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Editor's Note

How time flies! It was already the end of October when we realized it was time to prepare this year's newsletter. Over the past year, there were considerable new things happened to the Association, which are so worthwhile for our members to share.

As usual, the first thing we will carry is the message from the president who will give us a summary of what had happened over the past year to the Association. A special report on our biggest annual event, the annual meeting, is what we will not miss. This year's meeting was jointly held by ACPS and Nankai University in Tianjin, China, in June. Nankai is one of the most prestigious universities in China.

In this issue, we also publish a status report by the editors-in-chief of the Journal of Chinese Political Science (JCPS), the only academic journal published by our Association. JCPS has made notable progress in article views, downloads and citations over the past year. The status report will provide you with more details.

Messages from the President

"We invite all of you to find ways to contribute to the ACPS! With your continued support, ACPS will grow stronger in the years ahead."

Yi Edward Yang, President



Dear ACPS members and supporters:

Welcome to the Fall 2017 issue of the newsletter of the Association of Chinese Political Studies (ACPS)! This past year has witnessed impressive accomplishments by both ACPS and its members.

On June 10-11, 2017, the ACPS and the Zhou Enlai School of Government of Nankai University hosted ACPS's 30th annual meeting and international symposium in Tianjin, China. The conference theme was "China's Public Policy and National Governance." Attended by 79 scholars from 12 countries and regions, the conference was a huge success! Papers presented at this conference have generated three on-going projects -- two edited volumes and a special journal issue.

In September, ACPS sponsored an important and well-attended panel on "Institutions and Institutionalization under Chinese Authoritarianism" at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA) held in San Francisco. In November, ACPS sponsored a roundtable focusing on U.S.-China relations at the inaugural Southwest Texas Asian Symposium.

Next we will introduce the board of directors of the Association. Although there has been no change with the board over the past year, it makes sense for our new members to know the people who are running the organization. We will also introduce several former board members who attended the Nankai meeting.

At the end, we conclude with member publications and other updates. Our readers will see an impressive list of publications in the form of books, book chapters, journal articles, etc. Unfortunately, we cannot list all of them due to space limit, which also forces us to give up some others, such as op-ed articles on newspapers and policy papers. Congratulations on the academic achievements of our members! ■

Any contributions, comments and/or suggestions, please contact the ACPS Newsletter editor Wanfa Zhang at globalpolitics@fit.edu or President Yi Edward Yang at: yangyx@jmu.edu.

Update of the 2018 ACPS Annual Meeting and ACPS Panel at the ISA 2018 Convention

Tentatively, the 2018 ACPS annual meeting will be held between Oct. 11 - 12, 2018 in Harrisonburg, Virginia. It will be hosted by James Madison Univ. Stay tuned for updates.

The ACPS will sponsor a panel titled "Incentives for Policy Innovation in Contemporary China" at the 2018 International Studies Association (ISA) annual convention (April 4 – 7 in San Francisco). Readers are encouraged to attend the panel. Details are as below.

- Disc. Haifeng Huang (University of California, Merced)
- (1) *Enforcing Driving Restrictions in (Some) Chinese Cities: A Counter Intuitive Case of Local Cadre Agency?* -- Anna Ahlers (U. of Oslo)
 - (2) *Exit or Voice: Understanding the Recent "Resignation Wave" of Political Hopefuls in China* -- Xiang Gao (Zhejiang U.); Lianjiang Li (Chinese U. of Hong Kong)
 - (3) *Political Personalities and Incentives for Policy Innovation: Exploring the Micro Foundations of Local Governance in China* -- Jessica Teets (Middlebury College); Reza Hasmath (U. of Alberta)
 - (4) *Rise and Fall of Policy Innovations in China: A Local Governance Perspective*-Kyoung Shin (National Tsing Hua U.)
 - (5) *State Strategies under Global Rules: Chinese Industrial Policy in the WTO Era* - Yeling Tan (Harvard U.)
 - (6) *Institutional Enforcement and Media Control in China* -- Dan Chen (Elizabethtown College) ■

Meanwhile, plan is moving ahead for the Association's fall 2018 annual meeting at James Madison University in Virginia. We plan to circulate a formal call for papers in spring 2018 after conference details are finalized. We are also working to arrange smaller workshops on different topics of China studies in the spring or summer of 2018. We will keep you apprised of any noteworthy developments as they occur.

Meetings, workshops, and conference panels, such as those listed above, are but some of the myriad rewards of ACPS membership. Aside from these, we maintain the well-regarded Journal of Chinese Political Science (<http://online.sfsu.edu/jcps/>), which is moving up the ranks and becoming an increasingly influential outlet for some of the best work in the field. We also regularly circulate job listings and funding information to our members, and give our members abundant opportunities to participate in conference volumes and special journal issues, to co-sponsor conferences and workshops, and to build up their professional and personal networks.

We invite all of you to find ways to contribute to the ACPS! With your continued support, ACPS will grow stronger in the years ahead. Together, we can make a difference in the pursuit of academic excellence and intellectual development in China studies.

Yi Edward Yang
ACPS President (2016 – 2018) ■

JCPS Editors-in-Chief Report on Status of the Journal and Call for Citations

ACPS Members, contributing authors, and colleagues:

The editors of the Journal of Chinese Political Science (JCPS) are proud to announce that the journal has recently been accepted into ESCI, Thomson Reuter's Emerging Sources Citation Index, a new index in the Web of Science Core Collection. We have recorded an increasing number of article views and downloads, especially for our special issues and new "review essay" format.

We are also currently under review to have our journal listed as a SSCI journal, and hope to have this distinction in the near future. When this listing happens, it appears

that our impact factor will be around 1 (citeScore = 0.96, SJR = 1.023, SNIP = 1.417).

Despite these recent achievements, the editors recognize that we still have work to do to improve the quality of the journal, and to ensure that our citation and download rates continue to increase (thus increasing our impact factor once listed with SSCI). Therefore, we want to reach out to our community to request your continued support.

We encourage you to cite the articles published in our journal in your publication in other journals, and also to communicate any suggestions you might have to improve the journal to the editors. Please also sign up for each new table of contents to be automatically sent to your inbox, and remember to add citations to relevant articles published in JCPS. We will also have a new social media presence that will allow you to stay updated with both JCPS and ACPS events and news, which we will announce shortly.

As our journal is still under review to determine its

impact factor when listed in the SSCI, we hope that you and your colleagues will cite articles published in JCPS in your publications. The journal is important for our community to share and deliberate on our research findings, and especially for our junior colleagues' career development. Thus, we are grateful for your continued support for the success of JCPS during this pivotal time.

We appreciate your support and look forward to publishing your articles in the future,

Sincerely,

Sujian Guo, Ph.D.

Editor-in-Chief, *Journal of Chinese Political Science*
Professor, Department of Political Science at SF State University

Jessica Teets, Ph.D.

Associate Editor-in-Chief, *Journal of Chinese Political Science*
Professor, Department of Political Science, Middlebury College ■

Special Report on the 30th ACPS Annual Meeting Jointly Held with Nankai University, Tianjin, China

Tianjin China, the site of the 30th annual ACPS meeting and international symposium, holds historical significance in China's interactions with the outside world. During the events of the Second Opium War (1856-1860), the Qing dynasty signed the Tianjin treaties, one of the infamous "Unequal Treaties," which gave concessions to six European countries, the US, and Japan to set up permanent trade access to Tianjin's port, churches and residences around the city, as well as diplomatic consulates in Beijing. For the first time in its history China was open to the world, and the world



The main library of Nankai University.



Welcome remarks by Prof. Ke Gong, President of Nankai University.

has never been the same since. Tianjin remains important today as the port city for Beijing, China's capital, and the third largest city in China.

On June 10-11 the ACPS and the Zhou Enlai School of Government of Nankai University hosted ACPS's 30th annual meeting and international symposium at Nankai University's Jinnan Campus. The conference theme was "China's Public Policy and National Governance."

The conference was attended by 79 participants from many different institutions across 12 countries and regions, including the U.S., China, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Mexico, Germany, Singapore, Scotland, South Korea, and United Arab Emirates. Presentations were given by academics, doctoral candidates, and researchers associated with international organizations, research centers, and universities.

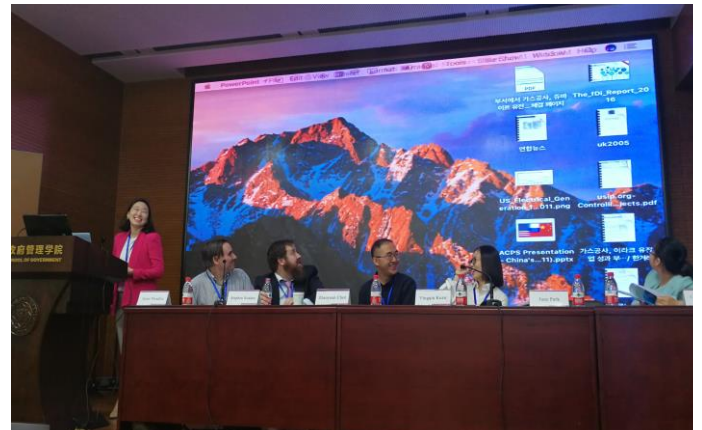
Former ISA president Amitav Acharya of American University delivering his keynote speech and presenting his views on a new global order under the influence of China's rise in his recent book.



The 15 event panels covered a vast array of issues related to Chinese political studies. International relations-focused papers comprised of such topics as Chinese Economic Diplomacy and International Aid; Regional Security; South China Sea Disputes; Deployment of the Terminal High Altitude Air Defense System (THAAD) in South Korea; The One Belt One Road initiative (OBOR);



Pierre Landry of New York University Shanghai delivering his keynote speech and sharing the history of China studies in the US.



A moment of lightness before the start of Panel IR5: "China's Outward FDI and Trade Investments" with panelists (L-R) June Park (National U. of Singapore), James Paradise (Yonsei U.), Stephen Noakes (U. of Auckland), Zhaoyuan Chen (Renmin U.) and Yingqiu Kuan (U. of British Columbia).

The Asian Infrastructure and Investment Bank (AIIB); and China-Europe relations. Domestic politics-oriented presentations included Internet, Media, and Civil Society; National and Local Governance Challenges; Environmental Governance; Political Culture; Values, Norms, and Political Trust; and Policy Innovation and Implementation.

The June 10 opening ceremony was facilitated by Nankai University Zhou Enlai School of Government's Dean Zhicheng Wu. Opening remarks for the conference were given by Nankai president Ke Gong, ACPS president Yi Edward Yang, and Wong Center for the Study of



Qingmin Zhang (Peking U., left) making his comments on papers of Panel IR4 "South China Sea Issue and Relations with ASEAN Countries" with panel chair Xiaoyu Pu (U. of Nevada, Reno) sitting to his left.

Multinational Corporations executive director Jean-Marc Blanchard. Keynote speeches were delivered by Pierre Landry of NYU Shanghai, who went into some detail about the interesting roots of American scholarship in Chinese politics, Amitav Acharya of American University and former president of the International Studies Association (ISA), who addressed the imminent reality of a rising China, and Nankai vice president Guanglei Zhu, who reviewed recent reforms in central-local policymaking in China. The range of conversational focus and backgrounds between the speakers set the tone for what would transpire as an illuminating, collaborative, and multifaceted event.

At the ACPS annual meeting business meeting, attending board members (Yi Edward Yang, Jin Zeng, Shanruo Ning Zhang, and Xiaojun Li) discussed ideas for the 2018 annual conference and decided to look into the procedure and requirements for making ACPS an organizational affiliate of the Association of Asian Studies (AAS).

The closing event on Sunday, June 11 was facilitated by conference co-chair, Professor Zhaoying Han of Nankai University. During the event, ACPS president Yi Edward Yang expressed his appreciation to the faculty, staff and student volunteers of the Zhou Enlai School of Government, Nankai University for hosting a successful and memorable conference and thanked all conference participants for their support of ACPS.



Panel IR 2: OBOR and AIIB with panelists (left-right) Laura Bunting (U. of Auckland), Jean-Marc Blanchard (East China Normal U.), Lei Yang (Nankai U.), Xiaoyu Pu (U. of Nevada Reno), Kai He (Griffith U.) and Xiaojun Li (U. of British Columbia, Canada).



At the reception before the formal opening of the conference, Prof. Zhicheng Wu, Dean of Zhou Enlai School of Government, Nankai U., gave a warm welcome speech.



Conference co-chairs Zhaoying Han of Nankai U. and ACPS President Yi Edward Yang announced the closing of the conference.



Conference participants and other audience at the Closing Ceremony.



Closing Ceremony of the 30th Annual Conference of ACPS.



Participants on the first day of conference.

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



Left: Four former and current presidents of ACPS. From left to right, Dr. Wei Liang (2014-2016), Dr. Jean- Marc Blanchard (2010-2012), Dr. Sujian Guo (2006-2008) and Dr. Yi Edward Yang (2016-2018).

Bottom (left-right): Dr. Wanfa Zhang, Dr. Yi Edward Yang, Dr. Xiaojun Li and Dr. Jin Julie Zeng.

Below (left-right): Dr. Steven Balla and Dr. Jessica Teets.



Current ACPS Board of Directors (2016-2018)



Above (left-right): Dr. Wanfa Zhang, Dr. Yi Edward Yang, Dr. Xiaojun Li and Dr. Jin Julie Zeng.

President:

YI EDWARD YANG (杨溢)

Board of Directors:

JESSICA TEETS, President-elect

STEVEN J. BALLA, Research Director

JIN JULIE ZENG (曾金), Treasurer

XIAOJUN LI (李晓隽), Publicity Director

SHANRUO NING ZHANG (张宁), Membership Director

WANFA ZHANG (张万发), Secretary and Newsletter Editor

Highlights of Member's Scholarly Publications in 2017

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Balla, Steven J., and William T. Gormley, Jr. 2017. *Bureaucracy and Democracy: Accountability and Performance*, 4th edition. Washington, DC: Sage CQ Press.

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Cheng, Chung-ying, and Tianyuan Huang. 2017. *Yijing Wenmingguan: Cong Yixue Dao Guoji Zhengzhi Xin Siwei (Philosophy of the Yijing: New thinking on international politics)*. Beijing: People's Oriental Publishing & Media Co. Ltd.

Copper, John F. 2017. *Fei-dan, Jeng-ke yu Mi-mi-wai-jiao (Gunboats Politicians and Secret Diplomacy)*. Taipei: Yuan Tzu Press.



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Yu, Peter Kien-hong. 2017. *Reinventing the Methodology of Studying Contemporary China: Re-testing the One-dot Theory*. Singapore: Springer Nature.

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Other Member Updates

Ghulam Ali has moved from Dept. of South Asian Studies, Peking University, Beijing to Dept. of Political Science, School of Marxism, Sichuan University of Science and Engineering, Zigong, Chengdu, China. He has also received national talent award (China) to conduct research on China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, China-South Asia Relations, etc. Ali's book *China-Pakistan Relations: A Historical Analysis* (2017) has been translated into Chinese and its Chinese version will be published early 2018 in China.

Jean-Marc F. Blanchard, Distinguished Professor with the School of Advanced International and Area Studies at East China Normal Univ. (Shanghai), continues to serve as Executive Director of the Mr. & Mrs. S.H. Wong Center for the Study of Multinational

Corporations (USA), a think tank focused on the politico-economy of foreign direct investment/multinational corporations in and from East Asia. In 2017, he co-edited a special issue of *Geopolitics* (22, No. 2) entitled "The Geopolitics of China's Maritime Silk Road Initiative." In the spring, he gave speeches at Stanford Univ. (US), the 4th Annual Shanghai Maritime Forum (China), and the 2017 Government Affairs Forum (Beijing, China). In the fall, he gave speeches at the 10th Baltic Sea Region Forum (Finland), the National Univ. of Singapore (Singapore), and Nanyang Technological Univ. (Singapore).

Zhiqun Zhu serves now as Professor and Chair of International Relations Department at Bucknell University.

Sheri Zhang Leimbiger, Professor of Asian Studies in the Dept. of Modern Languages and Literatures, Univ. of Ottawa, Canada and Jianfu Ma, Professor of Cultural Anthropology at North Minzu Univ., Ningxia, China jointly launched a research project titled "A Companion to Modern Chinese Culture and Literature: A Glimpse of the Beautiful Unseen and Untold Story of the Silk Road." This project will examine the localization of Islamic culture in China, the uniqueness of Japanese believers and the Islamic identity in North America. Upon completion, it intends to make a contribution to China's Islamic studies and to the discussion and analysis of comparative political cultures between the west and the east. ■

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