

Call for Papers: Security and Conflict in Twentieth Century China Biennial Conference of the Historical Society for Twentieth Century China (HSTCC)

The Historical Society for Twentieth Century China invites participation in the Society's biennial conference on the theme of Security and Conflict in Twentieth Century China to be held at Virginia Tech's National Capital Region conference facilities in Arlington, VA (outside of Washington, DC) from **August 3-4, 2018**. Additional research-related programming may be scheduled on the Monday after the conference (August 6). Registration fees will be waived for members of the Society.

Proposals (individual, panel, and roundtable) are sought to address the following questions and themes related to national security and human security during the twentieth century:

--How did China respond to international and regional conflicts and tensions in the twentieth century? What ideas about national security challenges and their solutions emerged? This might include (but is certainly not limited to) examinations of military conflicts, diplomacy, the development of state security apparatuses, border security, information control and security, post-conflict rehabilitation and resilience, and soft power initiatives.

--How did ideas of human security remain constant or change in the twentieth century? What kind of measures were developed to guarantee the survival of the Chinese nation and the safety and well-being of the Chinese people? Papers examining these questions might include (but are not limited to) discussions of international or internal threats and tensions, human welfare, environmental change and disaster, quality of life issues, food security, health concerns, and economic transitions and stability.

An individual paper proposal should consist of a paper title (of no more than 20 words), an abstract (no more than 250 words), a short biographical paragraph (limited to 150 words), and contact information (name, affiliation, position, and mailing and email address). A regular panel should have 3-4 presenters and an additional Chair and Commentator (who may also be a presenter). A complete panel proposal should have a panel title (no more than 20 words), a panel abstract (up to 250 words), the information listed above for individual paper proposals from each paper presenter, and contact information and short bio paragraph for the Chair and Commentator (if not paper presenters).

Proposals for roundtable discussions on teaching, archival collections, research methods, or an emerging research topic related to any aspect of twentieth century China are particularly welcome. The Society hopes to devote a portion of the 2018 Conference to these less formal discussions about our field and teaching that will be grouped around certain themes or topics. A roundtable should include 3-5 participants and a moderator (who may also be a presenter). A roundtable proposal should include a title (no more than 20 words), an abstract describing the issues and questions for discussion (up to 300 words), a short biographical paragraph for each participant that briefly indicates the nature of the topics that participant is prepared to discuss (no more than 225 words), and contact information (name, affiliation, position, and mailing and email address) for each participant. Those who are proposing research papers may also be included in a roundtable proposal.

We welcome participation from graduate students as well as established scholars. Preference will be given to active members in the Society. All accepted participants in the 2018 Conference should be members of the HSTCC. You may join the HSTCC via the Society website at hstcconline.org. (If you need to check on the status of your membership, please contact the Secretary/Treasurer Professor Xiaoping Cong, xcong@central.uh.edu).

The deadline for submitting proposals (for individual papers, panels, or roundtables) is February 28, 2018. The 2018 conference organizing committee will be comprised of members of the HSTCC Board Timothy Weston, Rebecca Nedostup, and Helen Schneider (HSTCC President). We request the proposals in English, but the working languages for the conference will be Chinese and English. Accepted proposals will be notified by March 22, and papers will be due for pre-circulation (via a secure website) by July 2, 2018. Roundtable moderators will be expected to post short outlines of topics to be discussed by that date. Please send all the materials named above in a complete file in the body of an email or as an email attachment to Helen Schneider (hms@vt.edu) and Faith Skiles (fskiles@vt.edu).