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The preparation for the international symposium on “Harmonious World: New thinking in Chinese Domestic and Foreign Policies” in conjunction with the 20th ACPS annual meeting has gone smoothly. The conference will be hosted and co-sponsored by the Center for US-China Policy Studies (CUSCPS) and College of Behavioral and Social Sciences at San Francisco State University. Mr. & Mrs. S.H. Wong Foundation, Ltd. Hong Kong and Travel Insurance Services, a USI Affinity Company, has provided generous financial sponsorship for the event.

An impressive program is coming together thanks to the number of outstanding paper proposals we have received and the featured panels that we have constructed. This will be another great international gathering where our members and distinguished China scholars from the United States and elsewhere have a chance to come together to exchange their views on the topics related to the broad theme of the conference and other important topics related to China studies. For more information about the conference, please visit our conference website: <http://acps.sfsu.edu/acps/meetings/>

Two of the nation’s foremost China scholars, Professor Robert Ross of Boston College and Professor Joseph Fewsmith of Boston University, will be the featured keynote speakers during, respectively, the conference opening session and dinner banquet. Professor Ross will address the important topic of Chinese Nationalism while Professor Fewsmith will speak on the critical issue of governance in China.

A welcome reception will be provided at 6:30 pm the evening prior to the official opening of the conference (July 13), which also represents the night for conference registration/check-in. The meeting of the Board of Directors will be held between 8:30-10PM on July 13 as well.

Well researched conference papers will have the following opportunities: (1) to be selected for “The Best Paper Award;” (2) and/or to be published in *Journal of Chinese Political Science* (JCPS); (3) and/or to be published in edited books. The last ACPS annual meeting and the ACPS sponsored international

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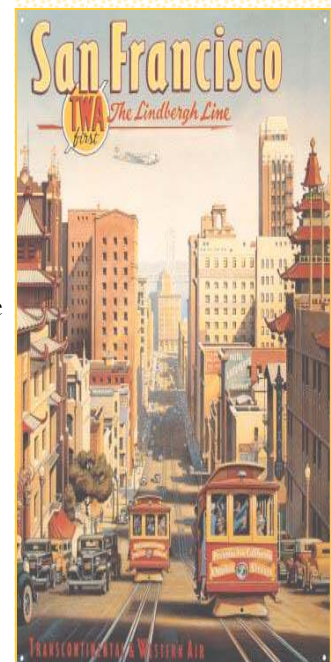
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The 20th ACPS Annual Meeting

symposium at Renmin University in China yielded three edited volumes, all to be published in 2007. These include *New Dimensions of Chinese Foreign Policy* (Lexington: Rowman & Littlefield, 2007), edited by Sujian Guo & Shiping Hua, *China in the Twenty-First Century: Challenges and Opportunities* (Palgrave-Macmillan Publishers, forthcoming 2007), edited by Shiping Hua & Sujian Guo, and *Challenges Facing Chinese Political Development* (Lexington-Rowman & Littlefield, forthcoming 2007), edited by Sujian Guo & Baogang Guo.

ACPS—2007 APSA Panel Update

Chicago, IL, August. 30--September 2, 2007

Panel Title: China's Search for Energy Security

Panel Chair: Lynn T. White, Princeton University, lynn@princeton.edu

"Energy Security and China Defense Policy"

Bernard D. Cole, National Defense University, coleb@ndu.edu

"Chinese Naval Analysts Consider the Energy Question"

Gabriel Collins, Andrew Erickson, and Lyle Goldstein, Naval War College, Andrew.erickson@nwc.navy.mil

"China-Africa Energy Relations"

Wenran Jiang, University of Alberta, Wenran.jiang@ualberta.ca

"China's Search for Energy Security in the Global Stage and its Relations with Asia-Pacific Countries"

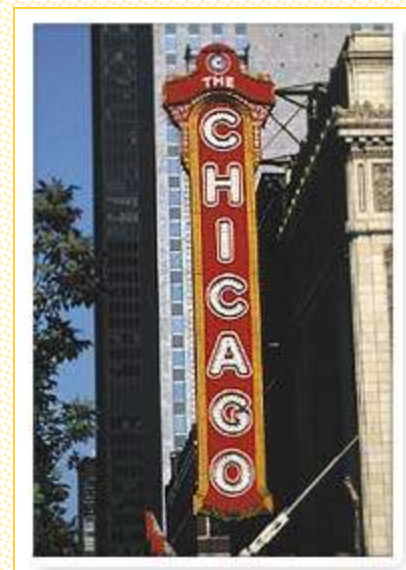
Suisheng Zhao, University of Denver, szhao@du.edu

"China-Iran Energy Relations: The Ties that Bind?"

Yi Edward Yang, James Madison University, and Melanie Hart, U.C., San Diego, yangyx@jmu.edu

Discussants: Jean-Marc F. Blanchard, San Francisco State University, jmfblanc@sfsu.edu; and Erica Strecker Downs, The Brookings Institution, edowns@brookings.edu

*Please make every effort possible to attend our panel if you will be attending the 2007 APSA annual meeting. The greater the attendance, the greater the ACPS's will have chances of obtaining an additional panel in future years. If you have any questions about the panel, please contact Prof. Jean-Marc F. Blanchard, the Research Director of the ACPS and the organizer of the Association's 2007 APSA panel.



ACPS Publishes Three New Books

In 2006, the Association of Chinese Political Studies (ACPS) held its annual meeting at University of Louisville, and co-sponsored an international conference with Renmin University of China in Beijing. Three books have been produced from the selected papers presented to the two conferences.

Shiping Hua and Sujian Guo, eds., *China in the 21st Century: Challenges and Opportunities*, Palgrave-Macmillan Publishers, August, 2007.

This edited volume looks at China in the twenty-first century from a holistic perspective. Each of the ten authors emphasizes a particular dimension of politics, political economy, political culture and foreign policy focusing on a specific issue within the broader dimension. Each specific issue, such as the so-called harmonious society, the internet, and technocratic leadership, serves as a window through which the reader can glimpse through to understand China in the new century

Sujian Guo and Shiping Hua, eds., *New Dimensions of Chinese Foreign Policy*, Roman and Littlefield Publisher, July, 2007,

This edited volume is an in-depth analysis of China's new place in international affairs. Taking Hu Jintao's proposal for "peaceful development" as a starting point, the contributors in this volume examine the new trends of thought in the fourth generation of Chinese policymakers. Special emphasis is placed on US-China relations. Editors Sujian Guo and Shiping Hua have assembled a

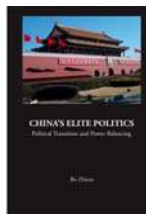
list of contributors—many of which are Chinese or Chinese-American scholars—with thorough knowledge of changes in Chinese foreign policy and their implications for the world. The essays contained in this volume cover a comprehensive breadth of topics, including: China's changing ideology in foreign policy, Chinese elite perspectives on the rise of China, the political orientations of the emerging elite, social dimensions of China's power status, "soft power" management, approaches to the North Korean nuclear issues, Middle East foreign policy, entry into WTO and foreign trade policy, changing attitudes toward international regimes, and the implications of China-U.S. interdependence. *New Dimensions of Chinese Foreign Policy* is essential reading for any student or researcher of contemporary Chinese politics.

Sujian Guo & Baogang Guo, *Challenges Facing Chinese Political Development*, Lexington-Rowman & Littlefield Publishing, September 2007.

This edited volume is based on the ACPS co-sponsored Beijing conference on "Political China in the 21st Century" held at Renmin University of China between June 10 and 11, 2006. Each author tries to carry scholarly objectivity into their research in order to closely examine a particular dimension of Chinese political development. Their insightful analyses can serve as windows through which readers can glimpse through these multifaceted angles to learn about various challenges facing China in its search for modernity, democracy, and the ways Chinese society is dealing with these challenges.

New Books from ACPS Members

Bo Zhiyue's new book, *China's Elite Politics: Political Transition and Power Balancing*, is published by World Scientific Press recently. This book provides a new theoretical perspective on elite politics in China and uses this theoretical perspective to explain power transfer from Jiang Zemin to Hu Jintao and political dynamics between different factional groups since the Sixteenth Party Congress of November 2002. It explains the transition in structural terms, presents characteristics of China's political elites, and analyzes the balance of power among formal institutions as well as among factional groups. It



also examines political interactions between Jiang Zemin and his cronies on the one side and Hu Jintao and his allies on the other over a number of issues: the epidemic of severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS); ideological institutionalization; the politics over economic overheating; Jiang Zemin's complete retirement; and Hu Jintao's power consolidation in both ideological and personnel terms. As China is poised for the 17th National Congress of the Chinese Communist Party in the fall of 2007, this timely research will likely stir debate and discussion on China's elite politics.

Calls for Contribution

Serial Title: *Challenges Facing Chinese Political Development*

Series Editor: Sujian Guo, Ph.D. San Francisco State University

In an attempt to reflect the rapidly changing political environment of the People's Republic of China, editor Sujian Guo has assembled a book series to present specialized areas of research in current Chinese political studies. Incorporating theoretical, empirical, and policy research on contemporary Chinese politics both domestically and internationally, this series contemplates the Chinese past, present, and future by utilizing interdisciplinary perspectives to approach issues related to Chinese politics, economy, culture, social development, reform, the military, legal system, and foreign relations. The series is to be published by Lexington-Roman and Littlefield Publishers. For proposal or manuscript submission, please contact Dr. Sujian Guo: sguo@sfsu.edu. For submission instructions, please visit the website: <http://bss.sfsu.edu/sguo/bookseries.htm>

Serial Title: *Asia in the New Millennium*

Series Editor: Shiping Hua, Ph.D. University of Louisville

This book series aims at publishing creative works on Asia with new materials and/or with new interpretations. We welcome manuscripts that look at the challenges and opportunities of Asia in the millennium from the perspectives of politics, economics, and cultural-historical traditions. Projects that study the impact of Asian developments on the world are also welcome. Priority will be given to those manuscripts that examine the history and prospect of the democratization process of Asia. Also of interest are those theoretically, empirically, and policy oriented works that can be used as teaching materials at undergraduate and graduate levels. Innovative manuscript proposals at any stage are welcome.

Editorial Advisory Board: William Callahan, University of Manchester, Lowell Dittmer, University of California Berkeley, Robert Hathaway, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Mike Mochizuki, George Washington University, Peter Moody, University of Notre Dame, Brantly Womack, University of Virginia,, Charles Ziegler, University of Louisville. If you have a book proposal or a manuscript, and are interested in to be a part of the series, please contact Dr. Shiping Hua: s0hua002@louisville.edu.

Book Title: *China in an Era of Transition: Understanding Contemporary State and Society Relationships*

Edited by Reza Hasmath and Jennifer Hsu, University of Cambridge

Timed with an organized panel at the International Convention of Asian Scholars (Kuala Lumpur), this edited collection will focus on China's state-society relationship in an era of social transition. The overall aim will be to understand how state-society relationship has evolved since China implemented its economic liberalization policies in 1978; and what shape this relationship is at present and potentially in the future.

Contributors are invited, but not limited, to explore the following themes: Development of Chinese Civil Society (incl. Community Associations, NGOs, and GONGOs), State Power and Social Forces, Chinese Public Sphere, Society's Relationship with Various Levels of Government, eg. Central, Provincial, Municipal, etc., Responses from Various Sectors of Society to the Changing Nature of the State, Strategies or Policies Communities and the State have Developed for Engagement Research employing either quantitative or qualitative methods are welcomed.

To contribute to the collection, please send an abstract of no more than 500 words and a short professional brief by 29 May 2007 (Tuesday) to:

Reza Hasmath rh376@cam.ac.uk, Jennifer Hsu jjh2@cam.ac.uk

All accepted contributions (7,000 words) will have to be completed by 1 November 2007 and will follow a stringent peer review process thereafter; with a view for publication in Spring 2008. We have been in discussion with a number of leading publishers in the field. For further information on any of the particulars, please contact the editors.

Member News

- **William A. Callahan** will be a resident fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in 2007/08, writing a book on 'Security, Identity and the Rise of China'. He is also Co-Director of the British Inter-University China Centre, a national research center funded by a 5 year \$10 million grant from Research Councils of the United Kingdom.
- **John Copper** has the following publications:
- The third edition of his book *Historical Dictionary of Taiwan* (Republic of China) was just published by Scarecrow Press.
- Taiwan's 2006 Metropolitan Mayoral and City Council Election and Politics of Corruption will be published in May by University of Maryland School of Law.
- **Shiping Hua** has recently published the following books and articles:
- *Reflections on the Triangular Relations of Beijing-Taipei-Washington since 1995: Status Quo at the Taiwan Strait?* ed. (New York: Palgrave-Macmillan, 2006), 303 pages.
- *Political Civilization and Modernization in China*, eds. With Yang Zhong (Singapore: World Scientific Press 2006), 330p.
- "China in the 21st Century: Challenges and Opportunities," co-guest edited with Brantly Womack, *Journal of Comparative Asian Development*. Vol. 5, No. 1 (Fall 2006), 210p.
- "The Deng Reforms and the Gorbachev Reforms Revisited: A Political Discourse Analysis," *Problems of Post Communism*, Vol. 53, No. 3, May/June 2006, pp. 3-1.
- **Sujian Guo** has published the following articles:
- Sujian Guo & Gary Stradiotto, "North Korea in Transition: What Direction and How Far?" *Asian Profile*, vol. 34, no. 4, 2006, pp. 309-328.
- Gary Stradiotto & Sujian Guo, "Market Socialism in North Korea: A Comparative Perspective," *Journal of Asian Pacific Economy*, vol. 12, no. 2, 2007.
- **Shaohua Hu** has published the following "Confucianism and Contemporary Chinese Politics." *Politics & Policy*. 35:1 (March 2007).
- **Vincent K Pollard** has reviewed prepublication book manuscripts for Routledge Asian Studies and Ashgate Publishing Ltd during the past six months. He recently joined the editorial advisory board of the *Journal of Information Technology & Politics* (Scientific Journals International). He also published research note "From Southern Seas to Cyberspace: Chinese Diaspora Websites in South East Asia and the South Pacific" on *Research Notes and Data Papers*, Chinese Southern Diaspora Studies [Centre for the Study of Chinese Southern Diaspora, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, The Australian National University], vol. 1 (2007), pp. 138-147. In addition, he published several book reviews on *In The China Review*, *The Ryukyuanist*, *Education About Asia*, and elsewhere during the past twelve months.
- **Alexander C. Tan** has published the following co-edited book recently.
- **Horowitz, Shale, Uk Heo, and Alexander C. Tan** (eds.) *Identity and Change in East Asian Conflicts*. New York: Palgrave-Macmillan, 2007.



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