Letter from the Newsletter Editor

Dear ACPS members,

Greetings from sizzling Miami! I hope you all had a cool and enjoyable summer! Before the fall semester begins, I wish to share with you some exciting news and the latest ACPS activities. We held a successful international conference, in conjunction with the 22nd ACPS Annual Meeting, between July 4-5, 2009 at the People’s University of China, Beijing. The conference was held in collaboration with the School of International Studies (SIS) at the People’s University of China. Moreover, between June 11 and 12, 2009, the ACPS successfully held an international symposium with the College of International Affairs at the National Chengchi University in Taipei. Our thanks go out to our host institutions and Professor Jin Canrong, Associate Dean of SIS and Professor Teng Chung-Chian at the National Chengchi University for their sponsorship and organizational work at the conferences.

This year, the ACPS will have two stimulating panels at the upcoming 2009 APSA annual meeting in Toronto, Canada. If you plan to attend APSA this September, please do not miss these two excellent panels!!!

As always, we are happy to hear from our members, and learn about their new publications, promotions, new job placements, etc. We wish to send along our congratulations and a big round of applause for their academic accomplishments. Thank you for sharing your good news with us!

With the support of its members, ACPS continues to grow bigger and stronger. We are eager to extend our warmest welcome to our 43 new members, who joined the ACPS this year. Their names are (according to the time of their joining ACPS): Wei-hsieh Li, Vera Fennell, De-Yuan Kao, Noah Wolf, Alex Littlefield, Dominik Mierzejewski, Albert Yee, Kailai Huang, Lawrence Reardon, Elizabeth Wishnick, Zichao Li, Ingrid Li, William Ko, Zhen Li, Yongshin Kim, Joel Wuthnow, Yves-Heng Lim, Yu Zheng, Pei-Shan Kao, Xiaojun Li, Atena-Stefania Feraru, Antonio Hsiang, Ching-Chang Chen, Xuecun Liang, Hue-ping Chin, Steve Chan, Chengxin Pan, Yuan-Kang Wang, Dalei Jie, Lening Zhang, Wenyi (Mark) Lai, Hok Cheung, Jorge Silva, Joshua Su-Ya Wu, Tien-Shang Lee, Yan-Ting Chang, Shiu Ching Wong, Xiaoang Deng, Manuel Delmestro, Raymond Wong, Anne-Marie Brady, Jeanine Yuttani, and David Fouquet.

After sending out an email soliciting news from ACPS members, I received the following message from John James Kennedy, who was recently tenured and promoted at the University of Kansas (Congratulations to John!!). And I want to share it with you. John wrote, “For the newsletter I would like to mention that I could not have gotten tenure at KU without the tremendous support from the ACPS members and executive committee. I believe that my membership and participation at the annual conferences contributed much to my academic success. Several of my top publications to date started out as paper presentations at the ACPS conferences. The great comments and suggestions I receive at the conferences play a significant role in my paper revisions and submissions. In addition, I learn much at every conference and this has a positive influence in my teaching as well. Therefore, I want to thank everyone at the ACPS for their support and encouragement over the last five years.”

The ACPS leadership will strive to offer more opportunities for each and every one of you to present your fresh ideas, meet interesting people, and make progress in your academic careers. With your participation and support, we can continue to make the ACPS a better academic community!

Jin Zeng
The ACPS sponsored international symposium was successfully held between July 4-5, 2009 in Beijing in collaboration with the School of International Studies at the People’s University of China. Professor Chen Yue, Deputy Dean of School of International Studies chaired the opening sessions at which opening speeches were delivered by Professor Yuan Wei, Vice President of the People’s University of China, Professor Liu Lihua, Party Secretary of Inner Mongolia University, Professor Sujian Guo, PR Director of Association of Chinese Political Studies, Professor Chen Jian, Dean of School of International Studies and President of the United Nations Association of China.

The two-day conference brought together more than 70 scholars on China studies, among whom about 30 were from outside of mainland China, such as U.S.A., Canada, Australia, Singapore, Hong Kong, Taiwan, UK, Brussels, and Poland. There were 12 panels and about 60 papers presented. Participants explored a wide variety of topics related to the central theme, such as China-US Relations in a Changing Global Context, the 30th Anniversary of China-US Relations: History and Status, Understanding of China and U.S. Foreign Policy Behavior, Retrospect and prospect for China-US Relations, China-US Relations: Soft Power and Image Constructs, China’s Reform and Opening-up and China-US Relations I, China’s Reform and Opening-up and China-US Relations II, State-Society Relations, The Cross Taiwan Strait Relations, The Political Economy of China’s Reform and Opening-up, The International Order in Transition and China-US Relations, Obama Administration’s China Policy and Prospect of China-US Ties.

Reported by Sujian Guo, ACPS PR Director July 18, 2009

ACPS Member News

Dr. William A. Callahan has been appointed as Acting Director of the Center for Chinese Studies, University of Manchester.

Dr. Baogang Guo has been appointed as Coordinator of International Programs at Dalton State College.

Dr. Sujian Guo, professor of political science and director of Center for US-China Policy Studies at San Francisco State University, has been recently appointed as distinguished professor of Fudan University, associate dean of Fudan Institute of Advanced Study in Social Sciences, and associate editor-in-chief of Fudan Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences (in English).

Dr. John James Kennedy was promoted from assistant to associate professor this year effective July 2009, and got tenure at the University of Kansas.

Dr. James Reilly has recently accepted a post as Lecturer at the University of Sydney (Department of Government and International Relations). He has just finished a post-doctoral position at the University of Oxford, working on a Project on China’s War with Japan, led by Professor Rana Mitter.

Dr. Chung-Chien Teng has been appointed as the Dean of College of International Affairs at National Chengchi University.

Dr. Shawn Shieh, associate professor of political science at Marist College and Jonathan Schwartz, associate professor of political science at SUNY-New Paltz, will be a Visiting Scholar at the Beijing Center of International Education for Students (IES) for the 2009-2010 year and is working on a book on NGO activism in China.

Dr. Jessica Teets just started her new position at Middlebury College as assistant professor of Department of Political Science.
In collaboration with the College of International Affairs at the National Chengchi University (NCCU), the ACPS has successfully held the joint conference on “Peaceful Development and Deepening Integration in the Greater China Region” in Taipei between June 11 and 12, 2009. The co-sponsors of the conference also include Taiwan’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs, National Science Council, Mainland Affairs Council, Research, Development and Evaluation Commission, Foundation on Asia-Pacific Peace Studies, and Research and Development Office of the NCCU. Over 100 Scholars from Taiwan, the United States, Chinese Mainland, Hong Kong, Macao, Australia, Canada, Belgium, Germany, Italy, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea, Portugal, and Romania participated in the conference, and presented over 50 papers in 19 panels. Topics of their papers include “future of mainland China-Taiwan relations,” “Taiwan’s mainland policy,” “The U.S. factors in cross-strait relations,” “China and the world,” “political culture and Taiwanese identity,” “Taiwan experience and its impact on mainland China,” “China in transition,” “Taiwan’s political development and its implications,” “the development of civil society in mainland China and Taiwan,” and “globalization and the cross-strait relations.” The participants took notes of the recent positive development in the cross-strait relations, and provided many insightful and indepth analyses of the background, political logic, and economic implication of these encouraging developments.

President Se-Hwa Wu of the NCCU and Dr. Baogang Guo, President of the ACPS made opening remarks at the opening ceremony. Although Mr. Wang Jin-pyng, the President of Taiwan’s Legislative Yuan, was unable to delivery his keynote speech at the opening ceremony due to a last-minute schedule change, several members from the Legislative Yuan and the Control Yuan attended the conference and presided over several panels. Two dozens of NCCU graduate students volunteered to provide superb services to the conference. Dr. Yin-ming Lee, Dean of the College of International Affairs, and Dr. Chung-Chian Teng have devoted tremendous amount of time, energy, and resources to the conference. ACPS will publish a special issue on the cross-strait relations, and a number of co-edited volumes based on the selected papers presented to the conference.

Reported by Baogang Guo, President, ACPS, June 27, 2009
In the last few years, the ACPS was allowed only one panel at the APSA annual conferences. However, this year, thanks to the efforts made by Dr. Jean-Marc Blanchard, and in recognition of the strong panels the ACPS organized in the past APSA meetings, the APSA has permitted the ACPS to have an additional panel at the forthcoming APSA meeting in Toronto. We strongly encourage our members to take advantage of this opportunity and attend these two excellent panels. We also wish to thank Dali Yang, ACPS’s Director for Research, for his great efforts to organize these two panels!

### Panel 1: China, the United States, and Global Order

- **Date:** Saturday, Sep 5, 8:00 AM
- **Locations:** Room assignments are pending. Check the Final Program issued upon arrival at the conference for updates and actual room numbers.
- **Chair:** Brantly Womack, University of Virginia, brantly@gmail.com
- **Author(s):**
  - China’s Second Ascent and International Relations Theory: James C. Hsiung, New York University, jch2@nyu.edu
  - Understanding the Fallout in Sino-American Relations Over the 1999 Belgrade Embassy Bombing: Gregory J. Moore, Eckerd College, mooregj@eckerd.edu
  - Peaceful Rise, Responsible Stakeholder: A Constructivist Explanation of Improving Sino-American Relations: Ramon Pacheco Pardo, London School of Economics & Political Science, r.pacheco-pardo@lse.ac.uk
  - Energy, Environmental, Public Health, and Food Safety Risks in China: Consequences for US-China Relations: Elizabeth Wishnick, Montclair State University, wishnicke@mail.montclair.edu
  - China’s Rise and the Challenges of Regulatory Globalization: Dali L. Yang, University of Chicago, daliyang@uchicago.edu

- **Discussant(s):** Brantly Womack, University of Virginia, brantly@gmail.com
  - Ja Ian Chong, Princeton University,

- **Panel 2: Globalization and the Chinese Regulatory State**

- **Date:** Friday, Sep 4, 2:00 PM
- **Locations:** Room assignments are pending. Check the Final Program issued upon arrival at the conference for updates and actual room numbers.
- **Chair:** Dali L. Yang, University of Chicago, daliyang@uchicago.edu
- **Author(s):**
  - Why is the Cost of Regulating China’s Health Sector so High?: Yanzhong Huang, Seton Hall University, huangyan@shu.edu
  - Regulating China’s Land Market: Central-Local Incentives and Institutional Evolution: Fubing Su, Vassar College, Fubing Su@vassar.edu
  - Independence and Mother-in-Laws: the Effect of MOCA Regulations on Civil Society Autonomy in China: Jessica C. Teets, University of Colorado, Jessica.Teets@colorado.edu
  - The Regulatory State under Market-Leninism: Telecoms Reform in China and Vietnam: Yukyung Yeo, City University of Hong Kong, y.yeo@cityu.edu.hk
  - Regulating Food Safety Risk in China: A Historical-Comparative Analysis: Peng Liu, Renmin University of China, liupeng1031@gmail.com

- **Discussant(s):** Xiaobo Hu, Clemson University, xhu@clemson.edu
  - Fengshi Wu, Chinese University of Hong Kong, wufengshi@cuhk.edu.hk
Recent Publications by ACPS Members 2008-2009

**Books**


**Articles**


**Book Review**

Hickey, Dennis V.. 2009. Bruce Gilley and Larry Diamond, Political Change in China: Comparisons with Taiwan, *Pacific Affairs* 82 (2).

**OpEd in Newspapers**


We appear to be living in one of those rare periods in history when everything seems to change. This observation applies with special force to the relationship between Beijing and Taipei.

Since 2005, Beijing has softened both its rhetoric and policies toward Taipei. For example, the meaning of the “one China principle,” a longstanding precondition for cross-strait discussions, was liberalized, and Beijing claimed that talks could begin immediately if Taipei “returned” to the “1992 consensus.” Rather than call for the “reunification” of China under the “one country, two systems” formula, emphasis is now on “the peaceful development of relations” and “the maintenance of the status quo.” Moreover, all talk of some sort of a “timetable” for reunification has been shelved. Perhaps most intriguing, top officials in the Chinese mainland regularly call for a “peace agreement” with Taipei and stress that the “status in negotiations will be equal.”

After Taipei returned to the “1992 consensus” last year, the two sides quickly hammered out a transportation pact that would allow regular “weekend charter flights” to cross the Taiwan Strait beginning July 4, 2008. Moreover, a separate tourism agreement was signed enabling swarms of mainland Chinese tourists to visit Taiwan. In November 2008, the two sides negotiated an agreement providing for direct cross-strait shipping, daily cross-strait flights and improved postal services and food safety. In April 2009, representatives signed a series of accords designed to fight crime, establish a financial cooperation mechanism and more than double the number of cross-strait passenger flights.

It is not an exaggeration to suggest that relations between the Chinese mainland and Taiwan are at their best in decades. They appear to have agreed to a “diplomatic truce” whereby they will stop stealing each others diplomatic allies. Furthermore, Taipei no longer seeks to join the UN as a new country, and Beijing has agreed to the island’s participation in WHO activities under the name “Chinese Taipei.” With respect to security issues, Taipei has ordered the military to halt production of a new generation of Hsiung-feng 2E cruise missiles capable of hitting high-profile targets on the Chinese mainland and announced cuts in troop levels. Furthermore, there are reports that CCP leaders “privately” informed KMT heavyweights that the PLA will “gradually” remove the missiles deployed opposite Taiwan. The two sides are now mulling over the possibility of military exchanges between senior level officers. A cross-strait summit between the chair of the KMT and CCP could be on the horizon.

The stunning progress in cross-strait relations has caught much of the world—including the academic community—by surprise. It is not uncommon to hear academics—who really ought to know better—criticize policies Beijing no longer advances. Rather than be mired in the past, it is time to look at this evolving relationship in new ways. But theories employed in the field of international relations may have limited utility. After all, relations between the two sides are not “international.” On the other hand, the two sides have been split for 60 years, and domestic political theories may have limited utility. Rather, we need to follow the lead of think-tanks in the Chinese mainland and Taiwan and begin to “think outside the box.” Only in this way can scholars contribute in some small way to a peaceful resolution of a longstanding and complicated issue.

Dennis V. Hickey is the James F. Morris Professor of Political Science at Missouri State University and the author of a number of studies focusing on the evolving relationship between Taiwan and the Chinese mainland.
Academic Opportunities

ACPS has entered institutional membership agreement with a number of academic institutions in China. Some of the institutions offer research opportunities that may be of interest to you.

Cross-Disciplinary Workshop Grant at National Institute for Advanced Studies in Social Science at Fudan University

Fudan Institute of Advanced Study in Social Sciences (Fudan-IAS) offers an annual competition for cross-disciplinary workshop grant. It encourages original and in-depth research projects focusing on China issues using a cross-disciplinary approach. A team of project collaborators shall be subject to reviews by the Academic Committee of the Fudan-IAS. Application forms can be downloaded on Fudan-IAS’s website at: http://www.ias.fudan.edu.cn/AcademicProjects/.

Lee Hysan Visiting Scholar Scheme at University Service Center for China Studies at CUHK

The Lee Hysan Visiting Scholar Scheme provides grants to mainland and overseas scholars to visit the Centre for the purpose of conducting research. The grants subsidizes the rental for on-campus accommodation and provides per diem during the period of stay. The period of visit can be between 1 - 3 months.

Apart from giving at least one luncheon seminar during their stay, a Lee Hysan Visiting Scholar is required to support activities organized by the Centre, such as public lectures or other academic events to promote a better understanding of China among students or the general public in Hong Kong.

Candidates for the Scheme are expected to be either established experts or promising young scholars in the field, who have demonstrated experiences in empirical studies. Research topics must have either a Mainland or Hong Kong focus. Interested applicants are advised to return to us the application form (see below) duly filled, together with a CV and a research proposal of two pages.

Research Fellows/Senior Research Fellows at the National University of Singapore

The East Asian Institute (EAI), as an autonomous full-time research organisation within the National University of Singapore, has established itself as Asia’s premier English-language research institute on China and other East Asian societies. Located on the historic Bukit Timah Campus, the Institute boasts of superb library facilities and research support.

EAI seeks to appoint two or more research fellows and senior research fellows. Applicants should possess a Ph.D. in a social science discipline (esp. economics, political science, sociology, and international relations) and must be interested in conducting academic and policy-relevant research on political, economic and social development in contemporary China. Successful candidates will be offered an initial contract of up to two years (renewable).

The Institute also has separate openings for established scholars who wish to come to EAI for short-term visiting appointments in the summer or for their sabbatical. The commencing salary will depend on the candidate’s qualifications, experience and the level of appointment offered. Depending on the type of contract and appointment offered, benefits may include provident fund benefits or a special payment for expatriate staff, travel assistance and housing allowance. Interested candidates should send in their applications (form available at http://www.eai.nus.edu.sg/form.pdf), together with their c.v., publications and other writing samples, a discussion of current research and future research plans, and the names and addresses of three academic referees. Only short-listed candidates will be notified. Please send completed applications to: The Director East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore, 469A Bukit Timah Road, #06-01 Tower Block, Singapore 259770, Tel: (65) 6779 1037  Fax: (65) 6779 3409.