



Association of Chinese Political Studies

Letter from the Newsletter Editor

Dear ACPS members,

Happy Holidays! I hope you, your family, or your friends are enjoying a relaxing and pleasurable holiday season! It is my pleasure to share some exciting announcements and news items with you. First, the ACPS's new website (designed by the Beijing Center for Policy Research), which is a database-driven site with many added functionalities, is now up and running. Among the major improvement, members can now create their own user account, register for conferences, and sign up or renew their membership. The new site has a member-only searchable database, which will allow members to upload conference papers as well as to submit individual research papers. Overtime, the paper database has the potential to be a useful academic online resource as more and more papers are accumulated. The ACPS also has acquired a new domain name: acpsus.org, which is hosted by a commercial web host. To visit the new site, please go to: http://www.acpsus.org. Comments and suggestions may be sent to webmaster@acpsus.org.



Second, the 23rd ACPS Annual Meeting will be held on the picturesque campus of Endicott College (Beverly, Massachusetts) from July 30-August 1, 2010. The theme of the conference will be "China in Search of Sustainable Development, Social Harmony, and Soft Power."

Third, the ACPS sponsored two panels at the September 2009 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA) in Toronto. Both panels were well attended (see the enclosed report by Dali Yang). Thanks to the great efforts of Dali, the ACPS again has been allocated two panels for the forthcoming APSA conference to be held in Washington, D.C., September 2-5, 2010. The theme for the ACPS 2010 panels is "China and the Great Recession." I hope you have taken advantage of this great opportunity and submitted a paper proposal. Regardless, I hope you will attend what undoubtedly will be a stimulating set of discussions!

Fourth, big kudos go to Li Xiaojun. His paper "Social Rewards and Socialization Effects in the International Institutions," presented at the ACPS-NCCU conference in Taipei, has won the 2009 ACPS Doctoral Student Best Paper Prize.

Fifth, the past year has been quite fruitful for many of our members, as the news on their promotion, grants, and/or publication attests (see below). Congratulations!

Jin Zeng

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**“China in Search of Sustainable Development, Social Harmony, and Soft Power”****Endicott College, Beverly, Massachusetts****Friday-Sunday, July 30-August 1, 2010**

The Association of Chinese Political Studies will hold an international symposium at Endicott College, located in the historic Boston metro area, between July 30 and August 1, 2010, with a check-in date on Friday, July 30, and checkout date on Sunday, August 1. The conference is co-sponsored and hosted by Endicott College and will be held in conjunction with ACPS's 23rd annual meeting.

**Conference Theme**

The conference's theme, “China in search of Sustainable Development, Social Harmony, and Soft Power,” is broad enough to allow conference participants to address a number of key domestic and international issues, which can include, but is not limited to, the following areas:

- The reflection on the political development in the past three decades
- Theoretical and empirical investigations of current political development in China
- Theoretical or empirical studies of the new development model China is undertaking
- The role of civil society in China's transition
- Elite changes and local politics
- The causes and preventions of social disharmony in China
- The institutional building in modernizing China's political system
- The policy of “peaceful development” and China's relation with the world
- The détente and future direction of cross-Strait relations.

We invite research papers that address these issues as well as other important topics that are appropriate to the main theme of this conference. Well-researched conference papers will have the opportunity: (1) to be published in *Journal of Chinese Political Science* (JCPS); (2) and/or to be included in edited books.

**Proposal and Paper Submission**

All scholars and researchers who are working in related fields are invited to submit proposals for consideration. Please send your proposal(s) via email to [meeting@acpsus.org](mailto:meeting@acpsus.org) no later than **February 1, 2010**. Paper proposals should include paper title, name(s) of author(s), institutional affiliation, title/position, mailing address, phone number, fax number, and e-mail address. All required information should be provided in MS Word format (not PDF) and sent as email attachments. Notification of acceptance will be issued no later than **February 15, 2010**.

Completed papers must be submitted online to the new ACPS website (<http://www.acpsus.org>) before **July 15, 2010**.

**Conference Accommodation**

The meeting organizers will provide FREE lodging for two nights and FREE meals for Friday evening, Saturday (breakfast, lunch, and dinner), and Sunday (breakfast and lunch) for registered participants. To receive these benefits, participants need to register and pay for the conference registration fees as well as ACPS membership fee by **March 15, 2010**.

**Instruction for Online Registration**

Those whose proposals are accepted must register for the Endicott meeting on ACPS's new web site: <http://www.acpsus.org>.  
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## CALL FOR PAPER

### “China in Search of Sustainable Development, Social Harmony, and Soft Power”

To register, you first must create an ACPS account. After logging in with your new user name and password, you can register and generate forms to establish a new ACPS membership/renew an existing membership. Since we do not have an online payment option yet, you will need to mail a check (in US dollars), payable to the “Association of Chinese Political Studies,” to: Professor Yanmin Yu, ACPS Treasurer, Department of Mass Communication, University of Bridgeport, 303 University Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06604, U.S.A. Tel: 203-576-4157. Fax: 203-576-4967. Email: [yanmin@bridgeport.edu](mailto:yanmin@bridgeport.edu)

International participants who need a letter of invitation for the purpose of obtaining a travel visa to the U. S. should contact Professor Baogang Guo at: [bguo@daltonstate.edu](mailto:bguo@daltonstate.edu).

#### Conference Registration Fee

- \_\_\_ Regular Member (\$80 + membership, see below).
- \_\_\_ Non-Member or Associate Member without paying dues (\$270).
- \_\_\_ Student (\$60 + \$35 membership).

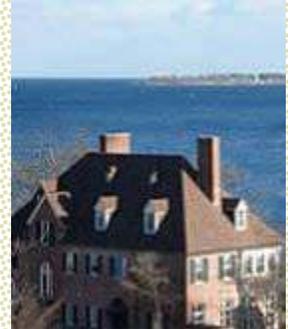
#### ACPS Membership Fee

Assistant Professor (\$45); Associate Professor (\$50); Full Professor (\$60); Researcher/Other Professional (\$60); Student (\$35)

- *Participants who do not pay membership fees will have to pay \$270 registration fee or disqualify for conference accommodations.*

#### **\*\* Important Dates \*\***

- Proposal submission deadline: **February 1, 2010**
- Notification of acceptance: **February 15, 2010**
- Conference registration and payment deadline: **March 15, 2010**
- Final paper submission deadline: **July 15, 2010**
- Meeting dates: **July 30-August 1, 2010**



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***Special Announcement:*** *We would like to extend our warmest welcome to Endicott College as a new institution member of ACPS. Also, we would like to thank it for the generous financial support for our upcoming annual conference at the college!*

**CALL FOR PAPERS "International Conference on Legitimacy and Governance"**  
**Fudan Institute for Advanced Study in Social Sciences**  
**Shanghai, China July 3-4, 2010**

Fudan Institute for Advanced Study in Social Sciences (Fudan-IAS) at Fudan University is to call for papers for an international conference on legitimacy and governance to be held at Fudan University in Shanghai, China between July 3-4, 2010 (Saturday-Sunday), with check-in on Friday, July 2 and check-out on Monday, July 5. This conference will be co-sponsored by the Association of Chinese Political Studies (ACPS), Fudan University School of International and Public Affairs, *Fudan Journal of the Humanities and Social Sciences*, and *China Social Science Quarterly*.

**The conference theme**

The theme of the conference is centered around "Legitimacy and Governance," aims to bring together a broad cross-discipline of social science scholars to discuss the following related topics (*not to exclude other related topics*):

- General theories of legitimacy and critical reflections on theoretical development of legitimacy
- Cultural origins, intellectual development, and value judgments of the Western and Chinese theories of legitimacy
- Comparative studies of legitimacy theories and practices in China and the West
- General theories of governance and critical reflections on theoretical development of governance
- Comparative studies of governance theories and practices in China and the West
- Relations between values and practices with regards to legitimacy, governance, development, efficiency, justice, equality, freedom and order
- Theoretical reflections on the political legitimacy and effective governance
- The state of research on legitimacy and governance in Chinese local and grassroots organizations
- Civil society and governance
- The influence of globalization on the theories and practices of legitimacy and governance
- Green revolution, global governance, and new world order
- Global warming and environmental governance
- International relations theories and global governance
- Soft power and legitimacy
- Soft power and good governance



**Deadline for paper proposals: February 1, 2010**

All overseas scholars and researchers who are working in related fields are invited to submit proposals for consideration. Please send your proposal no later than **February 1, 2010** to **Dr. Sujian Guo** at [sguo@sfsu.edu](mailto:sguo@sfsu.edu) and please put **"2010 Fudan-IAS 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 250-300 words. All requisite information should be contained in a Word document (please do not use PDF) attached to your email. After the paper proposal review is completed by a conference organizing committee, the acceptance/rejection notifications will be sent to you no later than **February 30, 2010**. If you have any questions relating to this conference, please contact Dr. Sujian Guo at [sguo@sfsu.edu](mailto:sguo@sfsu.edu)

**Conference Accommodations and Deadline for full paper submission: May 15, 2010**

Fudan Institute for Advanced Study in Social Sciences will provide room and board accommodations for three nights and two days for paper presenters. 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 15, 2009**.

Conference papers will be published by the organizers in both English and Chinese. Well researched conference papers will have the opportunity (1) to be published in *China Social Science Quarterly*, *Fudan Journal of the Humanities and Social Sciences* (in English), or *Journal of Chinese Political Science* (JCPS); (2) and/or to be published in edited books flowing from the conference.

**Conference**  
**Report**

**Two ACPS Panels at the 2009 APSA Annual Meeting  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada, September 3-6, 2009**

This year, thanks to the efforts of former ACPS Research Director Jean-Marc F. Blanchard, the Association for Chinese Political Studies had the opportunity to sponsor two panels at the APSA Annual Meeting in Toronto.

The two panels were:

**Panel 1:** China, the United States, and Global Order (Chaired by Brantly Womack, University of Virginia) and **Panel 2:** Globalization and the Chinese Regulatory State (Chaired by Dali L. Yang University of Chicago). Further details on these panels can be found at the APSA website.

Attendance at this year's APSA panels appeared to be down considerably from previous years, most likely because of the impact of the global economic crisis on college budgets. One of our discussants could not join us because his institution would not pay for his trip. However, based on the anecdotal information I have (and comments from a number of participants), our two panels were well attended, especially in comparison to other China-related panels in Toronto. Hopefully this attendance will be reflected in the allocation of panels for the coming year.

—Reported by Dali Yang



**ACPS Doctoral Student Best Paper Prize**

After thorough consideration, the evaluation committee for the “ACPS Doctoral Student Best Paper Prize” recommended that the 2009 Prize be given to Li Xiaojun, a third-year PhD student in the Political Science Program at Stanford University, for his paper “Social Rewards and Socialization Effects in the International Institutions” which was presented at the ACPS-NCCU conference in Taipei.

The evaluation committee remarked that Li's well-written and methodologically sophisticated “Social Rewards and Socialization Effects in International Institutions” paper makes a serious contribution to the field. While most studies on IGOs provide important insights about how state participation in specific IGOs can influence the relationships among states (i.e. international socialization), they fail to exploit quantitative techniques to address China's participation in a large number of IGOs over time and the possible socializing effects of such IGOs on China. In the committee's view, Li rectifies this gap. His paper provides a clear theory, thoughtfully conceptualizes and operationalizes variables, and advances a number of testable hypothesis. Furthermore, Li makes creative use of social network analysis techniques. Finally, he provides a good justification for using the Event History Model to analyze the data and test the hypothesis. His conclusions are well supported and convincing.

—Reported by Dr. Jean-Marc F. Blanchard  
President-elect, Association of Chinese Political Studies

***!!!Congratulations to Li Xiaojun!!!***



## ACPS Members News and Publications

**Jean-Marc F. Blanchard** was a visiting scholar at Peking University in Fall 2009. He recently published "Economics and Asia-Pacific Region Territorial and Maritime Disputes: Understanding the Political Limits to Economic Solutions," *Asia Politics & Policy*, Vol. 1, No. 4 (July/September 2009). While in Beijing he served as a panelist on the China Radio International "Beyond Beijing: China-Africa Relations" program and as a guest on the Blue Ocean Network (BON) program "Chinologue: Obama's visit to China."

**Raimund Bleischwitz, Paul J.J. Welfens and ZhongXiang ZhangZhang** (2009, Editors), *Sustainable Growth and Resource Productivity: Economic and Global Policy Issues*, Greenleaf Publishing, United Kingdom, 2009, vi + 360 pp. This edited volume features 15 chapters from eminent analysts from Europe and the United States.

**William A. Callahan** has been appointed Acting Director, Centre for Chinese Studies, University of Manchester.

**Ching-Chang Chen** has joined the Institute of International Strategic Studies, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, Japan, as an assistant professor from September 2009.

**Sonny Shiu-Hing Lo** has a new book entitled *The Politics of Cross-Border Crime in Greater China: Case Studies of Mainland China, Hong Kong and Macao* (M. E. Sharpe, 2009). His book *Political Change in Macao* (London: Routledge, 2008) received the first class book award from the Macao Foundation in late October 2009.

**Vincent K. Pollard**. "Malolos Constitution [Philippines]," *The Encyclopedia of the Spanish-American and Philippine American Wars*, ed., Spencer Tucker, Military History Series (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2009), pp. 364-365.

**Sheldon Simon** held the Asia-Pacific Visiting Mentor Professor post at The U.S. Naval War College during the 2008-2009 academic year. He is also the co-editor of two books: *Religion and Conflict in South and Southeast Asia: Disrupting Violence*, eds. Linell Cady and Sheldon W. Simon (Routledge, 2007); and *China, the United States and Southeast Asia: Contending Perspectives on Politics, Security, and Economics*, eds. Evelyn Goh and Sheldon W. Simon (Routledge, 2008).

**Chuanxing Wang** was recently appointed as vice director of the Center for America Studies, School of Political Science and International Relations, Tongji University.

**Lynn T White**. 2009. *Political Booms: Local Money and Power in Taiwan, East China, Thailand, and the Philippines*. World Scientific Books. <http://www.worldscibooks.com/eastasianstudies/7100.html>.

**Jing Zhao** of US-Japan-China Comparative Policy Research Institute published a book in October 2009, *US-Japan Alliance and its Interaction with China*, ISBN 978-0-557-06772-5. <http://www.lulu.com/content/6990684>.

**Yongnian Zheng, Yiyi Lu, and Lynn T. White III**. 2009. *Politics of Modern China*. Eds. Routledge. <http://www.routledgepolitics.com/books/Politics-of-Modern-China-isbn9780415441513>.

**Kate Xiao Zhou** was promoted into full professorship in 2009. Her book, *China's Long March to Freedom: Grass-roots Modernization* (2009) came out from Transaction press this year, too. She is the author of another important book about China, *How the Farmers Changed China: Power of the People*. Prof. Zhou founded a non-profit, Education Advancement Fund International ([www.yifei.org](http://www.yifei.org)) in 2002, helping improving rural and minority education in China. EAFI is the first place winner in the Social Entrepreneurship category of the Templeton Freedom Prize for Excellence in Promoting Liberty in 2006.

## ACPS Members News and Publications

**Yiran Zhou**, Research Assistant in the graduate program of Global Studies at Missouri State University (MSU) was awarded a Student Research Grant for Asian Studies from MSU in spring 2009 . Funding enabled him to travel to Beijing in the summer of 2009, interviewing experts and scholars in the US-China relations and the Taiwan issue, and consulting Chinese books and journals and newspapers at the National Library of China and academic institutes.

**Xufeng Zhu** just published a book in Chinese entitled 《中国思想库：政策过程中的影响力研究》（清华大学出版社）. *China's Think Tanks: research on Their Influences in the Policy Process*. Beijing: Tsinghua University Press, 2009. (June). "Strategy of Chinese policy entrepreneurs in the third sector: challenges of 'Technical Infeasibility'", *Policy Sciences*, vol. 41, no. 4. 315-334, 2008. "The Influence of Think Tanks in the Chinese Policy Process: Different Ways and Mechanisms," *Asian Survey*, vol. 49, no. 2, 333-357, 2009. "Bureau Chiefs and Policy Experts in the Chinese Policy Decision-making Process: Making Guanxi More Influential", *The China Review*, vol. 9, no. 2 (Fall), 129-155, 2009.



**Note:** We have received several messages from our members about their forthcoming publications. To avoid repetitive reporting and to put more emphasis on **published** works, "ACPS Member News and Publications" include **only RECENT PUBLICATIONS** by ACPS members. We will certainly report those "forthcoming publications" when they are actually published.

**Correction:** A mistake was made on Dr. Shawn Shieh's publication in the last issue. Below is the correct information.

Shawn Shieh, associate professor of political science at Marist College and Jonathan Schwartz, associate professor of political science at SUNY-New Paltz, have coedited a book on the changing roles of the state and social organizations (e.g. NGOs) in providing social services in China . The book, *State and Society Responses to Social Welfare Needs in China: Serving the People* , has been published by Routledge, and the link to the book is <http://www.routledge.com/books/State-and-Society-Responses-to-Social-Welfare-Needs-in-China-isbn9780415452243> . Professor Shieh will be a Visiting Scholar at the Beijing Center of International Education for Students (IES) for the 2009-2010 year and is working on a book on NGO activism in China .



## Recent Publications by ACPS Members

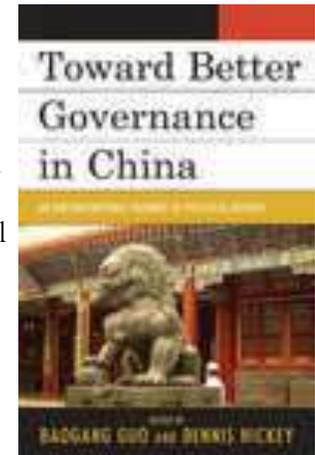
### **Toward Better Governance in China: An Unconventional Pathway of Political Reform**

*Edited by Baogang Guo and Dennis V. Hickey*

*Toward Better Governance in China* takes a fresh look at the latest efforts made by Chinese leaders to promote governance-based reform. It asserts that the improvement of governance has now become one of the breakthrough points of the much anticipated political reform. One of the advantages in placing the improvement of governance first is that it is less risky than embarking upon a full-scaled electoral reform. Electoral democracy is undoubtedly an important element in a functional democracy. But equally important is the effectiveness, transparency, accountability, and openness of the governing process. Better governance implies greater transparency, open deliberation and participation, and less adversarial political confrontation and conflict. If constructed properly, China may become the sort of democratic administration or administrative democracy that Robert Dahl discussed in 1947. Clearly, political reform of this kind does not follow the conventional wisdom of a democratic transition which places heavy emphasis on electoral reform or the precedence of the electoral reform to the government reform. This book is intended to shed some new light on the ongoing debate about the direction of China's political development.

#### List of Contributors

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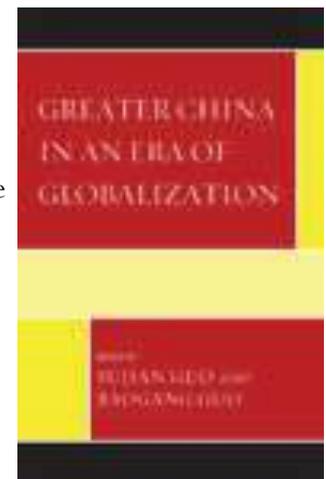
### **Greater China in an Era of Globalization**

*Edited by Sujian Guo and Baogang Guo*

China's growth in the past few decades has been unprecedented, and continues to stay strong as it expands its influence around the globe. However, in many ways, the once insular China is still looking to find its footing as an international player in the globalization game. *Greater China in an Era of Globalization* looks at the success of China and its surrounding territories of Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Macau and asks the question "What is Chinese globalization?". The contributors in this volume look to answer this question by examining China's role both in its immediate sphere of influence and in the greater world. In doing so, the contributors argue that its push to globalize has had as much effect on the country itself, both politically and culturally, as it has had on the world. The contributors further the argument by analyzing China's influence on the rising nations in Africa and Latin America, before ending the book with a comparative analysis between it and the historic rise and fall of influence of its European counterparts.

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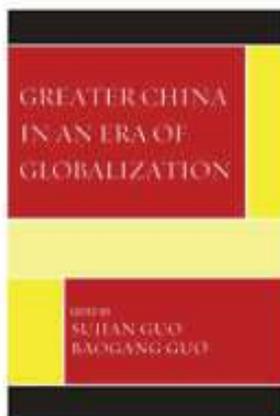


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