

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

Martin K. Dimitrov and Zhu Zhang. "Patterns of Protest Activity in China."

Alexsia Chan and Kevin O'Brien. "Phantom Services: Deflecting Migrant Workers in China."

Lynette Ong and Junyang Wang. "Professional Intermediaries in State-Society Bargaining in China."

Sungmin Rho. "Non-legal Mobilization and Regime Resilience: Evidence From Collective Action of Factory Workers in South 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."

Junyan Jiang and Jeremy Wallace. "Political Incentives and Data Falsification: Evidence from 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."

Jennifer Pan and Tongtong Zhang. "The Economic Consequences of Symbolic Politics: An Experimental Study of the Value of Ideological Loyalty in China's Labor Market"

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."

Yiqing Xu, Yang Yang. "Communication Style of Chinese Local Officials."

Chair: Lily Tsai

Discussants: Peter Lorentzen, Molly Roberts

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

Bruce Dickson and Yuhua Wang. "How Corruption Investigations Undermine Regime Support: Evidence from China."

Narisong Huhe, Jie Chen, Yongguo Chen, Hui Li. "Tigers, Flies, and the Leviathan: Anti-Corruption Campaigns and Popular Political Support in China."

Lizhi Liu and Barry R. Weingast. "Law, Chinese Style."

Denise van der Kamp. "Clean Air at what Cost? The Rise of 'Blunt Force' Pollution Regulation in China."

John Yasuda. "Precursors of the Regulatory State in China: Building Bureaucratic Autonomy From Within."

Chair: Kevin O'Brien

Discussants: Yue Hou, Boliang Zhu