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CHAIR'S LETTER

Dear Members of the CGSG:

We have had a busy year since Las Vegas AAG meeting in 2009. Given the change of AAG scheduling, we have decided to postpone the winter newsletter to provide most information for the upcoming meeting in Washington DC 2010. In the last year, we have seen issues related to China moved to the center stage globally, in the areas of international relations, environment, security, trade, development, technology innovation, information freedom and others. As geographers, we offer unique analytical perspectives and grounded knowledge on China and its interactions with other world regions. I would like to encourage our members to engage in the global conversation, both empirically and theoretically, not only in geography but also in other disciplines. Increased understanding of China as well as China's understanding of other parts of the world has never been so crucial for global peace and prosperity and for re-centering geography from its more Euro-centric tradition.

I am glad to see that despite the newly installed AAG restriction on number of session or panel one can participate, CGSG has sponsored or co-sponsored a total of **34** sessions for the 2010 meeting, higher than its historical high of 28 sessions in 2009. In particular, we are organizing a plenary session with David M. Lampton: "Chinese power: what it means for America and the world?" (Friday, April 16, 2:40pm). Professor Lampton was the founding director of the China

Policy Program at the Nixon Center (1998–2006); founding director of China Policy Studies at the American Enterprise Institute (1985–87). He served as president of the National Committee on United States-China Relations (1988–97); He is also an Honorary Senior Fellow of the Institute of American Studies of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and the recipient of an honorary doctorate from the Russian Academy of Sciences' Institute of Far Eastern Studies. He had authored many books, the most recent being *The Three Faces of Chinese Power: Might, Money and Minds* (2008); *Taiwan's Elections, Direct Flights and China's Line in the Sand*, co-author (2005); *Same Bed, Different Dreams: Managing U.S.-China Relations, 1989–2000* (2001); *The Making of Chinese Foreign and Security Policy in the Era of Reform* (2001). Professor Lampton is also a public intellectual. His more popular articles appearing in *Foreign Affairs*, *Time Magazine* (Asia), *Foreign Policy*, *The National Interest*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *International Herald Tribune*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *The Asian Wall Street Journal*, *Newsday*, *Caijing* (Finance), *People's Daily*, and *Cankao Xiaoxi* (Reference News). The plenary session is co-sponsored by *Journal of EuroAsia Economics and Geography*, Asia Geography, Political Geography and Economic Geography Specialty Groups.



David M. Lampton

In addition, we have co-sponsored a number of comparative sessions such as two sessions on “Comparative geography of China and the US,” two panels on “China and India,” and two sessions on China and Africa: “The rising powers and the ‘new’ geographies of international development,” and a comparative session in “post-communist/post socialist urban space.” We also have very strong sessions on China and globalization, China and cities such as Right to City, and China and environmental issues. I want to thank many members for their diligent effort to organize such an impressive assembly of sessions. It is due to the contribution of every individual member that our organization can thrive. Please encourage your colleagues, students and friends to participate in our specialty group and our group activities.

We have provided in this Newsletter a **list of the CGSG-sponsored sessions** and papers listing “China” as a keyword to give everyone a preview of what to expect (see the end of this Newsletter). You will notice that many of the session organizers have arranged for co-sponsorship with other specialty groups and a number of the sessions include panelists who work outside of China. These efforts will help with expanding the community of geographers engaged in China-related research as well as providing opportunities for comparative dialogue and theoretical interventions.

Please also note the two other program events for our group:

(1) Our **Business Meeting** is scheduled on April 16, Friday, 11:50-12:30 pm in Park Tower 8219 at Marriott. It is shorter than usual so we will have a more compact agenda. The Business Meeting is open to all members, and is where we announce our award winners, discuss new initiatives and issues of interest to the group, and discuss potential topics for the following year's AAG. The business meeting and our annual dinner have always offered a nice opportunity to catch up with old friends and to meet new members.

(2) This year's **annual dinner** is scheduled on April 16, Friday, 7pm. Everyone is encouraged to join in both. The location of the annual dinner will be announced at the business meeting. If you

cannot attend the business meeting but would still like to come to the dinner, please check with the CGSG officers about this year's location.

This Newsletter includes valuable information on upcoming meetings, CGSG awards, and member news. We have also included a tribute to Professor Mei-ling Hsu, a highly regarded scholar in Cartography, former chair (1995-96) and a long time active member of CGSG. Mei-Ling passed away in May 2009 in Taiwan.

Finally, on behalf of other members of the CGSG executive, I would like to wish everyone a happy Chinese new year. We look forward to seeing you in Washington DC in a few months time!

Yu Zhou

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A TRIBUTE TO MEI-LING HSU

It was with great sadness that we learned that Professor Mei-ling Hsu has passed away in May 2009 (AAG newsletter Sept 2009). She was a highly regarded scholar in cartography and a long-time active member of CGSG. She served as a CGSG chair between 1995 and 1996. In the past few years, her illness prevented her from participating in AAG meetings, but many of us remember her active engagement in our group when she had been healthy.



Mei-ling Hsu

Professor Mei-ling Hsu received her B.A in 1954 from Taiwan Normal University, and MA from South Illinois University (1956), and M.A. (1959) and PhD (1966) from University of Wisconsin. She became a faculty member at University of Minnesota since 1965, unquestionably the first female Chinese geographer in any subfields of geography in the US. She served as chair of the department of geography at UMN between 1994 and 1997. Professor Hsu's achievements have been well recognized in the Cartography field in the areas of symbolization,

projection and others. But she made particular contributions in bringing recognition of Chinese cartography into the mainstream field and produced detailed population maps on Taiwan in the 1960s. She also worked to build up Minnesota's connection to China and served as the first director of University's China center.

On a personal note, I came to know Professor Hsu when I entered the PhD program at Minnesota in 1989. Although she was not my adviser, I worked with her as teaching assistant and other occasions. She had always been kind to me as I combated homesickness as a new graduate student from China. In some of the early photos of the Geography Department at Minnesota, I remember seeing Mei-Ling stood out as a young Chinese woman among all her white male colleagues. The fact that she thrived in this field during the early era testifies her hard work and courage. In her later years, she has shown great interests in the development of China. In the early 1990s, she organized a semester-long lecture series on China for the departmental coffee hour, at a time such an extensive discussion on China in geography was very rare. Her service to CGSG and contribution to China studies will surely be remembered
-Yu ZHOU

CHINA GEOGRAPHY SPECIALTY GROUP STUDENT PAPER AWARD

The China Geography Specialty Group sponsors an annual award to recognize distinguished student research and paper presentation on China related topics at the annual AAG conference.

Eligibility:

- * Student members of the CGSG at all academic levels (undergraduate or graduate).
- * The student must be the sole author and presenter of the paper.
- * Participants must have submitted the abstract and appropriate program participation fee to the AAG for participation at the AAG Annual Meeting in Washington DC, April 14-18 2010
- *Papers being considered by other AAG Specialty Group for student Paper Award are not qualified for this award.

Award: A \$250 prize will be awarded for the best paper, in addition to the ticket to join our CGSG annual dinner. Two Travel Awards of \$100 each will go to the First and Second Runner-up. A committee of faculty from the China Geography Specialty Group will evaluate the papers. Evaluation criteria for the award include the originality of the research, the soundness and creativity of the research design and methodology; the validity of conclusions; and quality of the presentation. The award will be announced at the Business Meeting of the China Geography Specialty Group in Washington D.C. in April 2009, and published in the CGSG and AAG newsletters.

Guidelines for Submission: To be considered for the competition, authors should e-mail a copy of the paper's title and abstract to the CGSG Chair by *February 1, 2010*. The length should be between 5,000-8,000 words. Please include author's name, academic level (undergraduate, master's or doctoral), academic institution, department or program, current address, phone number, and E-MAIL. An electronic version of the paper, in Word format, must reach the Chair (yuzhou@vassar.edu) no later than March 1, 2010.

Thank you
-Yu ZHOU

MEMBER'S NEWS

Werner BREITUNG (Sun Yatsen University) has, after six years as associate professor, been appointed as full professor at the School of Geography and Planning of Sun Yatsen University in Guangzhou. He has earlier received a second major research grant by the German Science Foundation (DFG) for a project on spatially differentiated governance and intra-urban boundaries in Guangzhou and the Pearl River Delta. This project is part of a broader German research initiative on mega city research. With a new Sino-European research team at Sun Yatsen University and in co-operation with Luigi Tomba (Australian National University) and other partners, he looks into processes of urban fragmentation. In November 2009, he contributed to organising a string of Sino-German events at his university to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the founding of its geography department by the German geographer Wilhelm Credner, and secured funding for it from the German Academic Exchange Agency (DAAD).

Kam Wing CHAN (University of Washington): One of his articles was recently featured on Thomson-Reuter's citations site. In addition to continuing an active program of research and publication (see separate entry or his web site), he has been more involved in *public scholarship* – connecting the academy with the bigger world. At the first stop of his December “中港台” (Hong Kong-Tianjin-Taipei) lecture circuit, he delivered a speech to some 40 fund managers at a luncheon hosted by the Standard Chartered Bank in Hong Kong; the talk focused on China's *hukou* reforms, urbanization and the economy. He also gave another presentation earlier on the global financial crisis and migrant workers in China at the UN Population Division at its headquarters in New York. His views were shared by a much wider audience as he appeared as a commentator at BBC World News radio and the China Radio International (Beijing), and in a documentary entitled *Manzou* (慢走). More details of the above are on his website. He looks forward to sharing his work and views with colleagues this April in DC.

Kin-wing (Ray) CHAN (University of Calgary) is studying at the University of Calgary for his master's degree under the supervision of Byron Miller and Alan Smart. He received two scholarships (Faculty of Graduate Studies Research Scholarship (FGSS) and Geography Excellence Award (CEA)). His master's thesis will analyze the political ecology of land politics, border integration and dispossession of pig farming in H.K. Shenzhen Trans-border area in the context of daily practices, social sustainability and land politics in suburban China. He has recently submitted a paper to the Environmental Impact Assessment Journal (EIAJ) which examines the mechanism and effectiveness of Social Impact Assessment in Urban Renewal in Hong Kong.

Roger C.K. CHAN (University of Hong Kong) is carrying out new research entitled “Urban and regional governance on the cross-boundary infrastructure and industrial structure within the Pearl River Delta Region” with support from the University Strategic Funds of The University of Hong Kong, and “Cultural Rehabilitation of Archaic Industrial Buildings: Case study of Shanghai” with support from GRF, Research Grants Council, Hong Kong SAR Government (HK\$535,000)

Cindy FAN (UCLA) has been appointed Associate Dean of Social Sciences at UCLA. Her two other new appointments are: Chair of the East Asian Studies Interdepartmental Program at UCLA; and Visiting Professor of Beijing Normal University. She continues to chair AAG's Membership Committee. Cindy's term as editor of Regional Studies has completed, and she is

very pleased that Larry Ma is now one of the journal's editors. With colleagues at Tsinghua University (Siqi Zheng and Fenjie Long) and Beijing Municipal Institute of City Planning and Design (Yizhen Gu), she recently published "Urban Villages in China: A 2008 Survey of Migrant Settlements in Beijing," in *Eurasian Geography and Economics*. Her paper with Mingjie Sun "China's Permanent and Temporary Migrants: Differentials and Changes, 1990-2000" is forthcoming in *The Professional Geographer*. Cindy recently gave an invited talk at the National Geographic Society and has been invited to attend the Shanghai Forum. With the help of many colleagues and students in Beijing, she successfully completed a Travel Study Program last summer and is looking forward to repeating the success this year!

Philippe FORÊT (Stockholm University) left the School of Contemporary Chinese Studies of the University of Nottingham last fall. Thanks to a grant from the STINT Foundation, he is now a visiting scholar in the Department of Oriental Languages of Stockholm University. His permanent address remains the same: pforet@bluewin.ch . IB Tauris London will publish his book on the discovery of global warming in western China.

Piper GAUBATZ (University of Massachusetts) was promoted to full professor in Fall 2009. In September 2009 she gave a plenary address at the 16th International Seminar on Urban Form, Guangzhou, China entitled "Reconceptualizing the Chinese City: Urban Form in the Context of Rapid Change."

Ron KNAPP (SUNY New Paltz) gave a keynote address at the Third International Conference on China's Covered Bridges in Pingnan, Fujian on October 17, 2009. His latest book *Chinese Houses of Southeast Asia: The Eclectic Architecture of Sojourners and Settlers*, with photography by A. Chester Ong, will be published in Spring 2010 by Tuttle Publishing. To promote the book, he is scheduled for lectures in five countries (Australia, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Singapore) during February/March 2010. The updated module 'East Asia in Geographic Perspective' he prepared for Columbia University's Asia for Educators program can be accessed on their website <http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/>

Liliana B. MONK (T.S. Wootton High School) is a new member of AAG, but a long time China "expert". She served for 15 years in the United States government, working on developing U.S. -China trade relations in the U.S. Department of Commerce. She helped negotiate several bilateral agreements including the first Tourism, Hydropower and Nuclear agreements with the PRC. Ten years ago she made a career change. She is now teaching AP Human Geography in T.S. Wootton High School in Rockville, Maryland. She is one of three high school teachers who serves in the Test Development Committee for the AP exam in Human Geography. Her recent areas of research is Urban geography - the changing landscape of Beijing.

William RUZEK (Ohio Wesleyan University) is about to graduate with a bachelors degree in geography from Ohio Wesleyan University and seeking a job. He has knowledge of ArcGIS software package and online mapping integration. Recently he had an internship with the China Exploration and Research Society in rural northwest China. He will present research on ecotourism in rural china at the upcoming AAG meeting. He would like to know about any possible internship and job opportunities.

Yehua Dennis WEI (University of Utah) co-organized in last year with East China Normal University a conference on "Globalization, Innovation, and Urban-Regional Development" and a

workshop on “the Impact of Transnational Corporation on Innovation and Regional Development in China.”

RECENT OR FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS BY CGSG MEMBERS

(This is by no means a complete list. If you would like your publications included in the next newsletter, please send the information to Piper Gaubatz at gaubatz@geo.umass.edu).

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CHAN, Roger (forthcoming) “Industrial Relocation of Hong Kong Manufacturing Firms: Towards an Expanding Industrial Space beyond the Pearl River Delta” *GeoJournal*.

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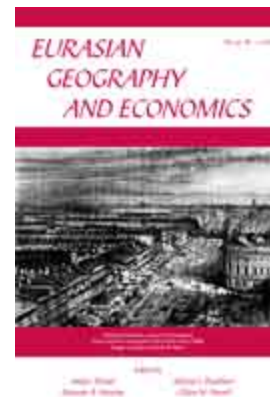
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EURASIAN GEOGRAPHY AND ECONOMICS WINS AWARD



Victor Winston

Congratulations to Victor Winston and Bellwether Publishing on winning the AAG Publication Award for 2010! Victor and Bellwether are the publishers of *Eurasian Geography and Economics*, a key international journal outlet for China geographers. EGE is a top ranked journal in Area Studies based on ISI Journal citations in the last two years. EGE, which has been published since 1960, is published bi-monthly and includes



original papers by leading specialists and scholars on salient geographic and economic issues in China, the republics of the former Soviet Union, Central and Eastern Europe, and other socialist countries of Asia. You can learn more about this journal at <http://www.bellpub.com/psge/index.html>

PUBLICATION ANNOUNCEMENTS



Manzou: Beijing to Shanghai (102-minute DVD, 2009), a documentary chronicling the journey of four young Americans (including a geographer) from Seattle who, immediately following the Beijing Olympics, traveled by bicycle 1000 miles between China's two largest cities to learn more about the Chinese people, their culture and the rapidly changing environment in which they live. In more ways than one, the trip is a vehicle to explore the environmental, economic and social issues facing China today, as the film intersperses the experiences of the team with the opinions of residents, expats, and experts, including environmentalist Ma Jun and our Kam Wing. Entertaining and educational; suitable for use in introductory China courses. See trailer at <http://2rfilm.com/manzou/>

***The China Population and Labor Yearbook*, Volume 1**
The Approaching Lewis Turning Point and Its Policy Implications, published by Brill, 2009. Editor: CAI Fang; with a substantive introduction by Kam Wing CHAN.

This yearbook examines recent developments in the Chinese demographic transition and its implications, especially for the labor market. After many years of low population growth, China has reached the beginning stage of the Lewis Turning Point - the shift from a labor



surplus economy to one of labor shortages - in the typical dualist model of rural and urban labor supply. This has brought pressures for increasing wages for the unskilled labor and has important implications for national development strategy and related policies. This yearbook is a collection of important articles by demographers and economists from CASS and other top research and policy institutes in China. See <http://www.brill.nl/default.aspx?partid=210&pid=30249>

UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

CHINA AND THE FUTURE OF HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

The Department of Geography at the University of Oregon is collaborating with the School of Geography and Planning at Sun Yat-sen University in Guangzhou, China, on a major international conference on "China and the Future of Human Geography." The conference, which will take place on August 26-28, 2010, in Guangzhou, will focus on the impacts of an emergent China on human geographic conceptions and understandings in the twenty-first century. The conference is targeted not just at China specialists, but at a range of human geographers interested in the changing global scene. Plenary speakers will include John Agnew (UCLA), Lily Kong (National University of Singapore), Michael Webber (University of Melbourne), and Joshua Muldavin (Sarah Lawrence College). Please consider participating in this conference. Information and registration materials can be found on the Oregon Geography web page (geography.uoregon.edu).

CALLS FOR PAPERS:

EDUCATION ABOUT ASIA: SEEKING GEOGRAPHY AUTHORS FOR SPECIAL ISSUE

Geographers specializing in Asia are invited to submit a brief proposal for an article to be included in the Spring 2011 thematic issue 'Teaching the Geographies of Asia' in *EDUCATION ABOUT ASIA* (EAA). Published by the Association for Asian Studies, *EDUCATION ABOUT ASIA* is a unique and innovative magazine—a practical teaching resource for secondary school, college, and university instructors, as well as an invaluable source of information for students, scholars, libraries, and those who have an interest in Asia. If you are not familiar with the magazine, visit its website at <http://www.asian-studies.org/EAA/index.htm> where you will also find sample downloadable articles written by prominent scholars in many disciplines. Be sure to look at the Archive of past as well as forthcoming thematic issues.

Ron Knapp of SUNY New Paltz will serve as consulting scholar for the Geography issue. Knapp was guest editor for a similar issue published in Spring 1998, which included articles by well-known Asia Geographers Roman Cybriwsky, Chris Drake, David Nemeth, Kit Salter, and Nanda Shrestha. To see this issue, visit <http://www.aasianst.org/EAA/EAA-3-1.htm> Subsequent EAA issues also included Asia-related articles by Geographers Stephen F. Cunha, Robert McColl, Allen Noble, and Barney Warf.

For the 'Teaching the Geographies of Asia' thematic issue, authors are invited to address any aspect of the physical and human geography of any country or region in Asia. Manuscripts suitable for use in survey level geography classes are welcome as are manuscripts that integrate geographic content about Asia into history survey courses and other social science disciplines. The editors will attempt to strike a balance of subject matter and area coverage in this issue.

Although longer manuscripts may be considered, in general, feature article manuscripts are normally between 2,500 and 3,500 words (ten to fourteen double-spaced manuscript pages) while resources essays are usually between 750 and 1,800 words (three to seven manuscript pages). Style guidelines and information concerning illustrations are found on the website. Queries are welcome, and we hope to finalize the list of articles to be included in early June/July of this year. December 20, 2010 is the deadline for manuscript submission for the Spring 2011 publication.

Authors interested in preparing either a feature or resources article are advised to send, via email, a 100-200 word prospectus to Lucien Ellington, Editor, *EDUCATION ABOUT ASIA* l-ellington@comcast.edu by July 1, 2010.

JOINT US-CHINA COLLABORATION ON CLEAN ENERGY

Joint US-China Collaboration on Clean Energy (JUCCCE) is an NGO focused on changing how China produces and uses energy. One of JUCCCE's hallmark programs is the Energy Smart Cities Initiative, which helps cities across China become more energy efficient. Part of the Energy Smart Cities program is a training program we run in collaboration with the National Training Center for Mayors of China. In 2009, more than 100 mayors, vice mayors, and SOE executives from across China participated in our energy policy training program, and many of these mayors are now inviting JUCCCE to work directly with them in their city.

As JUCCCE ramps up the Energy Smart Cities program, it would benefit greatly from research focused on explaining where local authorities fit in China's overall energy and sustainability picture. What role does local government play on these issues compared to the Party apparatus? What are the nature of the reporting relationships within local government -- does the mayor really hold much sway over vice mayors and agency heads, or is the relationship between Ministries in Beijing and Provincial or local bureaus the most important relationship to influence?

Finally, we're interested in identifying urban leaders on sustainability issues. What factors are driving some cities and mayors in China to emphasize energy conservation and the environment, while others lag behind? What lessons can be derived for organizations seeking to help cities across China become more sustainable?

Researchers with current research interests in this area are encouraged to contact Dr. Stephen Hammer, Executive Director of the JUCCCE Energy Smart Cities Initiative, to share your work in this area. (Note: Unfortunately, JUCCCE does not have funds at this time to directly support this type of research, but we hope that this situation will change in the next year or two. We also are interested in collaborating on a research symposium exploring these issues at some depth).

For more information, please contact:

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A COMPARATIVE GEOGRAPHY OF CHINA AND THE U.S.

We are seeking contributors to a new book “A Comparative Geography of China and the U.S.” This book will be published by Springer Press with 17 chapters. We still need contributors to chapters including the urban geography/regional examples of urban growth-sprawl in China and the U.S. chapters. Colleagues with interest in collaborating on the book project are invited to send an e-mail to rudi.hartmann@ucdenver.edu .

CHINA GEOGRAPHY SPECIALTY GROUP WEBSITE & TIMELINE

Be sure to visit our website at: http://people.uleth.ca/~wei.xu/AAG_China/cgsg.htm. Past newsletters and the timeline are posted there.

THE CHINA GEOGRAPHY SPECIALTY GROUP TIMELINE

The Timeline was prepared in response to a request from the AAG Central Office. The purpose is to present a record of the activities that CGSG initiated and the contributions that members have made in promoting the study of China geography since the group’s inception. We thank those of our members who have provided us with valuable information for the Timeline. There are still many gaps in the record, and so we hope members will continue to send us information from the past, as well as keep us updated on recent achievements and contributions. For publications, please send information only for books, monographs and special issues of journals, but not articles (as there would be too many of them to include). A copy of the latest version of the Timeline can be accessed through the CGSG webpage at:

http://people.uleth.ca/~wei.xu/AAG_China/news/AAG_CGSG_Timeline_Dec06.pdf

Please review and send information on additions or changes to Qihao Weng:

qweng@indstate.edu.

OTHER WEB RESOURCES

The AAG has established a website to promote its new **Developing Regions Membership Program**: <http://www.aag.org/Developing/index.htm>. A Chinese language version of the program’s pamphlet is now available there. The AAG has also set up a listing of geography departments and scholarly associations in the “Resources” section of the Asia page (<http://www.aag.org/Developing/Asia/index.htm>). The AAG invites members to provide additions and corrections to help ensure that these lists are up-to-date and comprehensive for every region. Suggestions should be emailed to: developingregions@aag.org

AAG 2010 SCHEDULE

AAG 2010 CHINA SPECIALTY GROUP-SPONSORED SESSIONS (for more detail, go to http://www.aag.org)
WEDNESDAY, 4/14/10:
1234 Geomorphology and Environmental change on the Tibetan Plateau-I Wednesday, 4/14/10, from 10:00 AM - 11:40 AM in Taft, Marriott Mezzanine
1434 Geomorphology and Environmental change on the Tibetan Plateau-II Wednesday, 4/14/10, from 12:40 PM - 2:20 PM in Taft, Marriott Mezzanine
1435 Civil and Community participation in China Wednesday, 4/14/10, from 12:40 PM - 2:20 PM in Taylor, Marriott Mezzanine
1534 The Rising Powers and the 'new' geographies of international development I Wednesday, 4/14/10, from 2:40 PM - 4:20 PM in Taft, Marriott Mezzanine
1534 The Rising Powers and the 'new' geographies of international development I Wednesday, 4/14/10, from 2:40 PM - 4:20 PM in Taft, Marriott Mezzanine
1535 Conflict in Xinjiang, China Wednesday, 4/14/10, from 2:40 PM - 4:20 PM in Taylor, Marriott Mezzanine
1666 Author Meets Critics: Richard Gilbert and Anthony Perl, 'Transport Revolutions' Wednesday, 4/14/10, from 4:40 PM - 6:20 PM in Embassy, Omni Shoreham
THURSDAY, 4/15/10:
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