nationalism, Ethnic Governance and Social Unrest; Political discourse and content analysis on China studies; Local Governance in China; Media, History Education and Politics; Domestic Economic Reform: Reaching the Bottleneck?.

The opening ceremony on June 6 was facilitated by Peking University School of International Studies Vice Dean WANG Yizhou. Opening remarks for the conference were given by ACPS President Wei Liang and Peking University School of International Studies Dean JIA Qingguo. For the keynote speech given at the opening ceremony on June 6, President



President Liang with Dr. Wang Jisi (right) and Dr. Jia Qingguo at the opening ceremony.

WANG Jisi of the Peking University Institute of International and Strategic Studies spoke on “One World, One Dream: China and International Order.” For the keynote speech given at the conference banquet on June 7, General CHEN Zhou (陈舟), from Academy of Military Science of the Chinese People’s Liberation Army on China’s new defense policy.



General Chen delivering a keynote speech.

At the ACPS annual meeting business meeting, the board voted unanimously to present JCPS editor-in-chief Dr. GUO Sujian a Special Achievement Award and to recognize the significant contribution made by him to improve and promote the JCPS in the past several years.

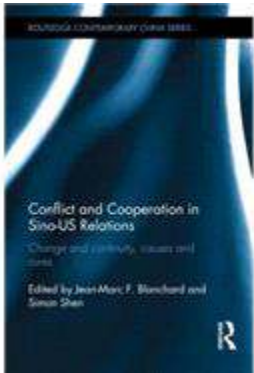
At the conference closing on Sunday, June 7, Dr. Liang expressed her appreciation to the faculty, staff and student volunteers of the School of International Studies, Peking University for their support and thanked Dr. Jean-Marc Blanchard, the executive director of the Mr. & Mrs. S.H. Wong Center for the Study of Multinational Corporations for his continuous support to ACPS. ■



Part of the participants in the conference.

Highlights of Member's Scholarly Works since 2014

Blanchard, Jean-Marc, and Simon Shen. Eds. 2015. *Conflict and Cooperation in Sino-US Relations: Change & Continuity, Causes & Cures*. London: Routledge.



Blanchard, Jean-Marc. 2015. "The People's Republic of China Leadership Transition and its External Relations: Still Searching for Definitive Answers." *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, 20: 1-16.

Blanchard, Jean-Marc. 2014. "The China Investment Corporation: Power, Wealth, or Something Else," *China: An International Journal*. 12: 155-175.

Blanchard, Jean-Marc, and Wei Liang. 2014. "The US, East Asian FTAs, and China." In *Regional Cooperation and Free Trade Agreements in Asia*, edited by Jiaying Hu and Matthias Vanhullebusch, 328-348. Leiden: Brill Nijhoff.

Breslin, Thomas A. 2015. "The South China Sea: Cauldron of War, Neighborhood Hot Pot, or Academic Exercise?" Paper presented at Southeast Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, Charlottesville, VA, January 18, 2015.

Huang, Haifeng 2015. "International Knowledge and Domestic Evaluations in a Changing Society: The Case of China." *American Political Science Review*, Forthcoming.

Other Member Updates

Ghulam Ali has received a Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Center for Pakistan Studies, Department of South Asian Studies, Peking University, Beijing. Before that, he worked as an Assistant Professor and Head of Research at China Study Center, COMSATS Institute of Information Technology, Islamabad.

Jean-Marc F. Blanchard (白永辉), Professor and Assistant Dean, School of International and Public Affairs, Shanghai Jiaotong University, has been named Executive Director of the Mr. & Mrs. S.H. Wong Center for the Study of Multinational Corporations (a California non-profit think tank). In 2014, he also joined the Editorial Boards of *Asian Perspectives* (USA) and the *Journal of International Business Ethics* (China). Blanchard was a visiting scholar at the Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center, Stanford University from July 1 to October 31, 2014. He also serves as a weekly Business and Economics Commentator for *China Radio International's* Global English Service. Blanchard was former president of the ACPS (2010-2012).

Oliver Lee published his memoir titled *Oliver's Travels: The Making of a Chinese-American Radical*. The publisher is ClearSpace of San Bernardino, CA.

He Li (李和) received a Henry Luce Fellowship (Sept 2013-May 2014) earlier and a Fulbright Research Award recently. If everything goes smoothly, he will be in Beijing for three months doing his research starting from September 2015.

Lee, Oliver. 2014. *Oliver's Travels: The Making of a Chinese-American Radical*. San Bernardino, CA: ClearSpace.

Li, He (李和). 2015. *Political Thought and China's Transformation: Ideas Shaping the Reform in Post-Mao China*. London: Palgrave Macmillan.



McBeath, Gerald A., and Jenifer Huang McBeath with Tian Qing and Huang Yu. 2014. *Environmental Education in China*, Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar.

Ogden, Chris. 2014. *Indian Foreign Policy: Ambition & Transition*. Cambridge: Polity.

Ogden, Chris. 2014. *Hindu Nationalism and the Evolution of Contemporary Indian Security: Portents of Power*. Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Weiss, Jessica Chen. 2014. *Powerful Patriots: Nationalist Protest in China's Foreign Relations*. New York: Oxford University Press.

White, Lynn T. 2015. *Philippine Politics: Possibilities and Problems in a Localist Democracy*. London: Routledge.

White, Lynn T. 2015. *Hong Kong's Democratization - and China's?* (currently under press review)

Yu, Peter Kien-hong. 2015. *Ocean Governance, Regimes, and the South China Sea Issues: A One-dot Theory Interpretation*. Singapore: Springer.

Zhang, ZhongXiang, ed. 2015. "Energy and Climate Economics and Policy, Special Issue for the 120th Anniversary of Tianjin University." In *Environmental Economics and Policy Studies* (EconLit), 17: 179-360. ■

Huang Haifeng's paper "International Knowledge and Domestic Evaluations in a Changing Society" is forthcoming in the *American Political Science Review*. An earlier version of the paper was presented at the 25th ACPS conference in San Francisco, which also received the Best (Faculty) Paper Award of that year. At this year's conference, he presented a follow-up study of the APSR paper.

Chris Ogden made a policy briefing titled "Carpe Diem: India's 2014 General Elections and the BJP-led NDA" at Foreign Policy Centre on March 26, 2014.

As of July 1, 2015, **Jessica Chen Weiss** will be joining the Department of Government at Cornell University as an associate professor. Her previous affiliation is Yale University.

Lynn T. White has now retired from active teaching, but he is still active at East Asia (esp. China) meetings during springs and autumns at Princeton, and during winters in Berkeley.

Zhang ZhongXiang (张中祥) was appointed by the National Center for Science & Technology Evaluation of China's Ministry of Science and Technology to lead The Experts Panel on Evaluation of Economic and Social Impacts of the National Key Projects that are supported by the central government of China. In 2014, a number of his invited articles were published in edited volumes by different presses in China and abroad. Zhang has also been invited to give keynote speeches or talks at international conferences held in China, France, Germany, Korea, Peru, UK and US over the period. He currently serves on the editorial board of *International Journal of Climate Change Strategies and Management* that is based in Emerald, UK. ■

Meet the people who are involved in the operation of ACPS since 2006



Above: Four former presidents of ACPS. From left to right, Dr. Guo Baogang (2008-2010), Dr. Blanchard (2010-2012), Dr. Kennedy (2012-2014) and Dr. Guo Sujian (2006-2008). Dr. Guo is also editor-in-chief of the Journal of Chinese Political Science. He just received the Special Achievement Award given by the ACPS Board for his significant contribution to improving and promoting JCP in the past several years.

Right: The Journal of Chinese Political Science

Top-right: current president Dr. Wei Liang (right) with JCP editor Jessica Teets.



Current ACPS Board of Directors (2014-2016)

**President:**

WEI LIANG (梁微)

Board of Directors:

YI EDWARD YANG (杨溢), President-elect (above, right)

JIN JULIE ZENG (曾金), Treasurer (left, middle)

STEVEN J. BALLA, Research Director (above, left)

WANFA ZHANG (张万发), Secretary and Newsletter Editor (left, first from left)

SHANRUO NING ZHANG (张宁), Membership Director (left, second from left)

XIAOJUN LI (李晓俊), Publicity Director (left, first from right)

