Call for Papers

ASSOCIATION OF CHINESE POLITICAL STUDIES-
COLLEGE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS UNIVERSITY

“China’s Accession to the WTO 10 Years Later:
International Institutions and China’s Domestic and Foreign Policies

Saturday-Sunday, October 22-23, 2011

Introduction

The Association of Chinese Political Studies (ACPS) and the College of Foreign Affairs University (CFAU), People’s Republic of China (PRC) will hold an international conference at the CFAU, the only institution of higher learning in China operating under the guidance of the PRC Ministry of Foreign Affairs, from October 22-23, 2011. The conference is hosted by the CFAU and co-sponsored by the ACPS, the CFAU, and the Mr. & Mrs. S.H. Wong Foundation.

Conference Theme

In 2001, after almost a 15-year negotiating process, the PRC became a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO). To facilitate the process, it promised significant changes in its domestic and foreign economic policies in areas such as agriculture, tariffs, intellectual property rights (IPR), subsidies, and foreign investor market access. Moreover, it modified its trade policy regime. 2011 is the 10th year of China’s WTO accession and thus a logical time to consider how the WTO has affected China’s domestic governmental and economic structures, political and economic interest groups, and political and economic policies and, conversely, how these structures, interest groups, and policies have influenced China’s participation in the WTO.

The 10th anniversary of China’s accession to the WTO also provides a convenient opening to assess China’s participation in and contribution to other international and regional institutions such as the World Bank, the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum, and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization.
We invite papers that not only look not at the “narrow” dimensions of the aforementioned topics, but which delve into the factors that influence the nature and degree of the reciprocal interaction between international and regional institutions and China’s domestic structures, interest groups, and policies. Papers also can examine how regional and international institutions influence China’s foreign policy and the ways in which Chinese foreign policy shapes regional and international institutions. Although multiple disciplinary and methodological perspectives are welcome, we encourage theoretically oriented papers.

Publication Opportunities

Exemplary conference papers will have the opportunity to be published in any edited volumes flowing from the conference as well as to be considered for publication in the ACPS’s flagship journal, the Journal of Chinese Political Science (JCPS).

Abstract/Paper Submission Procedures

The deadline for abstract submission is August 12, 2011. While not required, full papers will receive priority consideration. At this time, the organizers currently are not accepting panel proposals.

All the following items should be incorporated into the body of an email addressed to acpsus.org@gmail.com: 1) the paper title; 2) the names of all authors and their institutional titles; 3) contact information for the primary author (mailing address, email, phone number, and fax number); 4) an abstract of 150-200 words maximum; and 5), if you are a doctoral candidate, the name and email of your primary advisor/committee chair. Please put “2011 ACPS CFAU conf” in your email subject line. Accompanying paper submissions, if any, should be in MS Word format and submitted as an attachment to your email.

Acceptance of Proposals

The Organizers will issue notifications of acceptance, via email, to the primary author listed in the paper proposal. It is anticipated that this will occur no later than August 19, 2011.

Conference Registration Procedures

Those whose papers have been accepted and plan on attending the conference will have to register for the conference by September 2, 2011 per instructions to be provided. Individuals who have paid their ACPS membership dues and conference registration fees in full will be entitled to, a minimum of, two free nights of lodging as well as complimentary meals throughout the duration of the conference.

Volunteering

We welcome expressions of interest from conference attendees willing to serve as chairs and discussants.