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 #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 Presentations & Publications


Member News


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 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.


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.


