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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS

Dear ACPS Members and Friends:

I am proud to be the new President of the ACPS. I have been a member for over ten years and I benefited much from the association such as participation in international conferences and workshops. My membership has also contributed to my professional development from presentations to publications. More importantly the ACPS has introduced me to many new friends and colleagues in China studies. Therefore, I am honored to serve as the new president of the association. I am also very fortunate to be able to draw upon a talented new Board of Directors and the experience of my predecessors. I especially want to extend my appreciation for the old and new ACPS members who do so much to contribute to the life of our association. The ACPS is an international organization that provides multiple opportunities to enrich our knowledge as well as friendships across the globe.

2012 saw many successes for the association including a major conference at San Francisco State University, diverse conference publications, an ACPS APSA associated group panel, continued member professional success, and various achievements for the ACPS's journal, *The Journal of Chinese Political Studies*.

For 2013, we plan to host our annual conference at the University of Costa Rica (on the heels of the China's President Xi Jinping's recent visit to the Central American country). We will also have a great ACPS panel lined up for the 2013 APSA conference in Chicago.

If you have any ideas, suggestions or comments about our association, please feel free to contact directly. We value you membership and your thoughts.

Thank You,

John Kennedy

NEW ACPS BOARD OF DIRECTORS PROFILE

DR. JOHN JAMES KENNEDY, President, is Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Kansas and the Co-Director of the Northwest Socio-economic Development Research Center (NSDRC) at Northwest University, Xi'an.

DR. WEI LIANG (梁微), President-Elect, is Associate Professor in the School of International Policy Management at the Monterrey Institute of International Studies.

DR. SHANRUO NING ZHANG, Membership Director, is Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.

DR. WANFA ZHANG, Publicity Director, is Assistant Professor of political science at Florida Institute of Technology.

DR. STEVEN J. BALLA, Research Director, is Associate Professor of Political Science, Public Policy and Public Administration, and International Affairs at George Washington University, where he is also a Research Affiliate at the George Washington Institute of Public Policy, a Senior Scholar at the Regulatory Studies Center, and a member of the faculty at the Sigur Center for Asian Studies.

DR. YI EDWARD YANG, Treasurer, is Associate Professor of Political Science at James Madison University.

DR. JIN JULIE ZENG (曾金), Secretary and Newsletter Editor, is Assistant Professor in the Department of Politics and International Relations at the Florida International University.



A more extensive bio of each director can be found on the ACPS website:
<http://www.acpsus.org/board-directors-2012-2014>

CONFERENCE REPORT-THE ACPS 25TH ANNUAL MEETING

From September 22 to September 23, the United States (US) Association of Chinese Political Studies (ACPS) and the US San Francisco State University (SFSU) Center for US-China Policy Studies (CUSCPS) held an international conference entitled "China's New Leadership and its Domestic and International Challenges" at the SFSU Seven Hills Conference Center.

This timely and stimulating conference attracted around 45 participants from three continents. Presentations were given by academics, doctoral candidates, and researchers associated with international organizations, research centers, and universities based in the Chinese mainland, Germany, the Philippines, Portugal, the US, and the United Kingdom. Foreign policy oriented papers covered a variety of topics as China's Investment Corporation, Cross-Strait Relations, Shifting Principles of Chinese Foreign Policy, Competitive Regionalism, and the Domestic Context of China's South China Sea claims. Domestic politics oriented presentations tackled issues such as China and the Middle-Income Trap, China's leadership succession, the political dynamics of privatization in China, policing in China, and Citizen News in China.

At the ACPS annual meeting business meeting, four new ACPS officers were elected: President elect--LIANG Wei (梁微), Monterey Institute of International Studies; Research Director--Steven Balla (George Washington University); Membership Director—ZHANG Ning (张宁), California Polytechnic State University; and Publicity Director—ZHANG Wanfa (张万发), Florida Institute of Technology. Business meeting participants also approved an amendment of the bylaws to extend the term of editor-in-chief of the ACPS' s Journal of Chinese Political Science (JCPS) from three to four years. The Board appointed Dr. GUO Sujian (郭苏建) as JCPS editor-in-chief for another four-year term, effective October 1, 2012.



Outgoing ACPS President Jean-Marc F. Blanchard (白永辉) and SFSU CUSCPS Director GUO Sujian gave opening remarks for the conference. At the conference banquet on September 22, Dr. HU Wei (胡伟), Distinguished Professor and Founding Dean of the School of International and Public Affairs, Shanghai Jiaotong University, gave a keynote speech addressing the domestic political situation in China.

At the conference closing on Sunday, October 23, outgoing ACPS President Blanchard expressed his appreciation to the CUSCPS, the SFSU College of Liberal and Creative Arts, and SFSU student volunteers for their support and contribution to a smooth and successful conference. Incoming ACPS President John James Kennedy introduced the new board of the ACPS and his ideas for future ACPS workshops and conferences.

Respectfully yours,

Jean-Marc F. Blanchard, Ph.D., Former ACPS President, 2010-2012



ACPS-APSA ASSOCIATED GROUP PANEL

The ACPS will sponsor one exciting panel at the upcoming American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA) later this year. Please mark your calendar for this event if you are going to APSA this year. The panel information is:

Panel 1 The Evolution of Legitimacy in the Chinese Political System

Date: Saturday, Aug 31, 2013, 4:15 PM-6:00 PM

Location: Room assignments are pending.

Chair(s): Shanruo Ning Zhang, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, nizhang@calpoly.edu

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Does China's Regime Enjoy "Performance Legitimacy"? An Empirical Analysis Based on Three Surveys from the Past Decade

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Social Media Control and Authoritarian Durability: Chinese Censorship of Microblogs

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Evolving Propaganda Strategies: More Effective Message Delivery in China?

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Understanding Rural Grassroots Democracy in China: The Impact of Provincial Legislation

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Evolving Official Discourse on National Interest in China, 1982-2007

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Shanruo Ning Zhang, California Polytechnic State University, nizhang@calpoly.edu

In addition, there is another APSA panel (separate from the official ACPS panel) well represented by our ACPS members.

11-45 Theme Panel: Deliberative Politics in China

Date: Friday, Aug 30, 2013, 8:00 AM-9:45 AM

Location: Room assignments are pending.

Chair(s): Shanruo Ning Zhang (California Polytechnic State University, nizhang@calpoly.edu), Baogang He (Deakin University, baogang.he@deakin.edu.au)

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Deliberative Democracy and Deliberative Governance: An Experimental Case Study
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Public Deliberation and Grassroots Governance in China
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Measuring the Deliberative Qualities of Authoritarian Deliberation in China
Shanruo Ning Zhang, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, nizhang@calpoly.edu

Demographic Characteristics, Subjective Motivations, and the Expression of Citizen Sentiment in Online Chinese Policymaking
Steven J. Balla, George Washington University, sballa@gwu.edu

Awake the Deaf Man's Ear: Political Deliberation and Issue Changes in the Chinese People's Consultative Conference
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Discussant(s): Mark E. Warren, University of British Columbia, warren@politics.ubc.ca

ACPS BEST PAPER AWARDS

The 25th ACPS Annual Meeting Best (Faculty) Paper Award

The Best Paper Award goes to Dr. Huang Haifeng (Assistant Professor at the University of California, Merced) for his paper entitled "Imagining Other Lands: The Effects of International Knowledge on Domestic Opinion".

Paper Summary: It is often assumed that citizens in an authoritarian and developing country do not know much about the outside world, either out of ignorance or because they are brainwashed by political propaganda favoring their own country and government. Using a unique survey with about 1,200 college students in China, Huang's paper shows that in a fast-changing society, the opposite may be true: a sizable population may have a view of foreign countries that is too romantic rather than too restrictive; and if they have more realistic views of the outside world, they may actually be more satisfied with their current circumstances. A rosier imagination of foreign countries also makes one more interested in studying or moving abroad. Another surprising finding of the paper is that one's knowledge about political affairs in

other countries does not significantly influence his or her opinion about China. The result indicates that people's political and social attitudes are shaped more by information about socioeconomic situations in foreign countries than knowledge about foreign and democratic politics. Huang's thought-provoking paper greatly enriches our understanding about the relationship between one's knowledge about foreign countries (particularly the West) and one's evaluation of his or her own government and country.

The 25th ACPS Annual Meeting Best Graduate Student Paper Award

The Best Graduate Paper Award goes to Ms. Justine Zheng Ren, a graduate student at the London School of Economics, for her paper "China's Outspoken PLA Officers on Mass Media."

Analyzing the emergency of outspoken PLA officers on mass media in recent years, Ms. Ren's paper sheds valuable light on the subtle changes in the often secretive civil-military relations. On the surface the viewpoints of PLA officers echo the Party's line of nationalism propaganda and long-embraced fear of U.S. intention and capacity. However, a close investigation reveals that these PLA officers are more likely to have seized the channels of mass media to express their personal viewpoints or sectoral interests. Their recommendation of foreign policy is more creatively offensive than the Party would encourage. Moreover, they are no longer satisfied with being confined to foreign policy arena and have begun to make public critiques of domestic policy. Overall, Ren's paper is rigorous and well-written. It shows a tremendous amount of research and exhibits the author's familiarity with the literature.

As the winner, Ms. Ren receives a \$100 prize and a certificate of acknowledgement.

MEMBER NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS

Member News

Jean-Marc Blanchard (白永輝) has been serving as Assistant Dean for International Cooperation and Exchange with the School of International and Public Affairs at Shanghai Jiaotong University since fall 2012. He concurrently serves as Executive Director of the Center for the Study of Multinational Corporations. He currently is working on an article on the Chinese Investment Corporation (中国投资银行), an edited volume on US-China relations (with Simon Shen), and various projects relating to Chinese outward FDI. He will be a visiting scholar with the Stanford China Program this summer.

He Li, Professor of Political Science at Merrimack College, will spend the 2013–14 academic year on a Henry Luce Resident Fellowship at the School for Advanced Research in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Alex Littlefield (孫小田) earned his PhD last November from the Graduate Institute of International Politics, National Chung Hsing University, and as of February 2013 is an assistant professor in the Department of International Trade, Feng Chia University (both institutions located in Taichung, Taiwan). He wrote his dissertation on "The Northeast Asian Response to China's Rise: A View from China - US-Taiwan Triple Interactions". He is currently teaching undergraduate (國際企業管理學士學位) and graduate (國際經營管理碩士學) courses focusing on China's financial institutions and Chinese corporate social (ir)responsibility.

Forthcoming publications for 2013 include: "East Asian Security Order as a Response to Chinese Foreign Policy," in "China and International Security: History, Strategy, and 21st Century Policy," edited by Thomas M. Kane (Praeger 2013). He can be reached at littlefield@mail.fcu.edu.tw.

Jessica Teets, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Middlebury College and Associate Editor of the Journal of Chinese Political Science, was selected as one of the 20 PIP fellows for the National Committee on US-China Relations Public Intellectuals Program (2011-3).

Member Publications

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