International Conference Update
Greater China in an Era of Globalization
14-15 July, 2008

Association of Chinese Political Studies (ACPS-USA) and the Hong Kong Institute of Asia Pacific-Studies (HKIAPS) will co-organize an international conference to be held at the Chinese University of Hong Kong from 14-15 July 2008. The conference will be co-sponsored by HKIAPS, ACPS-USA, Mr. & Mrs. S. H. Wong Foundation, Ltd. Hong Kong, San Francisco State University College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, and the Hong Kong International Relations Research Association (HKIRRA) Roundtable Hong Kong.

Professor Robert G. Sutter of Georgetown University will be our keynote speaker at the conference. Professor Robert Sutter is a prominent scholar specialized in China and Asia, and he has published extensively in above areas. His most recent book *Chinese Foreign Relations* has been widely adopted in classroom. For the information regarding panel themes and paper topics, please visit the conference website: http://acps.sfsu.edu/acps/meetings/meeting.htm

International Symposium & the 21th ACPS Annual Meeting
“China after the 17th CCP Congress”
October 11-12, 2008

The Association of Chinese Political Studies will hold an international Symposium in conjunction with its 21st annual meeting at Missouri State University from October 10-11, 2008, with check-in on Friday, October 10th. The conference will be hosted and co-sponsored by the Provost Research Incentive Program and the Political Science Department at Missouri State University.

Professor Yang Dali will be our keynote speaker at the conference. Professor Yang Dali is a prominent scholar in Chinese political studies, and he publish extensively on China. He is previously the chairman of the department of political science at the University of Chicago, and now the director of Singapore’s East Asian Institute.

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We look forward to working with our sponsors and hosts to have successful conferences in summer and fall of 2008!
This year is the 30th anniversary of the normalization of Sino-American relations. It provides an important opportunity to reflect upon the twists and turns of the relationship, to consider the different forms (formal and informal, secret and public) the two countries have employed to interact with one another, and to evaluate the paths that might have been followed but were not.

The 30th anniversary of the relationship also provides a basis for considering the forces (political, economic, and social) and actors (top leaders, public opinion, special interests groups) that have influenced the course of the relationship since the two countries resumed full diplomatic relations and the conditions under which select forces and/or actors have mattered more than other actors.

Finally, the 30th anniversary of the relationship yields an occasion to engage in informed speculation about the prospects for the relationship and the mechanisms that the two countries can use to minimize future frictions and work cooperatively to realize their shared interests.

For its 2009 American Political Science Association related group panel, the ACPS seeks paper proposals which address the history, causes, and prospects of the Sino-American relationship since 1978. While there are restrictions with respect to disciplinary or theoretical perspectives, the ACPS is particularly interested in papers which make good use of primary source materials and are theoretically oriented. Paper proposals should not exceed 250 words and should contain the author’s, author’s title and affiliation, paper title, and paper abstract. The ACPS will be formally solicit proposals at a later date and thus they should not be sent at this time.
Call For Book Reviewers

The Journal of Chinese Political Science (JCPS) has received the following books for review and is soliciting reviews for JCPS Vol. 14, No. 1 and after. If you are interested in writing a review, please send your request and your contact information (including full mailing address) to Professor Jean-Marc F. Blanchard at jmfblanc@sfsu.edu. If you have not previously done a review for the review for JCPS, please provide a brief bio with your request. If you are a graduate student, please indicate your expected date of dissertation completion and please also provide the name of your dissertation supervisor. We will contact only those individuals whose requests to do reviews have been accepted. Concurrently, we will provide deadlines information and guidelines for the review.

Reviewers generally have two months to complete their reviews and may keep the book that they are sent, provided they complete the review. If you still have an outstanding book review, please submit your review soon or return the book to me so that I may assign it to someone else.

Professor Jean-Marc F. Blanchard is Book Review Editor of Journal of Chinese Political Science

Books Available for JCPS Review as of May 1, 2008

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Suijan Guo and Baogang Guo, eds. Challenges Facing Chinese Political Development (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2007), 250p. $32.95 softcover, $75.00 hardcover.
Anne-Marie Blondeau and Katia Buffetrille, eds., Authenticating Tibet: Answers to China’s 100 Questions (Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 2008) 402p. $60.00 hardcover, $24.95 softcover.
Timothy Brook, Jérôme Bourgon, and Gregory Blue, Death By A Thousand Cuts (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2007) 320p. $29.95 hardcover.
**New Books from ACPS Members**

**Some Assembly Required: Work, Community, and Politics in China's Rural Enterprises**  
Calvin Chen  
One linchpin of China's expansion has been township and village enterprises (TVEs), a vast group of firms with diverse modes of ownership and structure. Based on the author's fieldwork in Zhejiang, this book explores the emergence and success of rural enterprises. This study also examines how ordinary rural residents have made sense of and participated in the industrialization engulfing them in recent decades.

**China, the United States, and South-East Asia: Contending Perspectives on Politics, Security, and Economics**  
Edited by Sheldon W. Simon and Evelyn Goh  
China's emergence as a great power is a global concern that can potentially alter the structure of world politics. Its rise is multidimensional, affecting the political, security, and economic affairs of all states that comprise the world's fastest developing region of the Asia-Pacific. This volume, with its wide range of perspectives, will make a valuable contribution to the ongoing policy and academic dialogue on a rising China. It examines a range of perspectives on the nature of China's rise and its implications for Southeast Asian states as well as US interests in the region.

**Harmonious World and China's New Foreign Policy**  
Edited by Sujian Guo & Jean-Marc F. Blanchard  
The concept “harmonious world” has become new principles and goals of Chinese foreign policy under the fourth generation leadership. But, the question remains about the exact meanings of these principles and slogans, and their policy implications for Chinese foreign policy behavior. This is the first edited volume that attempts to address this significant question, and its insightful contributions would help this academic field understand new dimensions of Chinese foreign policy and their implications for China’s relations with the world.

**China In Search of a Harmonious Society**  
Edited by Sujian Guo & Baogang Guo  
This volume examines the new concept of “building harmonious society” proposed by the Chinese leadership under Hu Jintao, its important implications for the future of Chinese political development, and some major issues and questions in China’s academic and public debate on the search for a harmonious society.

**Catastrophe and Contention in Rural China: Mao's Great Leap Forward Famine and the Origins of Righteous Resistance in Da Fo Village**  
Ralph A. Thaxton, Jr.  
This book documents how China’s rural people remember the great famine of Maoist rule. Based on his study of a rural village’s memories of the famine, Thaxton argues that these memories persisted long after the events of the famine and shaped rural resistance to the socialist state, both before and after the post-Mao era of reform.

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**Member News**

- **Jean-Marc F. Blanchard** was recently appointed a member of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations. He recently published “China, MNCs, and Globalization: Beijing and Microsoft Battle over the Opening of China’s Gates,” Asian Perspectives, Vol. 31, No. 3 (2007), pp. 67-102 and “Multinationals versus State Power in an Era of Globalization: The Case of Microsoft in China,” In J. Jay Choi and Reid W. Click, eds., International Financial Review, Vol. 7 (Elsevier 2007), pp. 497-534. He was interviewed in January and March by San Francisco ABC affiliate KGO Channel 7 on, respectively, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s call for President Bush to boycott the 2008 Olympics opening ceremony and the geopolitics of the price of oil hitting $100/barrel.

- **Myungsik Ham** serves as coordinator and lecturer at graduate program of international studies at Center for Contemporary International Relations Studies of Jilin university and financed by China Scholarship Council. Coordinator and facilitator of cooperation program between Center for Contemporary International Relations Studies, Jilin university, China, and Graduate Program in Area Studies, Yonsei university, South Korea.

- **Dennis V. Hickey** has been awarded an endowed chair at his university. Beginning in the fall semester, he will be the "The James D. Morris Professor of Political Science" at Missouri State University. During the spring 2008 semester, Dr. Hickey is a Fulbright Scholar at the China Foreign Affairs University in Beijing, China. And during March 2008, he served as an election observer in Taipei.

- **Shiping Hua**’s book manuscript titled "Chinese Utopianism: A Comparative Study of Reformist Thought with Japan and Russia (1898-1997)" has been accepted and will soon be published by Stanford University Press-Wilson Center Press.


CALL FOR PAPERS

Special Issue 2009

The State of Chinese Political Studies: Past, Present and Future

*The Journal of Chinese Political Science* plans to publish a series of retrospective and prospective papers on the state of Chinese political studies. Our goal is to disseminate scholarship of the highest academic quality that can shed light on the ever changing field of Chinese political studies, provide valuable material for teachers and researchers of Chinese politics, broadly understood, and highlight the achievements, problems and issues, and directions of this subfield.

We are interested in papers that offer in-depth analyses and comprehensive syntheses of Chinese political studies as a subfield of political science as well as a cross-disciplinary area study. More specifically, we are interested in papers that address the following themes.

- Overview of Chinese political studies: past, present and future
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- Methods in Chinese Political Studies
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- The study of Chinese domestic politics at different levels
- The study of political institutions, parties, organizations in China
- The study of public administration in China
- The study of public policy in China
- The study of state-society relations in China
- International relations theory and Chinese foreign policy
- Chinese scholars, schools of thought, and their contributions to academic or political discourse in China’s reform and open-door policy
- Contributions of Chinese scholars to the fields of Chinese political studies
- The study of Chinese political development from a cross-disciplinary perspective

The preceding list is not exhaustive and we are willing to entertain submissions proposing other integrative themes. Regardless, all submissions should emphasize the review and synthesis of the major publications and studies that have significantly influenced our understanding of Chinese politics, the Chinese government, Chinese foreign relations, and Chinese political development. The deadline for the submission is **January 2009**. All submissions and questions should be emailed to: Dr. Sujian Guo, Editor, *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, at: jcps@sfsu.edu.

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