The ACPS Annual Meeting

The Association of Chinese Political Studies (ACPS) convened its 16th Annual Meeting between April 4-6, 2003 at Hilton hotel in Knoxville, Tennessee. The meeting theme was the fourth generation of Chinese leadership and the building of a new political order in China. The meeting was cosponsored by the Provost Office, College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Political Science, Global Studies and Asian Studies, all at the University of Tennessee. Over thirty scholars from the U.S., mainland China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong participated in the meeting.

Dr. Yang Zhong, then president-elect of the ACPS, presided the opening session. Dr. Loren Crabtree, Provost of the University of Tennessee and a Chinese historian, and Dr. Patricia Freeland, Head of Political Science Department at the University of Tennessee, delivered warm welcoming remarks to the participants at the opening session. James Sasser, a former U.S. Ambassador to China and a former U.S. Senator from Tennessee, delivered the keynote speech. Ambassador Sasser, speaking from his personal experience, provided his insightful views on U.S.-China relations in the new era of global anti-terrorism and the possible new directions that China may take under the new Chinese leadership. He also answered a number of questions fielded from the audience.

Dr. Weixing Chen, then President of the ACPS and Professor of Department of Political Science at East Tennessee State University, chaired a roundtable discussion of possible new developments in Chinese politics, society and foreign policy participated by Shulong Chu, Professor and Director of Center for Strategic Studies, Hsinghua University of China, Xinning Song, Professor and Associate Dean, School of International Relations of Remin University of China, Dr. Gang Lin, Woodrow Wilson Center of Washington, DC, and Yang Zhong, Professor of Department of Political Science at the University of Tennessee. The roundtable discussion was followed by a number of panels dealing with the 16th Party Congress of the Chinese Communist Party, China’s foreign relations, cross-Taiwan Straits relations and social issues in China. The meeting concluded with a delightful tour to the Great Smoky Mountains and Gatlinburg, two well-known tourist attractions near Knoxville.

New ACPS Board Members

Yang Zhong, President, Professor of Political Science at the University of Tennessee. His main research and teaching interests include Chinese local government, political culture and participation in China, East Asian politics and theories of comparative politics. He is the author of Local Government and Politics in China: Challenges from Below and a number of edited books. His recent publications have appeared in Comparative Political Studies, Journal of Politics, Political Research Quarterly, Asian Survey, Communist and Post-communist Studies, Journal of Contemporary China, Journal of Contemporary Asia, P.S.: Political Science and Politics.

Shiping Hua, President-elect, Associate Professor of Political Science at Eckerd College. He will join the University of Louisville in the fall. He will be a fellow at Woodrow Wilson Center-George Washington University for the 2004-2005 academic year. He has been working on his third project on Chinese political culture (under a book contract), tentatively entitled Utopianism in Chinese Political Culture: A Comparative Study with Japan and Russia (1898-2000). He is the author of Science and Humanism: Two Cultures in Post-Mao China (1978-1989) and of an edited book Chinese Political Culture (1989-2000).

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Change in Editorial Staff in JCPS

In 2003, the editorship of the Journal of Chinese Political Science (JCPS) will change staff as well as the location where the JCPS is produced, due to the retirement of the staff in JCPS. After seven years of editorship, Professors Yang Zhong and Xiaobo Hu decided that they would ask the new Board of Directors to release them from the editorship of Journal of Chinese Political Science. The Board of Directors agreed and thanked them for their important contributions as co-founders and co-editors of JCPS. Under their editorship, over the years the journal has widened its aims and transformed itself into a serious scholarly journal that publishes theoretical, policy, and empirical research articles, research notes, and review articles on the whole spectrum of political science. The Board of Directors has elected a new editor, Dr. Sujian Guo, San Francisco State University, for a three year term and renewable at the end of the term.

The editorial office has been moved from the University of Tennessee to San Francisco State University. The Board of ACPS would like to thank Dean Kassiola, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, and Department of Political Science at San Francisco State University for their financial and institutional support.

Journal of Chinese Political Science is a refereed academic journal published by the Association of Chinese Political Studies. The journal publishes theoretical, policy, and empirical research articles, research notes, and review articles on Chinese politics across the whole spectrum of political science. Manuscript submissions should conform to The Chicago Manual of Style. Both text and endnotes should be double-spaced throughout and submitted in triplicate, together with an abstract of 100-120 words. An electronic file of articles must also be submitted via email to jcps@sfu.edu. Windows/ Microsoft Word is preferred file format. Manuscripts should be approximately 8,000 words or 32 pages in length. The journal does not use bibliographies, and therefore please convert and incorporate into standard endnote form as indicated above.

Submissions, suggestions, and inquiries should be addressed to Dr. Sujian Guo, Department of Political Science, San Francisco State University, 600 Holloway Ave. HSS 263, San Francisco, CA 94132-1555, U.S.A. Email: JCPST @sfu.edu. Book review articles should be sent to: Dr. Baogang Guo, Associate Editor of Journal of Chinese Political Science, Division of Social Sciences, Dalton State College, 213 North College Drive Dalton, GA 30720, U.S.A. Email: Shiping Hua at huasp@echerld.edu.

The Agenda

• The new Board of Directors has tentatively decided that ACPS will collaborate with Renmin University and The Cater Center to convene our next annual meeting in early June 2004, in Beijing. The tentative theme of the conference will be “China’s political reform.”

We welcome all suggestions and comments on our associational matters. Suggestions and inquiries should be addressed to Dr. Yang Zhong at yzhong@utk.edu, or Dr. Baogang Guo.

Watch for the next newsletter about the ACPS Annual Meeting in 2004!

The ACPS Panel at the 2003 APSA Annual Meeting

Title: China’s New Leadership and Reform Policies

Chair: Lucian W. Pye, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Political Science, Office: E53-365, 77 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02139

Papers:
• The Fourth Generation of Chinese Leadership and the Transformation of the CCP  Weixing Chen, Department of Political Science, Box 70651, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN 37614-0651,
• Middle Class: Friends or Foes to Beijing’s New Leadership? He Li, Merrimack College, Dept. of Political Science, Merrimack College, North Andover, MA 01845
• Sustaining Political Legitimacy in the Post-Jiang China: Challenges Ahead Baogang Guo, Dalton State College, Division of Social Sciences, Dalton State College, 213 N. College Dr., Dalton, GA 30702,
• Leadership Transition and New Foreign Policy Orientation Guoli Liu, Department of Political Science, College of Charleston, 66 George Street, Charleston, SC 29424-0001

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Zhiyue Bo, board member, Zhiyue Bo, board member, Assistant Professor and Chair of the Department of International Studies and Director of the Master of Science in International Studies Program at St. John Fisher College. He is the author of Chinese Provincial Leaders: Economic Performance and Political Mobility since 1949. His most recent articles have appeared in Journal of Contemporary China, Issues & Studies, Provincial China, Asian Profile, Journal of Chinese Political Science, Chinese Social Sciences Review, and Chinese Law & Government. He has also served as a guest editor for both Chinese Law & Government and Journal of Contemporary China.

Joseph Yushen Cheng, board member, Professor and Chair of the Department of Public and Social Administration at City University of Hong Kong. He is the founding editor of the Hong Kong Journal of Social Sciences and the Journal of Comparative Asian Development. His research interests have focused on Chinese foreign policy, political development in Hong Kong, and local government in Guangdong. He publishes extensively and is an editor of a number of books.

Baogang Guo, board member, Assistant 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 member of the Asia Council of the University System of Georgia, and a Research Associate at China Research Center at Kennesaw, GA. He has published extensively on Chinese public policy and Chinese political theory.

Sujian Guo, board member, Assistant Professor of Political Science at San Francisco State University. His areas of interest and specialty include comparative politics, communist and post-communist studies, democratic transition, and regime change in post-Mao China, and political economy of East and Southeast Asia. He is the author of Post-Mao China: from Totalitarianism to Authoritarianism? He is currently working on his second book entitled The Political Economy of Asian Transition from Communism. He has published more than 20 articles both in American and Chinese journals.

Ka Zeng, board member, Assistant Professor of Political Science at University of Arkansas. She is the author of a forthcoming book entitled Trade Threats, Trade Wars: Bargaining, Retaliation, and American Coercive Diplomacy (University of Michigan Press, 2003). She has also published articles in International Studies Quarterly, East Asia: An International Quarterly, and Issues and Studies. Her current research focuses on the domestic sources of international trade, Chinese economic negotiation behavior, and China's harmonization with international law.

Visiting position at University of Louisville

The University of Louisville has an one-year visiting assistant professor position open for the 2004-2005 academic year on East Asian Politics. Deadline for applications is October 1, 2003. For an official ad, please write to Shiping Hua at: huasp@eckerd.edu

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- Environmental Attitudes of China’s Future Leaders
  Yang Dongning, Beijing University, Room 439, Guanghua Building, Beijing, 100087, China
  Phillip Stalley, George Washington University, 132 Icy Drive, Charlottesville, VA, 22903

Discussants:
Wei Tang, University of Pennsylvania, Political Science Department, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6215
Eric Thun, Princeton University, Politics and International Affairs, 222 Bendheim Hall, Princeton, NJ 08544

The panel has been scheduled for Thursday, August 28, 2003 at 8 am. Our panel attendance for this year will decide how many APSA annual meeting panels the ACPS will be allocated by the APSA for the next three years. Please make a serious effort to attend the ACPS sponsored panel at the APSA meeting. For inquiries, please contact Professor Guoli Liu, ACPS Chair of the Academic Committee at: liug@eufc.edu

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