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CHUS Related Events

An Update on the first International Conference of Chinese Historians

As many of you know, about two years ago we started planning an international conference to commemorate the 20th anniversary of CHUS. Last year, CHUS and the East China Normal University (Huadong shida) in Shanghai reached an agreement to co-sponsor the conference. However, ECNU asked that CHUS share the financial responsibilities for hosting the conference.

Fortunately, Professor YAO Ping was able to raise the money needed from sources in China to help CHUS pay for the costs associated with the conference. Needless to say, we all owe Professor Yao a big "thank you" for her effort in fund raising and making the conference possible. The board issued a call for papers in early February 2008 and please be reminded that the deadline for submitting paper proposal is March 31, 2008.

The Edited Volume

Two former CHUS' board members, LI Xiaobing and TIAN Xiansheng, have been working hard to co-edit a book that includes contributions from many CHUS members. Although many individual CHUS members have published books in English and in Chinese, this is perhaps the first time that we are featured prominently in a single volume by a university press in China. The book was initially scheduled to be published by People's University (Renmin daxue) in Beijing last summer, but ran into some unexpected difficulties with the press. Now, the manuscript has been accepted by Shanghai Cishu Press. Our thanks go to Xiaobing and Xiansheng for their continuous effort on CHUS behalf.

2007 CHUS Awards

In an attempt to encourage members to more actively engage in scholarship and research, CHUS began to give Academic Excellence Award since 2006. For the year of 2007, the recipient of the award went to professor CONG Xiaoping. Congratulations to professor Cong! In addition, the CHUS board granted the 2007 Award for Distinguished Service to CHUS to professor TIAN Xiansheng. Congratulations to professor Tian!

Announcements

Publication Opportunities

The Chinese Historical Review (CHR) is calling for contributions to a special forum on "War and Memory in Modern China," tentatively scheduled to be published in 2008. The journal is looking for papers that critically reflect on the issues related, but not limited, to the China-Japan War (1937-1945), especially its interpretations and ramifications in domestic and international politics in Asia and beyond. More than 60 years have passed since the end of World War II and yet the question of Japan's wartime past continues to carry an enormous emotional weight and to engender important and sometimes contentious scholarly debates. With the new patterns of international relations looming large in the region and world, the time is right for a reexamination of the meanings of the war period and a rethinking of the ways they have been created and used. *CHR* particularly invites papers on the following topics: (1) specific aspects of the war, both military and civilian; (2) the historiographical development of studies of the war period, including questions of sources and their availability; (3) the debates within the international scholarly community over the war and its meanings, and on how such debates shed light on the role of historians in the public sphere; and (4) the war in an international context, particularly studies that deal with the way war memories have been created and dealt with in different societies inside and outside of Asia.

Please limit the length of the paper to 7,000-8,000 words. Papers can be sent in hardcopy to: *The Chinese Historical Review*, Keith 225, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, PA 15705, U.S.A., or electronically (WORD Format) to: ch-review@iup.edu.

Journal of Modern Chinese History invites contributions from interested scholars. The journal is jointly published by the Institute of Modern History, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) and the Taylor & Francis Group. The editorial board welcomes original and solid research in the field of modern Chinese history (nineteenth and twentieth centuries), including research articles, review articles, research notes, and book reviews, especially those reflecting the new development of scholarship in the field. Articles will be reviewed anonymously by external referees. Article manuscripts, including notes, references, and tables, should not exceed 30 pages or 8,000 words in length. Authors should provide an abstract of 200 words and keywords (no more than five). All manuscripts must be typed with 12-point fonts and double spaced. Documentation should follow the style recommended in sections 16.1 through 16.70 of the *Chicago Manual of Style*, 15th edition (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2003). Chinese names and places should follow Pinyin system.

Electronic submission is acceptable. Manuscripts that have been published elsewhere or that are under consideration for publication elsewhere will not be considered. Research articles should be submitted with the author's name, affiliation, address, and e-mail address on a separate page to ensure anonymity in the reviewing process. All research articles received are sent anonymously to referees who are asked to respond within 30 days. Our goal is to respond to authors within three months. All submissions and correspondence to the editors should be sent to: The Editorial Office, 1 Dongchang Hutong, Wangfujing Dajie, Beijing 100006, China; Tel/Fax: 86-10-65275947; E-mail: chinesehistory@cass.org.cn

Education About Asia (EAA) has issued a call for World History Manuscripts. EAA is the peer-reviewed teaching journal of the Association for Asian Studies. Its readers include undergraduate instructors as well as high school and middle school teachers. EAA's articles are intended to provide educators, who are often not specialists, with basic understanding of Asia-related content. Manuscripts submitted for consideration for publication in EAA are evaluated by qualified referees.

EAA is in the process of developing a special section in the fall 2008 issue entitled "Asia in World History: 1750-1914." This special section is the fourth in an EAA series and the dates in the title correspond to the National World History Standards "Eras." In this special section, it is hoped that articles will be published where authors develop manuscripts that will enable teachers and students to better understand Asia in modern world history. EAA is seeking manuscripts about all areas of Asia and interested in Asia-related manuscripts on maritime, environmental, and economic history. Please contact Lucien Ellington, Editor, ***Education About Asia*** (l-ellington@comcast.net; edast@utc.edu)

Conferences

There are a number of conferences that may be of interested to CHUS members. To begin with -

1. The Association of Chinese Professors in the Social Sciences in the U.S. (ACPSS), Cornell University Library and Cornell East Asia Collection cordially invite papers and panels on the theme “East Asia: Challenges of Complex Realities in an Era of Globalization” for the 14th ACPSS international conference in conjunction with the 90th Jubilee of the Cornell Wason Collection on East Asia. The conference will seek panels and papers to address issues revolving around (**but not limited to**) the following subjects
 - (1) Regional Economy and Its Integration into World Economy
 - (2) Regional Politics and Its Relations with World Politics
 - (3) Social and Cultural Development
 - (4) Issues Related to Environment and Public Health
 - (5) International Cooperation in Crime Control
 - (6) Overseas Chinese and Globalization
 - (7) Transition from Traditional Library to Digital Library
 - (8) Methods and Technologies Involved in Digitization of East Asian Materials

Please submit via email an abstract for your paper (100-150 words) to Dr. LI Jieli (李捷理) at lij@ohio.edu or Dr. ZHENG Liren (郑力人) at lz14@cornell.edu by **July 1, 2008**. A committee selected by the conference program committee will review all submissions, and those with accepted abstracts are expected to submit their full-length papers by **September 20, 2008**. Papers should be written in English and preferably in the length of a journal article. However, under special circumstances, quality Chinese-version papers will also be accepted. Presented papers may be selected for publication in conference proceedings or considered for publication in the official journal of ACPSS-- *American Review of China Studies*.

2. CHUS will sponsor panels at 2009 AHA annual meeting for its members. The 2009 AHA annual meeting will be held January 2-5, 2009 in New York City. The theme for the 2009 Annual Meeting is “Globalizing Historiography” (for an elaboration of the theme, go to www.historians.org/perspectives/issues/2007/0709/0709ann6.cfm). The CHUS invites proposals for panels at 2009AHA annual meeting. Panels can follow one of the following formats: 1) three or four papers, chair, and commentator or 2) a roundtable with a chair and participants. The exact date for submission of affiliated panels to the AHA is unknown at this point (presumably in May 2008). The CHUS encourages members to organize panels, and will issue a second call for papers with submission deadline. Please contact Yafeng Xia, Organizational Coordinator of the CHUS for further questions. He can be reached at Yafeng.xia@liu.edu.

3. **Inauguration of Interdisciplinary Centre for East Asian Studies** has issued Call for papers for a conference entitled "Cultural Power Asia" to be held at Goethe University, Frankfurt, November 15, 2008. Below is an excerpt of the original CFP.

“Prompted by the growing economic and political importance of cultural products, the production, use and impact of culture has become an increasingly important topic in both social sciences and cultural studies.

In economics, the production of culture has been a focus of research, evident for example in the pricing of stars or new forms of organizations; in sociology and politology, terms like nation branding or construction of culture point to the effects and the utilization of culture. All these topics are closely related to the dynamics of cultural development and cultural identity and have been extensively discussed within the humanities the discourse on ³invented traditions² being a pertinent example. At the same time, the role of Asian cultural products for current political, social, and economic developments is quite notable: High growth rates and relatively low production costs make cultural industries one of the most fascinating industrial sectors. With nation building, on the one hand and the construction of Asian identities on the other, cultural products are highly significant to the current societal and political processes, such as the ongoing debate on further East Asian integration, as well as growing interregional tensions due to assumed or aspired national autarkies.”

Contributions to the conference can be devoted to theoretical issues or empirical studies addressing the topics above within the East Asian context. A convincing application of relevant theories of the respective disciplines will have special value.

Both papers and abstracts can be submitted for consideration. However, in order to be considered for the 'Best Paper' selection, it is necessary to submit a full paper, as abstracts will not be considered in this selection process. The three best papers selected will be awarded a grant covering travel and accommodation fees for the conference. Additionally, these papers will be eligible for publication. Deadline: May 15, 2008. Please submit papers as an email attachment in MS-Word format to: K.Fiedler@em.uni-frankfurt.de. Papers will be peer-reviewed and authors notified by June 15, 2008.

Fellowships

The Institute for Historical Studies at UT-Austin invites proposals for 2008-09 in two categories: (1) the institute invites proposals for weekly workshops to be held throughout the year. Our current theme is “Global Borders.” Please note that we conceive of borders very broadly in conceptual (for instance, legal, cultural, aesthetic, gender and so on) as well as political or geographic terms, and we welcome proposals that explore “Global Borders” in a wide variety of ways.

(2) the institute also solicits paper proposals for a conference in international environmental history to be hosted by the Institute for Historical Studies at the University of Texas in April 2009. The conference, tentatively entitled "The Nation-State and the Transnational Environment," will consider intersections between international/diplomatic and environmental

history. Key questions include the following: How have governments of territorially bounded nation-states sought to cope with transnational environmental problems throughout history? What has been the role of international organizations and other non-state actors such as corporations, NGOs, and expert communities? How successful have nation-states and international organizations been in confronting transnational dilemmas? How have local communities attempted to resolve these problems? What are the prospects for international agreements to fight global warming and other urgent issues? The institute welcomes paper proposals exploring these problems in any place or period.

In both categories, the institute will pay the expenses of the selected participants whose papers will be pre-circulated. The closing date for proposals in either category is April 15, 2008. For full details and the application procedure, send email to historyinstitute@austin.utexas.edu

CHUS Member News

CHEN Jian is appointed the Philippe Roman Chair of History and International Affairs at the London School of Economics for the 2008-2009 academic year. The chair was recently created by a major gift to LSE. The first holder of the chair is Professor Paul Kennedy of Yale, and Chen Jian will be the second holder of the chair.

CHEN Li (J.D. from Univ. of Illinois-Champaign, and currently a Ph.D. Candidate in Modern Chinese History at Columbia University) has one article accepted for publication by the *Law and History Review*, tentatively entitled "Law and Empire in the Making of Modern Sino-Western Relations: A Case Study in 1784." He has also recently accepted a tenure-track appointment from the University of Toronto to start this fall. Here are some of his invited talks and conference presentations:

"Law as the Decoding Machine: Chinese Law in the Western Debates on Legal Reform and Modernity, 1750-1850," invited talk at the Triangle Legal History Seminar sponsored by the Univ. of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, North Carolina State University, and Duke University (November 2007, Durham)

"Lure of Modernity and Power: Chinese Discourse on Legal Reform in the *Shenbao* Newspaper, 1872-1902," presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association (January 2008, Washington, D.C.; panel organizer)

"From Montesquieu to Yan Fu: Normalization of Western Ideas in the Age of Empire," presented the Roundtable on Montesquieu's *Spirit of the Laws* organized by the Society for Social and Political Philosophy (March 2008, Skidmore College)

"Empire, Identity, and International Politics: Trauma and Memory of Violence in the Opium Wars (1838-1860)," to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Cultural Studies Association (May 2008, New York)

WANG Di published his article "Urban Life in China's Wars, 1937-49: The View from the Teahouse" in Stewart Lone ed. *Daily Life of Civilians in Wartime Asia* (Westport: Greenwood Press, 2007). Another essay, written in Chinese and entitled 大众文化与城市公共空间的重

构：清末民初的成都城市改良 was published in Jiang Jin ed. 都市文化中的现代中国 (Shanghai: Huadong shifan daxue chubanshe, 2007).

WANG Qingjia Edward recently published a coauthored book entitled *A Global History of Modern Historiography* (Pearson/Longman, 2008), which is the first survey of historiographic changes around the world in English. It is being translated into Chinese and will be published by Peking University Press. He also was the lead editor of the volume, *The Many Faces of Clio: Cross-Cultural Approaches to Historiography* (Berghahn, 2007) and author of the chapter "Between Myth and History: the Construction of a National Past in Modern East Asia" in *Writing the Nation: A Global Perspective*, ed., Stefan Berger (Palgrave, 2007). Over the past winter break, he completed his first stint as Changjiang Visiting Professor at Peking University and also gave invited lectures at Nankai University and Capital Normal University.

XU Guoqi, Wen Chao Chen Chair of History at Kalamazoo College, has recently finished the following books or articles: *Olympic Dreams: China and the sports, 1895-2008*, to be published by Harvard University Press in March 2008, its Chinese edition will be available in June 2008 from People's Press (in Beijing). The Chinese edition of *China and the Great War* (published by Cambridge University Press in 2005) will be available in summer 2008 from Shanghai Sanlian Shudian (translated by Ma Jianbiao, a Fudan historian). In addition, Beijing's Trans-Continental Press published his book "Convergence of two civilizations: Chinese laborers in France during the First World War" in both Chinese and French editions in November 2007.

His article "The Great War and China's military expeditionary plan" appeared in the January 2008 issue of *The Journal of Military History*. Another article, "Historical memories and China's Changing views of East Asia," was published in 2007 by *The Journal of American Asian Relations* (vol. 11, nos. 1-4)

In fall, 2008, Professor Xu will co-host an international conference on Chinese laborers in Europe during the First World War with Weihai Archives.

XU Xiaoqun's new book, *Trial of Modernity: Judicial Reform in Early-Twentieth-Century China, 1901-1937*, is forthcoming from Stanford University Press (August 2008).

A Chinese version of his first book, *Chinese Professionals and the Republican State* (Cambridge 2001; 2006), with two additional chapters, was published in China in December 2007. The Chinese citation is: 徐小群. <民国时期的国家与社会：自由职业团体在上海的兴起，1912 - 1937>. 北京：新星出版社，2007.

Recently Xu published three articles as follows:

"Social Actors, Cultural Capital, and the State: The Standardization of Bank Accounting Classification and Terminology in Early-Twentieth-Century China," *Accounting, Organization and Society* (London: Elsevier, Ltd.), Vol.33, No.1 (January 2008):73-102. [co-authored].

“The Rule of Law without Due Process: Punishing Robbers and Bandits in Early-Twentieth-Century China,” *Modern China* (Sage Publications), Vol.23, No. 2 (April 2007):230-257.

“Negotiating Western Models and Chinese Practices: Judicial Reform in the Late Qing New Policy, 1901-1911,” in Susanne Weigelin-Schwiedrzik, Agnes Schick-Chen, and Sascha Klotzbücher, eds., *As China Meets the World: China’s Changing Position in the International Community*. Vien: Der Österreichischen Akademie Der Wissenschaften (Vienna: Austrian Academy of Sciences Press), 2006. Pp.99-121.

YANG Guocun, Associate Professor of History at Manchester Community College and Vice President of the Association for the Study of Connecticut History (ASCH), served on the conference program committee on "The Constitution of 1818 and Beyond," which was held on November 3, 2007, at the University of Connecticut School of Law in Hartford. Guocun is the program chair for the ASCH conference on "East and West of the River: A Comparative Approach," which will take place on November 1, 2008, at the University of Connecticut - Avery Point. For more information on ASCH, please visit <http://asch.ccsu.edu/>

YAO Ping is appointed a Research Associate of the Women’s Studies in Religion Program at the Harvard Divinity School for the 2008-2009 academic year. In addition to teaching a course, “Women and Religion in Chinese Tradition,” she will be giving a public talk on her research project, “Good Karma Connections: Buddhist Women in Tang China,” at Harvard. Her co-authored textbook, *East Asian Voices: Sources for East Asian Civilization*, is scheduled to be published by Longman Publishing later this year.

Obituary

Professor CHENG Weikun, a longtime CHUS member, died in a car accident in the early morning of December 19, 2007. Cheng was born on August 25, 1953. He received his undergraduate training in history from Sichuan University (1977-1982) and graduate training in Chinese history from the People’s University of China (1982-1084). After working as a lecturer at the Institute of Qing History of the People’s University for several years, he came to the U.S. to study under Professor William Rowe at the Johns Hopkins University. He was awarded Ph.D. in history in 1994, taught at SUNY Oswego as a visiting professor between 1994 and 1997 and then joined the Department of History of California State University-Chico, where he was tenured and promoted to an associate professor in 2002. A fuller version of obituary about his life and scholarly accomplishments will appear in the next issue of *Chinese Historical Review*.

Call for Membership Renewal

While membership fees are normally due at the end of May each year, the board of directors would like to remind CHUS members to renew their membership early and considered to become a lifetime CHUS member. The rates for membership fees are:

\$10 scholars in China
\$20 student & retiree
\$30 one year
\$50 two years
\$200 lifetime

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