

Security and Conflict in Twentieth Century China

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August 3-4, 2018

Virginia Tech, Executive Briefing Center
Arlington, VA

Program

Day I: Friday August 3:

Registration, open from 8:30 am

Breakfast available from 8:30 am: In the foyer of the conference venue

Opening Remarks and Refreshments: 9:00-10:00 am

Opening Remarks

Location: West Falls Church

Helen Schneider, outgoing President of HSTCC

Timothy B. Weston, incoming President of HSTCC

Kristin Stapleton, Editor of *Twentieth Century China*

Friday, Panel Set A

Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm

A1 – Foreign Relations

Location: West Falls Church

Stephen MacKinnon (Arizona State University): How to Define Spying in 1930s China:

Cases of Chen Hansheng and Agnes Smedley

Peter Roy Harmsen (University of Copenhagen): The Scandinavian 'Betrayal': Norway,

Sweden and Denmark at the Nine Power Treaty Conference in Brussels,

November 1937

Yu Ping Chang (Kansas State University): Beijing's Cold War United Front: A

Perspective of Chinese Mode of Human Association

Patrick Nash (State University of New York at Buffalo): Prisoners of War and Ideological

Warfare in Korea, 1950-1954

Sherman Xiaogang Lai (Royal Military College of Canada) Revolution versus Realpolitik:

Mao Zedong and Zhou Enlai's Approaches to the Indochina Wars

Discussion: Audience

A2 – Struggling for Survival: Locality in the State-Building of Republican China

Location: East Falls Church

Guo Wang (Sichuan University): “Soldier-Citizen” in Southwest China in the 1910s

Nagatomi Hirayama (University of Nottingham, Ningbo, China): The Chinese Youth Party in Northeast China, 1928-1931

Qiong Liu (State University of New York at Buffalo): Reinterpreting Chinese Revolution: A Balance of Two Approaches, 1937-1945

Discussant: Leander Seah (Stetson University)

Lunch: 12:00 – 1:15 pm

Lunch provided for registered conference participants, in the foyer

Friday, Panel Set B

Time: 1:15 pm – 3:15 pm

B1 – Complicating the Military History of the Chinese Communist Party

Location: West Falls Church

Ed McCord (George Washington University): Mao Zedong and the Issue of Military Power in the 1926 National Revolution

Zhongtian Han (George Washington University): The Communist Handling of Nationalist Prisoners of War during the Chinese Civil War, 1946-1949

Lei Duan (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor): The Control of the Gun: The Communist Policies on Armed Masses in Tibet in the 1950s

Qiu Jin Hailstork (Old Dominion University): The Working Group of the Central Military Committee, 1967-1971

Discussant: Helen Schneider (Virginia Tech)

Coffee and Tea Break: 3:15 pm – 3:30 pm

In the foyer

Friday, Panel Set C

Time: 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

C1 – Intellectuals, Historical Memory, and Security

Location: West Falls Church

Xiaoping Cong (University of Houston): Rethinking of the 20th Century Chinese Intellectual History --From the Perspective of Social Practice

Robert Culp (Bard College): Conquering Nature in Republican China

Yi Lu (Harvard University): Saving State Secrets and Memories in Mao’s China

Xuening Kong (State University of New York at Buffalo): Civilizing Students: History Teaching and National Mobilization in Textbooks in North China, 1920-1946

Yue (Mara) Du (New York University): Technology, Heritage, and Security: Patriotic Education on TV in Contemporary China

Discussion: Audience

C2 – Civilians: Life and Death

Location: East Falls Church

Linh Vu (Arizona State University): Commemoration, Bureaucratization, Civilianization during the War of Resistance

Dewen Zhang (Randolph-Macon College): Women and Refugee Children Relief in Guangdong Province, 1937-45

Flavia Solieri (University of Bologna, Italy): The Country-Bumpkins and the City: Safety and Well-being of City Dwellers in PLA's Takeover of Shenyang, November 1948

Discussant: Rebecca Nedostup (Brown University)

Reception: 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

In the foyer of the conference venue

Light refreshments, including wine and beer

Dinner: On your own

A list of some nearby restaurants is available in your conference packet

Day 2

Saturday August 4:

Breakfast available from 8:30 am

In the foyer of the conference venue

Saturday, Panel Set D

Time: 9:00 am – 11:00 am

D1 - Strengthening Social Control: The Role of Journalism and Mobilization during the Chinese Social and National Crises

Location: East Falls Church

Timothy B. Weston (University of Colorado, Boulder): The State Encounters the Press: The Case of *Jinghua ribao* in 1900s Beijing

Qingjun Liu (University of Sydney): Reinterpreting the Sino-Japanese War: The Southwest Shanxi Base Area in North China, 1939-1940

Yi Wang (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences): The Compressed Space for Independent Press: the Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury from Pre-war Shanghai to the 'Isolated Island'

Discussion Moderator: Timothy Weston

D2 - Food and Economic Security

Location: West Falls Church

Emily M. Hill (Queen's University): Food Security in China since the 1930s

Seung-joon Lee (National University of Singapore): Food Industry and the Politics of Eating in Republican Shanghai

Sophia Lee (California State University, East Bay): In Search of Economic Security in Occupied Beijing: Views from *Funü zazhi*

Discussant: Kristin Stapleton (University at Buffalo)

Coffee and Tea Break: 11:00-11:15

In the foyer

Roundtable: Sources of/for the post-1949 History of China

Saturday, 11:15 am – 12:45 pm

Location: West Falls Church

Charles Kraus (Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars): Accessing the Inaccessible: Chinese Archives and PRC History

Matthew Wills (University of California, San Diego): Methodological and Ethical Issues Surrounding Sources on PRC History

Remotely via zoom:

Steven Pieragastini (Boston College): Reading between the Lines: The Promise and Perils of Published Sources for PRC History

Saturday Afternoon Lunch

1:00 pm -2:30 pm Networking Lunch, Sponsored by *Twentieth-Century China*
Bangkok Bistro, 715 North Glebe Road

2:30 Bus departure for visit to Tu Zuochoa Exhibition

A mid-size passenger bus will depart from the Bangkok Bistro at **2:30** to go to the Tu Zuochoa Exhibition. (Parking on site is limited, if you plan on driving your own car please let Helen or Faith know)

Tu Exhibition Visit

3:00 pm -5:00 pm

Light refreshments will be provided by our hosts, Tu Shenghua and his family

Tu Zuochao, a longtime member of the Chinese Communist Party, conducted underground work and intelligence activities beginning in the 1920s. The Exhibition is located in the Tu home, and includes more than a thousand items, many of which have English and Chinese explanations. A guide to the exhibition, prepared by Tu Shenghua, is available in your conference packet.

The bus returning to Ballston Holiday Inn will depart the Tu Exhibit at 5:00.

If you came on the bus and plan on returning by other means, or if you came by other means and would like to return on the bus, please let Helen or Faith know.

Information about *Twentieth-Century China*

Twentieth-Century China (TCC), a refereed scholarly journal, publishes new research on China's long twentieth century. Articles in the journal engage significant historiographic or interpretive issues and explore both continuities of the Chinese experience across the century and specific phenomena and activities within the Chinese cultural, political, and territorial sphere—including the Chinese diaspora—since the final decades of the Qing. Comparative empirical and/or theoretical studies rooted in Chinese experience sometimes extend to areas outside China, as well. The journal encompasses a wide range of historical approaches in its examination of twentieth-century China: among others, social, cultural, intellectual, political, economic, and environmental. Founded as a newsletter in 1975, TCC has grown into one of the leading English-language journals in the field of Chinese history.

TCC was formerly published as *Republican China* (1983–1997) and as the *Chinese Republican Studies Newsletter* (1975–1983). TCC is now published by Johns Hopkins University Press for Twentieth Century China Journal, Inc., and is the journal of the Historical Society for Twentieth-Century China. Supported by an international editorial board of eminent scholars, the journal employs double-blind peer review and evaluation by the journal's academic editors to select outstanding articles for publication.

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