**APSA Mini-Conference on Chinese Politics**

This mini-conference brings together scholars studying Chinese politics to investigate the governance challenges faced by China’s authoritarian regime. How has the Chinese Communist Party sustained its hold on power in the face of threats from within and without the state? The proposed slate of panels examines popular protest and contention, management of elites and officials, porous censorship, and corruption, and the problems they all pose for a non-democratic regime attempting to sustain its rule.

**8:00 a.m. to 9:45: Protest and Contention**


Alexsia Chan and Kevin O’Brien. “Phantom Services: Deflecting Migrant Workers in China.”


Cai (Vera) Zuo. “Managing Media Coverage on Protests in Urbanizing China.”

Chair: Mary Gallagher

Discussants: Mary Gallagher, Benjamin Read

**10:00 a.m. to 11:45: Political Selection, Cadre Evaluation, and Elite Recruitment**

Jidong Chen, Yingwei Huang and Shengmin Sun. “‘Class’ Identity and Dynamics of Elite Recruitment in China.”


Xiao Ma, Susan Whiting, and Tan Zhao. “Land Takings and Vote Buying in Village Elections.”

Ciqi Mei and Margaret M. Pearson. “I’ll be Back: The Authoritarian Dilemma in Managing Political Elites in China.”

Chair: Jeremy Wallace
Discussants: Jeremy Wallace, Dan Mattingly

12:00 p.m. to 2:00: Lunch (Details to Come)

2:00 p.m. to 3:45: Information Control and Propaganda

Yuyu Chen and David Yang. “1984 or the Brave New World? Evidence from a Field Experiment on Media Censorship in China.”

Greg Distelhorst and Diana Fu. “Articulating Authoritarian Citizenship: Public Transcripts in China.”

Dimitar D. Gueorguiev and Steven M. Oliver. “Signal from the Noise: Institutions and Information under Autocracy.”

Allison Quatrini. “Tonight We’re Gonna Party Like It’s 2142: Political Characteristics of Tibetan New Year in China.”


Chair: Lily Tsai
Discussants: Peter Lorentzen, Molly Roberts

4:00 p.m. to 5:45 Panel 4: Law and Regulation, Corruption


Lizhi Liu and Barry R. Weingast. “Law, Chinese Style.”


Chair: Kevin O’Brien
Discussants: Yue Hou, Boliang Zhu