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## President's Memo: The Upcoming Hangzhou Conference

As many of you know, the HSTCC has focused its attention on preparing for its 2012 biennial international conference for the last few months. Toward the end of June 2011, we circulated a call for proposals in the previous issue of our newsletter (#30). To encourage submission of panel and paper proposals from the worldwide community of China studies, we subsequently published the same call for proposals on the H-Asia Discussion Network. An abbreviated version of the same call for proposals also appeared in *Asian Studies Newsletter* 56:3 (fall 2011).

I am pleased to report that we have received many excellent panel and paper proposals on wide-ranging topics from established and emerging China scholars from countries in Asia, Europe, North America, and Australia. Over the next two months, the Program Committee will carefully consider these proposals and inform the authors/organizers of the committee's decision by February 15, 2012. As we indicated in the call for proposals, proposal selection will be competitive.

China's Zhejiang University will serve as the host for the joint international conference of the Historical Society for Twentieth-Century China and the Center for Chiang Kaishek and Modern Chinese History at Zhejiang University. The conference will take place June 8-10, 2012. On behalf of the HSTCC, I wish to thank Prof. Chen Hongmin, Director of the Center for Chiang Kaishek and Modern Chinese History and the Chair of the Department of History at Zhejiang University for his tireless efforts in making this important international conference a reality.

All best wishes for the New Year!

Morris L. Bian

**HSTCC-Sponsored Panel at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Toronto, Canada, March 15-18, 2012**

Professor Elya Zhang at University of Rochester put together a panel, "Domination, Accommodation and Conflict: Reconsidering the Narrative of Semi-Colonialism in Modern China," for the upcoming Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies. See complete panel information below:

Chair: William C. Kirby, Harvard University

Paper #1: "A Synopsis of Synarchy: What Happened to It?" Ernest Young, Emeritus, University of Michigan

Paper #2: "Synarchy Revisited: A Plea for Internationalization in Warlord China", Edward McCord, George Washington University

Paper #3: "Bonds with Japan: Separating Foreign Loans from the Narrative of Colonialism in China, 1910-1921", Elya Zhang, University of Rochester

Paper #4: "Rival Imperialists and the Smuggling Crisis, 1935-1937: Japan confronts the West in China", Emily Hill, Queens University, Canada

Discussant: Richard Madsen, University of California, San Diego

**Member News**

RISTAINO, Marcia R. 【阮玛霞】《饶家驹安全区：战时上海的难民》(南京：江苏人民出版社，2011年出版，206页)。This book is the Chinese translation of Marcia Ristaino's *The Jacquinet Safe Zone: Wartime Refugees in Shanghai*. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2008.

WANG, Di. 【王笛】《茶馆：成都的公共生活与微观世界，1900-1950》(北京：社会科学文献出版社，2010年出版，507页) was chosen by 南方都市报 (*Southern Metropolis Daily*) as one of the 10 best books published in China for 2010. This book is the Chinese translation of Di Wang's *The Teahouse: Small Business, Everyday Culture, and Public Politics in Chengdu, 1900-1950* (Stanford

University Press, 2008) with significant revision and expansion.

**Member Presentations & Publications**

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BROSE, Michael. "Globalization and the Chinese Muslim Community in Southwest China." *Asia Pacific: Perspectives* 10:1 (May 2011), 61-80.

BUTTERFIELD, Rya. "Rhetorical Forms of Symbolic Labor: The Evolution of Iconic Representations in China's Model Worker Awards," forthcoming in *Rhetoric & Public Affairs* 15:1 (Spring 2012).

CHU, Richard, "The Ideal and Realization of the Xin-Hai Revolution: Cultural Tradition and Constitutional Democracy," International Conference in Centennial Commemoration of the 1911 Revolution, the Institute of Modern History, Academia Sinica, Taipei.

FLATH, James, and SMITH, Norman, eds. *Beyond Suffering: Recounting War in Modern China*. Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press, 2011. The book includes articles by Tim Brook, Norman Smith, Bernard Luk, Chang Jui-te, Michael Szonyi, Victor Zatsopine, Edward McCord, Colin Green, Colette Plum, Alexander Woodside, Blaine Chiasson, James Flath and Diana Lary.

HOWARD, Joshua. "The Making of a National Icon: Commemorating Nie Er, 1935-1949" *Twentieth-Century China* 37:1 (2012): 5-29.

HUANG, Grace, C. "Speaking to Posterity: Shame, Humiliation, and the Creation of Chiang Kai-shek's Nanjing Era Legacy." *Twentieth-Century China* 36:2 (July 2011): 148-168.

HUANG, Grace, C. and TAYLOR, Jeremy E. "State of the Field Review: 'Deep Changes in Interpretive Currents'? Chiang Kai-shek Studies in

the Post-Cold War Era." *International Journal of Asian Studies* 9:1 (2011): 1-23.

KIRBY, William C., ed. *The People's Republic of China at 60: An International Assessment*. Cambridge: Harvard University Asia Center, 2011.

MCCORD, Edward A. "Ethnic Revolt, State-Building and Patriotism in Republican China: The 1937 West Hunan Miao Abolish-Military-Land Resist-Japan Uprising." *Modern Asian Studies* 45:6 (November 2011): 1499-1533.

PONG, David. "From Reform to Revolution: Rebalancing the Root Causes of the 1911 Revolution", International Conference commemorating the Centenary of the 1911 Revolution, Modern History Society of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong History Museum, 6-7 May, 2011.

PONG, David. "The 1911 Revolution: Perspectives from the late Qing," at the Annual Conference of the American Association for Chinese Studies, University of Pennsylvania, October 14-16, 2011.

SCHOPPA, R. Keith. *In a Sea of Bitterness: Refugees During the Sino-Japanese War*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2011.

SHAN, Patrick Fuliang. "Becoming Loyal: General Xu Shiyou and Maoist Regimentation." *American Journal of Chinese Studies* 18:2 (October 2011):133-150.

WANG, Di. 【王笛】 "Tongye gonghui de gaizao yu guojia de hangye kongzhi: yi 1950-1953 nian Chengdu shi chasheyu tongye gonghui de zhongzu weili" 同业公会的改造与国家的行业控制：以 1950-1953 年成都市茶社业同业公会的重组为例 [Reform of Guilds in and state control of professions: A case study of the Teahouse Guild in Chengdu during 1950-1953]. *Zhongguo dangdai shi yanjiu* 中国当代史研究 [Studies of contemporary China] 3 (2011): 46-71.

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XU, Xiaoqun. "Law and Courts as Negotiating Tools: Marriage and Divorce in Republican China, 1912-1949," in Stefan B. Kirmse, ed., *One Law for All?: Western Models and Local Practices in (Post-) Imperial Contexts*. Frankfurt, Germany: Campus Verlag, 2012.

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ZARROW, Peter. *After Empire: The Conceptual Transformation of the Chinese State, 1885-1924*. Stanford: Stanford University Press, March 2012.

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