



Association of Chinese Political Studies

President's Message



Welcome to the newsletter of the Association of Chinese Political Studies (ACPS)! Since 1995, ACPS has provided leadership and information to the scholarly community of Chinese political studies. ACPS's vision is to advance excellence in all aspects of Chinese political studies. To this end, ACPS provides its members with invaluable services including first-rate conferences and publications; works with educational and research institutions to build collaborative projects; and promotes the intellectual development of Chinese political studies.

We recently concluded a successful conference on "China after the 17th Party Congress" from October 11-12, 2008 at Missouri State University, hosted and co-sponsored Missouri State University Graduate Program in International Affairs and Political Science Department. Professor Deng Zhenglai, Dean of Fudan University's National Institute of Advanced Studies on Social Sciences (IAS-Fudan), and Professor Yang Dali of University of Chicago Department of Political Science are featured keynote speakers.

The conference was held in conjunction with our ACPS 21st Annual Meeting. During the meeting, ACPS members elected the new Board Directors (2008-2010), who is now busy in planning a couple of international conferences in 2009 (see the following pages for the new Board Directors and the conference announcements).

One of the major additions to our revised Bylaws is the new offering of institutional membership to academic institutions that support the mission and objectives of ACPS. It is designed to provide a mechanism for sponsors of ACPS to collaborate more closely and effectively with ACPS, and create a channel for information sharing, collaborative conferences, and cooperative projects. It will be used to support the academic endeavor made by ACPS to create a community of Chinese political studies.

With your continued support, ACPS will grow stronger in the years ahead. More opportunities will be offered to our members as we build more institutional relations with other academic organizations. I encourage you to join us either as a scholar or an academic institution. Together, we can make a difference in the pursuit of academic excellence and intellectual development in China studies.

Baogang Guo, Ph.D.

President, Association of Chinese Political Studies

Dr. Baogang Guo, Associate Professor of Political Science at Dalton State College. He holds a Ph.D. degree from Brandeis University and a Master's degree from Zhengzhou University. He is a Research Associate in China Research Center at Kennesaw, GA, and associate editor of the Journal of Chinese Political Science. His research interests include comparative public policy, political culture, and political legitimacy. He co-edited China in Search of Harmonious Society (Lexington Books, 2008) and Challenge Facing Chinese Political Development (Lexington Books, 2007) with Sujian Guo, and is an associate editor of China Today (Greenwood Press, 2005). He authored six book chapters and many articles which appeared on referred academic journals such as Asian Survey, Journal of Chinese Political Science, Modern China Studies, Journal of Comparative Asian Development, Twenty-first Century, and American Journal of China Studies. Contact: Tel: (706) 272-2678, Fax: (706) 272-2698, e-mail: bguo@daltonstate.edu.

Fall 2008

Volume 6, Issue 2

Inside this issue:

President's Message 1
Board of Directors 2
Calls for Papers 3-4
ACPS Award 4
ACPS Annual Meeting 5-6
Member News 7

Newsletter Editor: Jin Zeng, Ph.D.

ACPS Calendar

- Dec. 31, 2008, deadline for paper proposal for Taiwan Conference
Feb. 1, 2009, deadline for paper proposal for Beijing Conference
Mar. 1, 2009, registration fee due for Taiwan Conference
May 10, 2009, full paper submission for Beijing Conference
June 6-7, 2009, Beijing Conference
June 11-13, 2009, Taiwan Conference
Sept. 3-6, 2009, APSA Annual Meeting in Toronto

## ACPS Board of Directors (2008-2010)

**Dr. Baogang Guo**, President of ACPS. See page 1 for more details.



**Dr. Jean-Marc F. Blanchard**, President-elect, Associate Professor in the Department of International Relations and Associate Director of Center for US-China Policy Studies at San Francisco State University (SFSU). His research interests include China's integration into the global economic system, China's interactions with multinational corporations, Chinese multinational corporations, Sino-Japanese relations, and Chinese territorial and maritime issues. He is a co-editor of *Harmonious World and China's New Foreign Policy* (Lanham: Lexington Books, 2008), a co-editor of and contributor to *Power and the Purse: Economic Statecraft, Interdependence, and National Security* (London: Frank Cass, 2000), and the author of nearly 20 book chapters and refereed journal articles. His articles have appeared in the *China Quarterly*, *Journal of Contemporary China*, *Geopolitics*, *Security Studies*, and *International Interactions*. At SFSU, he is the International Relations Department's instructor for courses on Chinese Foreign Policy. Contact: Tel: (415) 405-2481, Email [jmblanc@sfsu.edu](mailto:jmblanc@sfsu.edu)

**Dr. Sujian Guo**, Director for Public Relations, Professor in the Department of Political Science and Director of Center for US-China Policy Studies (CUSCPS) at San Francisco State University. He is Editor of the *Journal of Chinese Political Science* and Editor of Rowman & Littlefield-Lexington's *book series* "Challenges Facing Chinese Political Development." His research interest include comparative politics, Chinese/Asian politics, US-China relations, communist and post-communist studies, democratic transition, and the political economy of East and Southeast Asia. He has published more than 30 articles both in English and Chinese. His authored and edited *books* include *The Political Economy of Asian Transition from Communism* (2006); *Post-Mao China: from Totalitarianism to Authoritarianism?* (2000); *China in Search of a Harmonious Society* (2008); *"Harmonious World" and China's New Foreign Policy* (2008); *New Dimensions of Chinese Foreign Policy* (2007); *Challenges Facing Chinese Political Development* (2007); *China's "Peaceful Rise" in the 21st Century* (2006); *China in the Twenty-First Century: Challenges and Opportunities* (2006). Contact: Tel: (415) 338-7523, e-mail: [sguo@sfsu.edu](mailto:sguo@sfsu.edu) Websites: <http://bss.sfsu.edu/sguo/> and <http://cuscps.sfsu.edu/>



**Dr. Yanmin Yu**, Treasurer, Professor and Department Chair of Mass Communication at University of Bridgeport. Elected Distinguished Professor of the Year at University of Bridgeport 2003-2004. Awarded Fulbright Scholarship in 2005 to Australia and 2000 to Egypt and Israel. Research interests include media and society, media and foreign policy, media and international relations, and intercultural communication. Recent publications include "The Role of the Media: A Case Study of China's Media Coverage of the U.S. War in Iraq" in Y. Hao and S. Lin (Eds.), *China's Foreign Policy Making: societal Force and Chinese American Policy*, London: Ashgate, 2005; "Using Media to Get into the Whitehouse: Clashes between American Media and American Politics in X. Wang & G. Liu (Eds.), *Social and Behavioral Science, Volume III of On the Frontiers of Science*, Tsinghua University Press 2005; and "Politics in Taiwan's Broadcasting and Television" 2004. Contact: Tel: 203-576-4157, Emails: [whydouble@gmail.com](mailto:whydouble@gmail.com) or [yanmin@bridgeport.edu](mailto:yanmin@bridgeport.edu)



**Dr. Dali Yang**, Director for Research, Professor of Political Science and Director of the Center for East Asian Studies at the University of Chicago. He was previously the director of the East Asian Institute in Singapore at the National University of Singapore and is a former Chairman of the *Department of Political Science and former Director of the Committee on International Relations* at *The University of Chicago*. Among his books are *Remaking the Chinese Leviathan: Market Transition and the Politics of Governance in China* (Stanford University Press, 2004); *Calamity and Reform in China: State, Rural Society and Institutional Change Since the Great Leap Famine* (Stanford University Press, 1996); *Beyond Beijing: Liberalization and the Regions in China* (Routledge, 1997). He is also editor of *Discontented Miracle* (World Scientific, 2007), and co-editor of *Holding China Together: Diversity and National Integration in Post-Deng China* (Cambridge University Press, 2004). He was a team member and contributor to *The United States and the Rise of China and India*, by the Chicago Council on Global Affairs. Professor Yang has served on the editorial boards of leading academic journals, including *American Political Science Review* and *World Politics*. He is currently a member of the advisory board of China Telecom Group, a member of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, and co-chair of the China Roundtable of the Chicago Council on Global Affairs. Contact: Tel: 773-702-8054, Email: [daliyang@uchicago.edu](mailto:daliyang@uchicago.edu)



**Dr. Dennis Hickey**, Director for Membership, James F. Morris Professor of Political Science at Missouri State University. His research focuses on relations between America, Taiwan and the Chinese mainland. Dr. Hickey has published roughly fifty journal articles and book chapters and he is the sole author of four books. In addition to these books and articles, he has contributed op-ed pieces to a number of newspapers including the *China Daily*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Wall Street Journal* and *Taipei Times*. During the spring semester of 2008, Dr. Hickey was a Fulbright Scholar at the China Foreign Affairs University in Beijing, China. Contact: Tel: 417-836-5850, email: [dennishickey@missouristate.edu](mailto:dennishickey@missouristate.edu).

**Dr. Jin Zeng**, Secretary and Newsletter Editor, Assistant Professor in the Department of International Relations at the Florida International University. She graduated from the Johns Hopkins University in 2007. Her research interest includes Chinese political economy, privatization in transitional economies, and international relations of East Asia. Her dissertation is entitled, "Performing Privatization: The Restructuring of Small and Medium Public Enterprises in China." Email: [jzeng@fiu.edu](mailto:jzeng@fiu.edu).



## **Call for Paper 1**

# **International Conference on Peaceful Development and Deepening Integration in the Greater China Region**

**National Chengchi University, Taipei, June 11-12, 2009**

The College of International Affairs, National Chengchi University (CIA-NCCU) and the Association of Chinese Political Studies (ACPS) will co-organize an international conference at National Chengchi University between June 11 and 12, 2009, with check-in date on June 10, 2009 and departure date on June 13, 2009.

Conference organizers invite papers which investigate any aspect of the integration in the great China region under the new political environment that has emerged in recent months. Papers can address the major issues and challenges (including political, economic, social, environmental, legal, foreign policy, regional security and peace, regional and global governance) facing Taiwan and Chinese mainland. Papers tracking the implications of the recent Taiwan elections, the dynamics and effect of cross-strait leadership dialogue, the normalization of economic exchanges, the thaw in cross-strait relations and its implications for international society in general and the Asia-Pacific in particular, Taiwan's participation in international organizations, the role of China along the path of "peaceful development" in shaping cross-strait relations and affecting the rest of the world, as well as the influence of various actors from Hong Kong, Macau, and Taiwan on the politico-economic reform and development in mainland China are especially welcome.

Scholars and researchers who are working in the related fields are invited to submit proposals for consideration. Paper proposals should include paper title, names of authors, institutional affiliation, title/position, mailing address, phone number, fax number, e-mail address, and an abstract of 250-300 words - everything in one page. Paper proposals should be emailed to both Dr. Chung-chian Teng at ccteng@nccu.edu.tw and Dr. Baogang Guo at bguo@daltonstate.edu. Authors should put "2009 ACPS-NCCU conference paper proposal" in the subject line of the emails. **Deadline for paper proposals: December 31, 2008.**

International or Chinese mainland travelers who need letters of invitation for the purpose of obtaining travel documents should contact [cia\\_con@nccu.edu.tw](mailto:cia_con@nccu.edu.tw).

Conference organizers will provide accommodations for three nights for international and Chinese mainland participants at Howard International House in Taipei. All conference participants must submit full papers no later than May 20, 2009.

Conference organizers will issue the notification of acceptance of the paper proposals no later than January 30, 2009. Overseas participants whose paper proposals are accepted, and who have paid ACPS membership due, need only to pay the registration fees of US\$65 (non-refundable). For non-ACPS members, the participants must pay the registration fees of US\$145. **Please use the form at the website for conference pre-registration: <http://acps.sfsu.edu/acps/Document/ACPS%20membership%20form.doc>.** The registration form and fees must be received by March 1, 2009 to secure room and board, or the late registration fee (\$95 USD, non-refundable) will be charged after March 1, 2009.

## **Call for Paper 2**

# **The 30th Anniversary of China-U.S. Relations: China's Domestic Politics and International Relations**

**Beijing, China, June 6-7, 2009**

The Association of Chinese Political Studies (ACPS) and the School of International Studies at Renmin University are co-sponsoring an international conference in Beijing, China between June 6 and 7, 2009, with check-in on Friday, June 5 and check-out on Monday, June 8. The year 2009 marks the 30th anniversary of normalization of Sino-American relations, with great changes having taken place in China during that period. We solicit papers that investigate any topic relating to the broad theme of the conference. We specifically welcome papers on China-US relations, but also papers addressing international and domestic challenges and opportunities in China's domestic politics and foreign policy as well as the reform and opening-up of China's political, economic, cultural, social, and legal systems.

**Deadline for paper proposals: February 1, 2009**

All overseas scholars and researchers who are working in related fields are invited to submit proposals for consideration. If you are a scholar working in Chinese mainland, please direct your queries to Professor Jin Canrong at the School of International Studies of Renmin University of China. His email is [jincanrong@yahoo.com](mailto:jincanrong@yahoo.com). Otherwise, please send your proposal no later than **February 1, 2009 to Dr. Sujian Guo at [sguo@sfsu.edu](mailto:sguo@sfsu.edu) and please put "2009 Renmin conference paper proposal" in the subject line of your email.** Paper proposals should include paper title, name(s) of author(s), institutional affiliation, title/position, mailing address, phone number, fax number, e-mail address, and an abstract of 150-250 words. All requisite information should be contained in your email or in an email attachment. Paper proposals should be sent together with the membership form showing membership dues paid or to be paid in full. For more information about ACPS and ACPS membership, please visit <http://acps.sfsu.edu/>. We will organize this conference in conjunction with our ACPS 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting. The acceptance notifications will be sent to you no later than **February 20, 2009.**

International travelers who need letter of invitation for visa application purpose should note this in their proposal. The official invitation letter will be sent via email or fax to those who will be applying for a visa.

**Conference Accommodations and Deadline for full paper submission: May 10, 2009**

The conference organizers will provide accommodations for three nights and two days for participants from overseas. Additional details regarding lodging and conference venues will be provided at a later date. Participants whose paper proposals are accepted need to submit the full paper no later than **May 10, 2009.** Those who do not submit full papers or are not current members of the ACPS will be responsible for their own lodging and meal expenses.

## Call for Paper 3 (APSA-panel 1)

**China-US Relations 30 Years After: History, Causes, and Prospects**  
**The 2009 APSA Annual Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, September 3-6, 2009**

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 no 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 name, title and affiliation, paper title, and paper abstract. The website for your paper submission is: <http://www.apsanet.org/content/56673.cfm>.

**Special notes:** 1) In consideration 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. We are going to announce the call for paper for the second APSA panel very soon. Please check the ACPS website for the update (<http://acps.sfsu.edu/acps/meetings/meeting.htm>).

2) Well researched papers of the conferences will have the opportunity: (a) to be published in *Journal of Chinese Political Science* (JCPS); and/or (b) to be published in edited books flowing from the conferences.

### ACPS Awards

During the ACPS 21<sup>st</sup> annual meeting, three ACPS members received awards for their service and contribution to the association. Dr. Sujian Guo, the immediate past president of ACPS, received the 2008 ACPS Outstanding Service Award. Sujian has been instrumental to many achievements ACPS has strived for in recent years. Under his leadership, the association has become more professional and transparent, and gained much wider reorganization as a major China-related research group in the academic field. Thanks to his tireless effort, the *Journal of Chinese Political Sciences* (JCPS) will soon to become a quarterly journal published through world second largest scientific periodical publisher, the Springer. Although Dr. Jean-Marc Blanchard has only got involved in the association's work fair recently, he has helped the association in organizing ACPS panels at annual APSA meetings, locating funding resources for the ACPS conferences, helping JCPS's editorial work, and establishing the APCS Graduate Student Best Paper Award with his own generous donation. Thanks to Dr. Dennis Hickery and Missouri State University, ACPS had a successful annual meeting at Springfield. Dennis has worked tediously in making logistic arrangement and provided founding for the ACPS 21<sup>st</sup> annual meeting. Jean-Marc and Dennis both received the 2008 ACPS Distinguished Service Awards. Congratulation to all three of them!

### ACPS Welcomes New Institutional Members

During ACPS recent annual meeting, the members approved the addition of a new membership category, the institutional membership. The membership is comprised of leading research centers and institutes who are engaging active China-related academic research and educational activities. It is designed to provide a mechanism for sponsors of ACPS to collaborate more closely and effectively with ACPS and each other, and create a channel for information sharing, collaborative conferences, and cooperative projects. It will be used to support for the academic endeavor made by ACPS to create of community of Chinese political studies. During the annual meetings representative from three academic institutions, Professor Xie Qinkui, Professor Deng Zheng-lai, and Professor Sujian Guo, immediately entered into agreement with ACPS to become the first group of institutional members. They are: [Institute for Political Development and Governance at Peking University \(IPDG\)](#), [Institute for Advanced Studies on Social Sciences \(IAS\) at Fudan University \(IAS\)](#), and [Center For US-China Policies Studies at San Francisco State University \(CUSCPS\)](#). We are expecting more institutional members to join the ACPS in the near future!

## Report of the 21st ACPS Annual Meeting



Dr. Guo and Dr. Blanchard



Dr. Guo and Dr. Guo



Dr. Guo and Dr. Hickery

### ACPS Awards

During the ACPS 21<sup>st</sup> annual meeting, three ACPS members received awards for their service and contribution to the association. Dr. Sujian Guo, the immediate past president of ACPS, received the 2008 ACPS Outstanding Service Award. Sujian has been instrumental to many achievements ACPS has strived for in recent years. Under his leadership, the association has become more professional and transparent, and gained much wider reorganization as a major China-related research group in the academic field. Thanks to his tireless effort, *the Journal of Chinese Political Sciences (JCPS)* will soon to become a quarterly journal published through world second largest scientific periodical publisher, the Springer. Although Dr. Jean-Marc Blanchard has only got involved in the association's work fair recently, he has helped the association in organizing ACPS panels at annual APSA meetings, locating funding resources for the ACPS conferences, helping JCPS's editorial work, and establishing the APCS Graduate Student Best Paper Award with his own generous donation. Thanks to Dr. Dennis Hickery and Missouri State University, ACPS had a successful annual meeting at Springfield. Dennis has worked tediously in making logistic arrangement and provided founding for the ACPS 21st annual meeting. Jean-Marc and Dennis both received the 2008 ACPS Distinguished Service Awards. Congratulation to all three of them!



Dr. Sujian Guo, Dr. Deng Zhenglai, and Dr. Baogang Guo



Dr. Joseph Cheng, Dr. Xie Qingkui, and Dr. Baogang Guo

## Report of the 21st ACPS Annual Meeting—continued



Dr. Dali Yang

Dr. Baogang Guo

### The Best Paper Award

The Selection Committee of the Best Paper Award recommends that the Best Paper Award be granted to Dr. John Kennedy (University of Kansas) and Shi Yaojiang (Northwest University, China) for their paper entitled “Out of the Shadows: Identifying ‘Missing Girls’ in Shaanxi.” Kennedy/Shi's paper was the most gripping presentation at the Conference, one of the few pieces that addressed potential threats to one of China's most vulnerable populations. As China moves to addressing the one-child policy and the related concerns, Kennedy and Shi's work will provide a valuable perspective for scholars and policymakers. Their work is guided by their sense of humanity, their passionate sense of urgency, and their commitment to the sort of non-Orientalist, non-reifying social justice often lacking among those conducting fieldwork in rural China. Their deep suspicion that Chinese farmers are not killing their children, contrary to accepted narratives circulating in the academy and beyond is probably spot on. Hopefully, their work will ultimately prove their suspicions correct, perhaps helping liberate farmers and their daughters along the way.



Dr. Kennedy and Dr. Shi with some children in China

## Edited Volumes from Previous ACPS Conferences

*China in Search of a Harmonious Society*, edited by [Sujian Guo](#) and [Baogang Guo](#), Lexington Books, 2008.

Series: [Challenges Facing Chinese Political Development](#)

"Is there a 'Beijing Consensus' corresponding to the 'Washington Consensus'—a model of successful development for the rest of the world? That is the question posed by this book. The writers concur that today's China has bid farewell to continuous revolution and class struggle and is now integrated by the Confucian ideal of disciplined social harmony. Yet as they make clear in their stimulating, multifaceted analysis, that vision is now challenged by environmental pollution, socio-economic and ethnic inequity, and official corruption."—Lowell Dittmer, University of California at Berkeley

The problems of corruption, social injustice, public unrest, disparity in income and regional development, shortage of energy and resources, unemployment, aging population, inadequate social and economic safety network, pollution, etc., are poised to jeopardize political stability and cast a shadow on the moral foundation of economic reform. How to cope with these new problems is a daunting task facing the Chinese leadership and people in the twenty-first century. The new generation of leadership under Hu Jintao has begun to search for solutions and directions. "Building a harmonious society" based on a "scientific view of development" has become a new catch phrase in political and academic discourse in China and a newly adopted program by the Chinese government.

It is in this context that this edited volume brings together a group of China scholars to discuss the concept and goal of building a harmonious society. This book will be of interest to professors and students of China studies, as well as policy makers and researchers.

### List of Contributors

Yu Bin, Kelvin Chi-kin Cheung, Teng Fu, Baogang Guo, Sujian Guo, Ai Guo Han, Tang Juan, Guoli Liu, Josef Gregory Mahoney, Yanmin Yu, Qin Zhiyong, and Shi Zhongwen.



**"Harmonious World" and China's New Foreign Policy**, edited by [Sujian Guo](#) and [Jean-Marc F. Blanchard](#), Lexington Books, 2008. Series: [Challenges Facing Chinese Political Development](#).

"*Harmonious World*" and *China's New Foreign Policy* offers a comprehensive and well-researched examination of the important elements of contemporary Chinese foreign policy, including policy toward the great powers, its increasing presence in Africa, and the implications of its growing demand for imported energy resources. It is a valuable resource for both students and for specialists in Chinese foreign policy."—Robert Ross, Boston College

"*Harmonious World*" and *China's New Foreign Policy* consists of essays by China specialists on the Chinese government's characterization of foreign policy as a "harmonious world." The essays deal with such topics as "harmonious world" and China's new diplomacy, China's multilateral diplomacy after the Cold War, China's changing image of and engagement with the world order, China's energy security diplomacy, and China's trade diplomacy. These insightful contributions will help students in this

academic field understand the new concepts and programs adopted by the Chinese new leadership and their important implications for China's new foreign policy behavior in the years to come.

### List of Contributors

Jean-Marc F. Blanchard, Sheng Ding, Sujian Guo, Kai He, Dennis V. Hickey, Han Lheem, Wei Liang, Lilly Kelan Lu, Jing Men, Zhongqi Pan, James Reilly, and Jianwei Wang.



## ACPS Member News

- **Dr. Jean-Marc F. Blanchard**, ACPS Board Member and Book Review Editor of the Journal of Chinese Political Science, was elected President-elect of the ACPS at its most recent annual meeting in Missouri. He is editing a book on China's Search for Energy Security and co-editing (with Simon Shen) a book on China's Multidimensional Diplomacy after 9/11.
- **Dr. John F. Copper**, professor of International Studies Department at Rhodes College, published the following two books:
  - 1) 2009. *Taiwan: Nation-state or Province?* 5<sup>th</sup> edition. Boulder: Westview Press.
  - 2) 2008. *Taiwan's 2008 Presidential and Vice Presidential Election: Democracy Maturing*. Baltimore: University of Maryland Law School Maryland Series on Contemporary Asian Studies.
- **Dr. Kai He**, assistant professor of Political Science at Georgia State University, has a book published by Routledge in 2008. The title of the book is *Institutional Balancing in the Asia Pacific: Economic Interdependence and China's Rise*. Here is the Routledge link of the book: <http://www.routledgeasianstudies.com/books/Institutional-Balancing-in-the-Asia-Pacific-isbn9780415469524>
- **Dr. André Laliberté / 安德瑞** has accepted an appointment to the rank of Associate professor at the School of Political Studies, at the University of Ottawa. Her book, *The Chinese Party-State in the 21st Century: Adaptation and the Reinvention of Legitimacy*, co-edited with Marc Lanteigne, was published by Routledge at the beginning of 2008. She has also received a three-year grant from the Canadian Social Sciences and Humanity Research Council for a research project about the CCP policy on religious affairs.
- **Tingjin Lin** recently graduated with a Ph.D. degree in Public Administration from the University of Hong Kong. He has accepted a position in School of International Relations and Public Affairs at Fudan University, China. He was also offered a short-term visiting fellowship at the East Asia Institute of the National University of Singapore and will conduct his research on the influence of Chinese political elites on the structure of public finance during the winter of 2008.
- **Dr. Vincent K. Pollard**, lecturer of Asian Studies at University of Hawaii at Manoa, edited a symposium of articles on state capitalism in Russia and China. These articles appear in *Critical Sociology*, vol. 34, issue 4 (July 2008).
- **Dr. Ralph A. Thaxton, Jr.**, professor of Politics at Brandeis University, published one book in 2008 by Cambridge University Press. The title of the book is *Catastrophe and Contention in Rural China: Mao's Great Leap Forward Famine and the Origins of Righteous Resistance in Da Fo Village*.
- **Dr. Jing Zhao**, President of US-Japan-China Comparative Policy Research Institute, published two books in October 2008 by lulu.com.
  - 1) *Anarchism: From Practice to Theory*, ISBN: 978-0-557-01635-8. Preview at <http://www.lulu.com/content/4357818>.
  - 2) *Weber on Socialism*, ISBN: 978-0-557-01998-4, Preview at <http://www.lulu.com/content/4519631>.



中國政治研究學會



*ACPS is a non-profit, non-political organization for scholarly and professional activities. ACPS was founded in 1986 in the United States to promote academic exchange among Chinese scholars and American scholars of China studies. Please send your contribution to the newsletter editor Dr. Jin Zeng: [jzeng@fju.edu](mailto:jzeng@fju.edu).*