The Historical Society for Twentieth Century China

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The Historical Society for Twentieth Century China (HSTCC) is dedicated to scholarly interchange about modern China. Founded in 1983, the HSTCC has been the organizer or co-organizer of a number of international conferences, as well as the sponsor of numerous panels at national meetings of the Association for Asian Studies and the American Historical Association. The Society is affiliated with both the AAS and the AHA.

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President’s Notes

Greetings. As I noted in the last newsletter, the most noteworthy HSTCC news in the past year is its likely merger with the journal Twentieth Century China. This will be the main topic of our annual meeting at the AAS convention in Atlanta. The meeting is on Saturday April 5 at 1 p.m. in Dunwoody, Conference Level. Before then you will receive the general principles of the proposed merger. Also on the agenda is the election of HSTTC Board members to replace those who have resigned or whose term is expiring. I look forward to see many of you in Atlanta.

The HSTCC Biennial Conference at the East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii, June 16-17, 2008

The theme for our forthcoming conference is “Chinese Identities: Local, Regional, National, Global.” There are 50 papers being presented, 6 papers by scholars from the People’s Republic of China, 32 from the United States, 3 from Canada, 2 from Singapore, and 1 each from Germany, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Korea.

Registration

You have received information on the conference in multiple email messages. The conference registration fees are $55.00 for members and $70.00 for non-members. These fees cover costs of meeting rooms, transportation from hotels to the East-West Center, banquet costs, and various sundry expenses; there is no outside funding for this conference. If you are planning to bring a guest to Monday night’s banquet meal, please add $30.00 to your payment.

Please send your check or (for non-U.S. participants) international money orders by April 15 to HSTCC Secretary-Treasurer Professor Wang Ke-wen at the Department of History, Saint Michael’s College, Colchester, Vermont 05439.

Hotels
Conference hotel rates at the two hotels where we have blocs of rooms reserved will be in effect from June 12 to June 21. Blocs of rooms have been reserved at conference rates at area hotels, with rates running from $91 to $129. Reservation deadline is May 12.

If you are interested in sharing a room with another conference participant, let Keith Schoppa know. He will not make room assignments, but I can put you in touch with those who would like to share a room.

For more information, visit the HSTCC website.

New Look for HSTCC Webpage

The HSTCC website has a new look, thanks to the new webmaster, Professor Steven Phillips of Towson University; please find it (with news about the HSTCC and membership lists) at www.towson.edu/hstcc/

A Note on Membership Dues

The date of HSTCC membership dues collection has been moved from November to June of each year. Members who will attend our Hawaii conference in June 2008 may renew their membership at the HSTCC Desk on the conference site. For others whose membership expires this year an e-mail reminder of renewal will be sent to you next spring.

Recent Publications by HSTCC Members


Morris Bian, The Making of the State Enterprise System in Modern China: The Dynamics of Institutional Change. Harvard University Press, 2005. The Making of the State Enterprise System was recognized by Choice Magazine as an Outstanding Academic Title of the Year in 2006 and named by the International Convention of Asian Scholars as one of the top ten social science books in Asian studies in 2007, an award chosen from titles published.


Dong Wang, completing a manuscript for a book on United States-China relations from the 18th century to the present. A second ongoing book project, provisionally titled The Longmen Grottoes in a Changing World: Art, Religion, and Representation, examines the discovery and presentation of the Longmen Grottoes in Japanese, French, Chinese, American, Italian, and
UNESCO sources in the modern/contemporary era.  


