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The Institute for Democracy and Development (IDD) at the University of Louisville, together with the McConnell Center for Political Leadership and

will host the 19th ACPS Annual Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. The conference is being supported through a generous grant from the McConnell Center for Political Leadership and Mr. & Mrs. S.H.

Wong Foundation Ltd. in Hong Kong. Our keynote speaker is Dr. Lowell Dittmer, Professor of Political Science, University of California at Berkeley, and Editor of the aca-

demic journal *Asian Survey*. Proposals that cover all aspects of China are welcome. Those that address the issue of China's rise and its impact on the world will be particularly welcome. Well researched papers will have the following opportunities: (1) to be selected as "The Best Papers;" (2) and/or to be published in the ACPS official journal, *Journal of Chinese Political Science* (JCPS); (3)

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## A Report of the 18th Annual Meeting of ACPS

By Dr. Sujian Guo

The ACPS successfully concluded its 18<sup>th</sup> annual meeting on China's transition and ascension at San Francisco State University from July 30-31, 2005. The conference was hosted and co-sponsored by the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences at San Francisco State University. The Department of Political Science of SFSU and the Interna-

tional Graduate Programs of Old Dominion University also co-sponsored this conference. The conference received a wide-range coverage by the local Chinese media organizations, such as *Sing Tao*, *World Journal*, *Ming Pao*, and local TV Channel

26. "CrossChina" night talk show host on the Channel 26, Jay Stone Shih, provided an expert forum in three consecutive nights for our association on the topics "Renewed Tension between China and Japan," "Domestic and Foreign Aspects of China's Peaceful Rise," and "The



## The Best Paper Award

The Best Paper Selection Committee is pleased to announce that this year's winner of the Best Paper Award goes to Dr. John Kennedy, assistant professor of political science at University of Kansas.

Dr. Kennedy's paper, titled "Death of a Township: Impact of the 2002 Tax-for-Fee Reform in Northwest China," explains how the recent elimination of agricultural taxes in China, while lightening the financial burdens on rural farmers, has threatened the existence of some township governments who depended on these taxes for their survival, and reduced township governmental autonomy, making them more dependant on county governments and their funds.

This well-researched, well-argued, and well-written paper provides a highly nuanced and richly documented analysis of China's rural administrative sys-



tem. Kennedy's research shows that the townships have completely lost the ability to generate funds from its residents for local expenditures because of the elimination of the TFR pro-

gram. Particularly, it draws attention to the hitherto unknown linkages between tax reform and its unintended impact on the reorganization of the rural administrative capacity in China.

The Best Paper Award will be presented to him during our upcoming ACPS meeting in Louisville in April, 2006. This is the first time ACPS has offered such an award. The Selection Committee was established during the July meeting at San Francisco State University. Its members include Baogang Guo (chair), Greg More and Srini Sitaraman. The committee received seven nominated papers from the many papers presented to the annual meeting. The superb quality of the paper nominated by panel chairs has made the selection decision a difficult one. The committee has stipulated a set of rules and criteria, which is published on page 5.

## Call For Reviewers

The *Journal of Chinese Political Science* has received the follow books from different publishers. Anyone who is interested in reviewing these books, please send your request to Dr. Baogang Guo via e-mail: bguo@daltonstate.edu

Chenshan Tian, *Chinese Dialects: From*

*Yijing to Marxism* (Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books, 2005), 237p. cloth

John Man, *Genghis Khan: Life, Death, and Resurrection* (New York, New York: St. Martin's Press, 2004), 388p. \$29.95 cloth

Neil J. Daimant, Stanley B. Lubman,

and Kevin J. O'Brien, eds., *Engaging the Law in China: State, Society, and Possibilities for Justice* (Stanford, California: Stanford University Press, 2005), 240p. \$49.50 cloth

Stephen Teo, *Wong Kar-Wai* (London, England: British Film Institute, 2005), 191p. \$70.00 cloth; \$19.95 paper

## Membership Campaign

It is the time of the year that you may want to renew your membership of the Association of Chinese Political Studies (ACPS). Last year, we received over \$6,000 in support from our members through our "letters campaign," the first since the founding of the organization in 1986. We used the money primarily for holding the 18th annual meeting in San Francisco in August 2005 which attracted over 60 participants from all over the world. Our membership has more than doubled in

the last year, reaching 318.

The association is a scholarly organization that was founded in the United States in 1986, its mission being to promote the understanding of Chinese politics and society among China scholars in China, the US and around the world. Privileges and benefits of regular members include: (1) subsidies to attend our annual meetings both in the United States and China; (2) opportunities to participate in ACPS-sponsored panels at

annual APSA meetings; (3) free access to our newsletters, list serve discussions on contemporary Chinese politics, and the electronic version of our journal, *Journal of Chinese Political Science* (JCPS).



## 19th ACPS Conference

and/or to be published in an edited book; (4) and/or to be included in the Occasional Papers published by IDD. The Best Papers Selection Committee is chaired by Professor Guo Baogang (bguo@daltonstate.edu). JCPS, edited by Professor Guo Sujian (sguo@sfsu.edu), is a refereed academic journal that has been publishing for almost a decade. We have also been able to publish an edited book for each of the ACPS annual meetings since 2000. Our collection of papers for the 2004 annual meeting were edited by

Zhong Yang and Hua Shiping and are in press with World Scientific Press. A book from the 2005 annual meeting in San Francisco, *The Beijing-Taipei-Washington Triangle*, is edited by Hua Shiping and will be published by Palgrave-McMillan Press in 2006. Another book titled *China's "peaceful rise" in the 21st Century*, edited by Sujian Guo, will be published by Ashgate Publishing Ltd. in 2006.

We provide participants with free accommodations of two days and three nights. Because of a more comfortable

financial situation this year, we can offer to have a more flexible policy regarding registration fees and travel subsidies for some participants. Paper proposals should be sent to Hua Shiping, Program Chair, at: s0hua002@louisville.edu (0 is zero). Those who are interested in serving as discussants or chairs can also contact me. Dr. Hua's office number is: 502-852-3305; Fax: 502-852-7923. The deadline for the submission of proposals is January 1, 2006. You can download a registration form from our website.

## 18th ACPS Conference

Beijing-Taipei-Washington Triangle." The following members were invited to participate in the forum: Professors Lowell Dittmer, Greg Moore, Jing Zhao, Sujian Guo, Guoli Liu, Qingsi Li, Ye Zicheng, and Wei-chin Lee.

The central theme of the conference is on China's reform, development, transition, ascension, and global impact. China's reform, open-up, and development over the last two decades have made enormous impact on the political, economic and cultural lives of the Chinese people as well as on the rest of the world. China's transition and rise have become the two major themes in the field of China studies across all

academic disciplines. The conference brought together about 60 scholars and experts from the United States, Canada, China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau, and Australia, and also attracted some of the nation's foremost China scholars, such as Lynn White III of Princeton, Lowell Dittmer of UC Berkeley, and Brantly Womack of University of Virginia, Robert Gamer of University of Missouri. Deans and associate deans of School of International Studies of Renmin University of China also attended the conference. At the conference, our association members and distinguished scholars from different areas came together to exchange their research and findings on the top-

ics related to the broad theme of the conference. There were 13 panels, 2 roundtables, and 2 featured panels. Participants explored a wide variety of topics related to the central theme.

At the conference, Professor Joel Kassiola, Dean of BSS College of SFSU, delivered a warm welcome speech that addressed the issue of China's environmental and sustainable development in the process of modernization. Professor Lynn White III of Princeton University delivered his keynote speech on the conference's central theme and synthesized major aspects of China's reform, opening-up, development, consequences, problems, and challenges. His

## Call for Paper

ACPS Calls for Proposals for the 2006 APSA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA on August 31 - Sept 3, 2006. The theme of the ACPS panel is "Is Hu Jintao a Reformer? China's Political Reform in the Age of Hu" When Hu Jintao assumed leadership, many in the West predicted Hu as a liberal reformer. This was especially likely given his past association with

reform leader Hu Yaobang. However, recent developments seem to indicate that Hu's political style is far more complex than many believed. So ACPS solicits proposals for the 2006 APSA annual meeting that will examine the likely course of political reforms under Hu Jintao's leadership as well as the political challenges that his regime may encounter in the next decade. Propos-

als should be sent either to Dr. Shiping Hua or to Dr. Baohui Zhang, our Research Director, at [bzhang@ln.edu.hk](mailto:bzhang@ln.edu.hk) before January 1, 2006.

**APSA Annual Meeting in  
Philadelphia, PA on August 31 -  
Sept 3, 2006**

## ACPS and Renmin University Signed a Partnership Agreement

During the 18th ACPS Annual meeting held at San Francisco State University, ACPS and Renmin University signed a long-term partnership agreement. The following is the full text of the agreement.

### AGREEMENT

This is an agreement between the Association of Chinese Political Studies (ACPS) and School of International Studies of Renmin University of China (SIS) for the purpose of establishing a long-term partnership between the two parties.

ACPS and SIS recently reviewed with satisfaction the cooperations between the two parties in the past, especially the jointly held international conferences in Beijing in 2002 and 2004. In view of the success of the previous cooperations, ACPS and SIS have reached an agreement for further cooperation between the two parties.

ACPS and SIS have decided that the two parties will, in principle, hold joint conferences every other year in Beijing.

ACPS' responsibilities are: (1) publicity about the conference outside of mainland China; (2) selecting conference papers written in English; (3) finding an outlet of publication in English outside of mainland China (under certain circumstances, the outlet could be in Macau and Hong Kong).

SIS' responsibilities are: (1) finding the financial resources that

cover the cost of local logistics, including conference costs, meals, hotel accommodations and local transportation while the conference is in session; (2) selecting conference papers written in Chinese; (3) the publication of conference proceedings.

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Dean, School of International Studies,

Renmin University of China

The People's Republic of China

Signature:

Date: July 30, 2005



## ACPS Best Paper Award Selection Rules

The following procedures and criteria were approved by the Board of Directors:

### Procedures:

(1) Each panel chair in consultation with his/her panel discussant nominates one paper for his/her panel; and he or she shall submit the nominated paper with a nomination comment, which states the rationale for the nomination, within three months after the annual meeting.

(2) Each member of the Selection Committee will be randomly assigned an

equal number of papers nominated by each panel chair. He or she will make one recommendation to the committee for the final list.

(3) The committee can choose among the three finalists one winner with a majority vote.

(4) The committee will report the result to the President of the ACPS, and the President shall issue a Certificate of Honor to recipient(s) at the next year's annual meeting.

(5) The papers from members of the Selection Committee should be ex-

cluded from the nomination process.

### Nomination and Selection Criteria

(1) The Best Paper Award honors the author(s) of a paper dealing with a subject related to any of the Association's academic scopes.

(2) The finished paper must be presented at a previous year's annual meeting of the ACPS.

(3) The paper must demonstrate highest scholarly standards and exceptional merits.

## 2005: a Milestone Year for ACPS



\* ACPS made history in 2005 by launching the first "letters campaign" which helped increase the membership enormously and generate the largest amount of funding from its members;

\* ACPS made history in 2005 by publishing two edited books based on one conference, entered its first partnership agreement with Renmin University of China, and selected its first Best Paper Award recipient.

\* ACPS will make history in 2006 by sponsoring two conferences in a single year - one in the United States; the other in China.

## Member News

**Professor Guanbin Yang's** book titled *The Institutional Forms and Rise/Fall of Nations* was published by Peking University Press in Oct. 2005. His article titled "Institutional Analysis of China's State Power Structure and Its Operation" will be published in the forthcoming issue of *Journal of Contemporary China*, Vol. 15, No. 46, Feb., 2006.

**Professor Yang** is also going to organize a series of books on comparative politics and government, if you wishes to publish your works in Mainland in the field mentioned above. please contact Guangbin Yang  
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**Professor Sujian Guo** received his tenure and promotion to the rank of associate professor at San Francisco State University. His book titled *The Political Economy of Asian Transition from Communism* will be published by Ashgate Publishing in 2006. His article "Designing Market Socialism" was published in *Journal of Policy Reform*, Vol. 8, No. 3, 2005.

**Professor Baogang Guo** had following publication recently: "China and Southeast Asia: from foes to partners," *US-China Review*, Vol. 29, No. 4, "Computer Labs and Web-Centric Course: an Alternative Teaching Model," *Reaching Through Teaching*, Fall 2005, In addition, he is also an associate editor of a recently published two-volume *China Today: An Encyclopedia of*

*Life in the People's Republic of China* published by Greenwood Press.

**Professor Shiping Hua** is recently appointed as Associate Director Institute for Democracy and Development at the University of Louisville. He also published the article "A Perfect World" in the 2005 Autumn issue of *Wilson Quarterly*. The article was also carried by *New York Times* on Nov. 6.

**Professor Vincent Pollard** have completed the following article; "1911-1912 Chinese Revolution" for ABC-CLIO World History Encyclopedia, Era 8: Crisis and Achievement 1900-1945, ed., H. Michael Tarver (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, forthcoming, 2007).

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## 18th ACPS Annual Meeting

keynote speech can be found on the 2005 conference website. Professor Shiping Hua, President of ACPS, and Professor Li Jingzi, Dean of School of International Studies at Renmin University of China, signed a partnership agreement on the co-sponsored biannual international symposium that should be held at Renmin University of China in Beijing

At the business meeting of the ACPS during the conference, a best paper selection committee was formed to offer the Best Paper Award to papers presented at the ACPS annual meeting. The commit-

tee was elected and consisted by Professors Baogang Guo, Greg Moore, and Srinu Sitaraman, and chaired by Baogang Guo. Membership fees were raised to \$40 (professional) and \$25 (students), which were proposed and approved



by vote of the members present at the meeting. The Board of Directors decided to hold its 19<sup>th</sup> annual meeting in April 1-2, 2006 at the University of Louisville and co-sponsor another international symposium with Renmin University of China in June 2006. The ACPS members would like to thank the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences of SFSU, which has generously supported and hosted the 2005 ACPS Annual Meeting on its campus.

## Call For Reviewers

Susan Greenhalgh and Edwin A. Winckler, *Governing China's Population: From Leninist to Neoliberal Biopolitics* (Stanford, California: Stanford University Press, 2005), 394p. paper

Bruce Gilley, *China's Democratic Future: How it will happen and where it will lead* (New York, New York: Colombia University Press, 2004), 297p. paper

Allen Carlson, *Unifying China, Integrating with the World: Securing Chinese Sovereignty in the Reform Era* (Stanford, California: Stanford University Press, 2005), 303p. \$55.00 cloth

Wenfang Tang, *Public Opinion and Political Change in China* (Stanford, California: Stanford University Press, 2005), 237p. \$21.95 paper, \$55.00 cloth

Kong Qingjiang, *WTO, Internationalization and the Intellectual Property Rights Regime in China* (Singapore: Marshal Cavendish Academic, 2005), 231p. \$26.00

Lynn White, ed., *Legitimacy: Ambiguities of Political Success or Failure in East and Southeast Asia* (Singapore: World Scientific Publishing), 316p. Cloth

## JCPS Calls For Contributions

*The Journal of Chinese Political Science* is a refereed academic journal that publishes theoretical, policy, and empirical research articles, research notes, and review articles on contemporary Chinese politics across the whole spectrum of political science and on different aspects of contemporary China with interdisciplinary perspectives and approaches to issues and problems related to Chinese politics, political economy, political culture, reform and opening, development, the military, law and legal system, foreign relations, and other important issues of political significance. JCPS articles are abstracted and indexed in OCLC, PAIS International, International Political Science Abstracts, Historical Abstracts, America: History and Life, Sociological Abstracts, Social Services Abstracts, Worldwide Political Science Abstracts, and EBSCO Database.

The editorial office prefers electronic submission. An electronic file of the manuscript, saved in Windows/Microsoft Word format, must be submitted via email to Dr. Sujian Guo at [jcps@sfsu.edu](mailto:jcps@sfsu.edu). This will speed up review process and publication and reduce the probability of typesetting errors. Both text and endnotes should be double-spaced throughout, on 8.5x11 inch paper. Since all manuscripts are subject to external reviews, author's name, title/position, affiliated institution, mailing address, email address, telephone and fax numbers, brief biographical information, and an abstract of 100-120 words should be included in a separate title page and submitted together with the manuscript via email.

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