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CHAIR'S LETTER

Dear Members of the CGSG:

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the AAG annual meeting in Boston last month. As in past years, the meeting saw the formation of a new executive team for the CGSG. Yu Zhou and I have been joined by Qihao Weng (Secretary) and Chuncui Velma Fan (Student Representative). Wei Xu has agreed to continue overseeing the group's website, for which we are very grateful. Special thanks to Yifei Sun, who has served as Treasurer for six years! With the AAG now able to manage financial accounts on behalf of specialty groups, basic oversight of our account has been added to the Chair's list of responsibilities, thus allowing Yifei to finally retire from his post. In taking on the duties of Chair, I feel very fortunate to have worked with my predecessors, Youqin Huang and George Lin, from whom I have learned much about the group and the spirit of cooperation that guides the work of the CGSG's executive team. As George steps down from the executive this year, I wish to thank him for his exemplary service over the past three years. His tireless work as an executive officer has helped to advance the profile of the CGSG within the AAG and also foster an inviting atmosphere within the group for new and old members alike.

At this year's AAG meeting, China geographers were once again very active, with an extensive slate of CGSG sponsored and co-sponsored sessions. It is worth noting that of the 23 sessions organized for this year, 17 were cosponsored with at least one other specialty group. These co-sponsorships included a wide variety of specialty groups, some with whom we have partnered on multiple occasions in the past (e.g., Asian Geography, Urban Geography, Economic Geography), as well as some specialty groups we have not yet had many opportunities to join together with (e.g., Africa Geography, Energy and Environment, Geography Education, Population). It is great to see the growth of these networks. This year, two special sessions were organized to bring together China and non-China specialists speaking on economic geography and questions of transnationalism and the Chinese diaspora. We hope that these efforts will continue at future AAG meetings. They help bring new voices into our discussions and also provide an opportunity for us all to reflect on our respective projects in broader theoretical and empirical contexts.

As in past years, the AAG's allowed us to meet with colleagues and friends whom we often only get to interact with 'virtually' during the year. Our group dinner continues to be a wonderful way to bring everyone together, this year drawing over 60 people to a restaurant in Boston's Chinatown. We also honored a number of our members at the Boston meetings for their service and scholarship. Professor Cindy Fan was presented with the CGSG Outstanding Service Award for her contributions to the group and her efforts to promote geographic research on China. Congratulations also goes to Cassandra C. Wang for the Best Student Paper Award, and to Chuncui Velma Fan and Jenn Lee Smith, who were both selected for travel awards in the CGSG student paper competition.

On a sadder note, this year's AAG meetings was the first gathering of the group since the passing of Professor C. P. Lo, a long-standing and distinguished member of the CGSG. Clif Pannell and George Lin organized a special session on the Friday afternoon where former colleagues, students, and friends came together to celebrate the life and accomplishments of C.P. as well as to remember his many contributions to the study of China and its geography. C.P.'s far-reaching influence as a scholar and mentor was also evident in the work presented in the three special paper sessions organized in honor of him by Qihao Weng and Yehua Dennis Wei. A written tribute to C.P. Lo prepared by former colleagues and students will appear in the next CGSG newsletter.

In terms of membership, I would like to draw your attention to a new membership initiative that should be of interest to many members of the group. The AAG now has a Developing Regions Membership Program that offers discounted fees for geographers from and living in developing regions. Details on the program are provided in this newsletter. The program provides a new opportunity for expanding membership of the CGSG. We encourage you to forward this information on to geographers you know based in China and other eligible countries. Similarly, I would also like to encourage members to highlight the benefits of CGSG membership to students who are interested in China. As is the case with many current members, I first became involved with the CGSG as a graduate student and found it to be very welcoming of new scholars. Student members are encouraged to present their research and participate fully in our organized sessions, and through this have the opportunity to meet with other geographers working on China-related topics. The CGSG has certainly grown in size from its early days, but it still continues to be a welcoming 'home base' within the much larger AAG.

Finally, as most of you know, next year's AAG will be held in Las Vegas. At the business meeting in Boston we generated a list of session ideas for next year. You can review this list of proposed topics in the business meeting minutes. The list identifies a wide range of important and timely topics, and provides a glimpse at the sorts of concerns guiding work in China geography today. While Yu Zhou and I will be helping to create thematic sessions for members, we also encourage you to consider organizing paper sessions and discussion panels on themes you would like to see addressed. We will be sending out an email announcement in the late summer regarding preparations for the Las Vegas meetings and will be happy to circulate "Call for Papers" via email on your behalf.

Please feel free to contact any of us on the executive with ideas on how the CGSG can best serve the needs of all of its members. Best wishes to everyone for a productive and restful summer.

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BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

2008 CGSG Business Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: April 17, 2008, from 11:50 am-12:50 pm

Location: Grand Ballroom Salon I, Boston Marriott

Attendance: approximately 70 people

Agenda

1. Welcome foreign participants
2. Approval of last year's meeting minutes
3. Chair's report
4. Secretary's report
5. Treasurer's report
6. Awards Presentation
7. Election of Secretary and Student Representation
8. Planning for the 2009 AAG Meeting
9. Other business

Minutes:

George Lin (Chair) called the meeting to order at 11:50 am.

Foreign participants were welcomed at the meeting.

Members approved the minutes of the 2007 Business Meeting.

Chair noted that Professor C.P. Lo, former chair of CGSG, passed away on December 30, 2007. There was a moment of silence in memory of C.P. Lo. The Chair reported that he purchased a wreath on behalf of the CGSG for Professor Lo's funeral.

Chair reported that there are 209 members in the group, 91 of whom are students. Foreign members total is 44. Membership is down from last year, when there was 269 members, 140 of whom were students. The Chair suggested that the decline may be due to a surge of international delegates to the conference last year in San Francisco, so it is not a cause of concern.

This year the CGSG sponsored/co-sponsored 23 paper sessions this year, including two key panels to facilitate dialogues between China geographers and others. We also held a special sessions in memory of CP Lo. Thanks expressed to Oscar Larsen of the AAG for his help in scheduling many of our sessions in common rooms and back-to-back time slots.

Chair reported a few small changes concerning activities of the CGSG executive. First, since last year, the AAG has offered a new system to handle the financial accounting for specialty groups. As such, the duties of the Treasurer are much simpler now. It was suggested that the Chair take over duties of the Treasurer. Second, a manual containing a list of duties for the members of the CGSG Executive is now used. This manual will help to institutionalize the activities of the Executive. And finally, since the CGSG has a tradition of presenting the group's awards at our business meeting and sponsor the winners of the award at our annual dinner, the Executive suggested that there is not such a need to join the AAG awards luncheon. Instead of asking all of those attending dinner to cover the cost of dinner for the winners, the board suggested that money could be drawn from the surplus in the CGSG account to cover the cost of dinner for award winners (i.e., provide them with \$40/each to cover their dinner costs).

Chair reported that Victor Winston, publisher of *Eurasian Geography and Economics*, proposed to have an associate partnership be formed between the journal and our group, so the journal will list our group to be one of the affiliated organizations This partnership would have no obligation on both sides. Gregory Veeck and Cindy Fan provided some background of the journal. No objection was raised and members endorsed the proposal. (A list of recent articles on China published in the journal is included in this newsletter.)

Secretary thanked everyone for putting information into the newsletter and encourage members to continue their interactions with the group website and newsletter.

Treasurer's report was delivered by the Chair. Ending balance, as of March 31, was \$2,327.42.

This year's Outstanding Service Awards was presented to Professor C. Cindy Fan. Cindy thanked the group for the recognition, and asked the members to support the AAG's new effort to internationalize the association for which she may take some future responsibility. Chair reported to have many submission and strong competition this year for student papers. Awards were presented to Cassandra C. Wang, Chuncui Velma Fan, and Jenn Lee Smith. (See awards section for further details.)

New officers were named and elected. Alana Boland (University of Toronto) became the new Chair; Yu Zhou (Vassar College) became the Vice-Chair; and Qihao Weng (Indiana State University) was elected the new Secretary/Newsletter editor; Chuncui Velma Fan (University of California, Los Angeles) was elected the new Student Representative. Members thanked George Lin for his tremendous service to the CGSG over the past three years.

The new Chair invited members to suggest possible themes/topics for the 2009 AAG meeting in Las Vegas. Topics mentioned included: China & India as 'Rising Giants'; Development on China's periphery; Western development & water transfer; Capitalism "Chinese style" & varieties of capitalism; Neoliberalism "Chinese style"; roundtable or forum on China, following on Tibet issue and the Beijing Olympics; "Entrepreneurial city" – 20 years on, as a co-sponsored panel with Urban Geography Specialty Group; invite a featured speaker on the news media and China's image; Gaming and casino culture; Tourism development (co-sponsored panel with the Tourism SG); Postmodern urban landscapes; Urban transportation (co-sponsored panel with the Transportation SG); Urbanization & environment; Megacity region: governance and planning; China's western development; Question of 'postsocialism', in comparison with Eastern Europe and Russia; Agriculture and farmers; Issues in social & cultural geography.

Some member also suggested we have a joint social with Asia Speciality group for the next AAG, in addition to dinner.

Yu Zhou announced that a group dinner had been arranged in a restaurant in Chinatown Restaurant and asked for indication of how many people planned to attend. Approximately 60 people attended the dinner.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm.

Recorded by Yu Zhou, 07-08, CGSG Secretary

2008 CGSG AWARD WINNERS

Outstanding Service award was presented to Professor C. Cindy Fan, University of California, Los Angeles.

Professor Fan has been an active member of AAG's China Geography Specialty Group for more than 20 years. Between 1991 and 1998, she served in a variety of elected positions for the specialty group, including Secretary, Secretary-Treasurer, Vice-Chair, and Chair. Professor Fan has been a tireless, committed, and influential scholar whose research, service and teaching has significantly advanced the study of China geography and the China geography community. She is one of the most widely cited geographers on migration, regional development, and gender in China. Students and scholars that she mentored are among the most well-known scholars in the US, Europe and Asia. From 2001 to 2005, Cindy Fan was an editor of *Eurasian Geography and Economics*. Together with Larry Ma, Clifton Pannell other senior scholars, she pioneered efforts to broaden the journal to including high-quality papers on China and Asia. Since 2006, Cindy Fan has been an editor (the only US-based editor) of *Regional Studies*. She is also on the editorial boards of *Asian Geographer*, *China: An International Journal*, *Geographical Analysis*, and *Social Science Quarterly*. Altogether Professor Fan has been a major contributor and program builder during the last two decades to promote the study and understanding of China and its geography.

(Nominated by Clifton Pannell and Yehua Dennis Wei)

Best Student Paper award went to Cassandra C. Wang, The University of Hong Kong for her paper "Emerging Geography of the ICT Industry in China: Insight from the 2004 Economic Census."

Travel Award winners were Chuncui Velma Fan, University of California, Los Angeles, for her paper titled "Changing Patterns of Rural Youth Migration in China: A 1995 and 2005 Comparison," and Jenn Lee Smith, University of California, Los Angeles, for her paper titled "Gender Preference: Factors Influencing Sex Ratio Variation across Provinces in China".

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

Chan, Kam Wing (U of Washington): Three of his recent projects -- as an expert contributor for the meeting on Population, Urbanization and Migration held at the UN Headquarters in New York in January; consulting work for McKinsey & Co. (Preparing for China's Urban Billion); and a chapter for a big volume entitled *China's Great Economic Transformation* (edited by Brandt and Rawski, published by Cambridge U Press) -- have all finally appeared in print. For details, please visit his web site. His co-authored paper "Is China Abolishing the Hukou System?" will come out in the fall issue of *The China Quarterly*. He is also a co-editor of *Eurasian Geography and Economics*, a journal which aims at publishing half of its articles on China. Please support EGE by sending your papers for consideration for publication. EGE also has a quick turnaround time.

Crison, Shiuh-Shen (National Taiwan University) has the following recent publications: "Territorial Competition in China and the West" (with Ian Gordon) in *Regional Studies*, 42 (1). pp. 1-18; "Isomorphism of Regional Development Policy in China- Case Study of National-Level Development Zones in Jiangsu" in *Urban Studies*, 45(2), 273-294; and "Institutional Innovation, Asymmetric Decentralization, and Local Economic Development- Case of post-Mao Kunshan, China" in *Environment and Planning C*, 25(2): 269-290.

Fan, Cindy (UCLA) has recently published *China on the Move: Migration, the State, and the Household* (Routledge, 2008). Among her several recent and forthcoming papers are "The Household as Security: Strategies of Rural-Urban Migrants in China" (with Wenfei Winnie Wang) in *Migration and Social Protection in China*, edited by Russell Smyth and Ingrid Nielsen, World Scientific (2008); and "Regional Inequality in China, 1978-2006," *Eurasian Geography and Economics* (2008). Cindy continues her role as co-editor for *Regional Studies* and *Eurasian Geography and Economics*. At the Boston Annual Meetings, Cindy was elected as Chair of the AAG's Membership Committee. She encourages members of the specialty group to support AAG's Developing Regions Membership Program (<http://www.aag.org/Developing/index.htm>).

Forêt, Philippe has spent the 2007-2008 academic year in Uppsala, as Fellow of the Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study. The University of Nottingham has appointed him associate professor at the School of contemporary Chinese studies. He is researching a book on the geographical expeditions to the Gobi desert and science policy during the "Nanjing decade." Brill would publish around November 2009 *The Journey of Maps and Images on the Silk Road*, a book that he has edited with Andreas Kaplony.

Ma, Kin (Grand Valley State University) recently received a grant of \$2860 from Grand Valley State University, Research and Development Department for his project entitled "Use of Remote Sensing Images and Geo-spatial Analysis to identify fire blight disease in apple orchards".

Medwick, Allan Joseph (Doctoral Candidate, University of Pennsylvania) received a Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS) from Cornell University to attend its intensive Chinese language program this summer. In September, he will begin an Association for Institutional Research/Institute for Education Sciences-National Center for Education Statistics Postdoctoral Policy Fellowship in Washington, DC. He was also the recipient of the 2008 Lewis Barbato Award from the American College Health Association, which honors students who have made major contributions to college health as reflected in the association's mission and vision statements.

Oakes, Tim co-edited (with Patricia Price of Florida International University) *The Cultural Geography Reader* (London & New York: Routledge, 2008) and co-edited (with Wu Xiaoping of Guizhou Nationalities University) 屯堡重塑：贵州的文化旅游与社会变迁 (贵阳：贵州人民出版社, 2007). He also published a chapter on 西部大开发 in Jensen and Weston (eds.), *China's Transformations: The Stories Beyond the Headlines* (Lanham, MD: Rowman &

Littlefield, 2007), wrote the "Asia" entry for the International Encyclopedia of Human Geography, and the "Theme Parks" entry for *The Palgrave Dictionary of Transnational History*. Currently he's working on another edited volume with Donald Sutton (Carnegie Mellon University) titled *Faiths on Display: Tourism and Religion in China*. Tim recently had the pleasure of meeting up with Alana Boland in Toronto when he gave a talk at the Munk Centre there in March, and he also gave a talk at Vassar College in February thanks to arrangements made by Yu Zhou. It was great to catch up with Alana and Yu. Tim will be participating in a Provincial China workshop in Tianjin in September, but is otherwise steering well clear of China this summer!

Rioux, Aloe Yu Luo (University of Colorado at Boulder) successfully defended and submitted her dissertation entitled *Marketing the Revolution: Tourism, Landscape and Ideology in China* in December 2007. She is officially receiving her Ph. D. in the Spring of 2008. Her previously presented paper "Pilgrim or Tourist? Transformation of China's Revolutionary Holy Land" will appear as a chapter in *Faiths on Display: Religion and Tourism in China* (Forthcoming, Tim Oakes and Donald S. Sutton, eds. Rowman & Littlefield). She is also invited to contribute to *Berkshire Encyclopedia of China* (Forthcoming, Linsun Cheng et al., eds. MA: Berkshire Publishing Group LLC) and *Encyclopedia of Modern China* (Forthcoming, David Pong, ed. MI: Charles Scribner's Sons/Gale /Cengage Learning). She has recently presented *Between Insider and Outsider: Ethics of Doing Fieldwork in China* at the 2008 annual AAG's conference. Currently, she is working on revising "Environmentalism in Jiangxi's Tourism Development," which slated for inclusion in the upcoming themed issue of *Asian Geographer* on environment and development in China.

Toops, Stan will be on leave for 2008-2009 and will be located in Seattle, WA. His recent publications include: *People, Places, Patterns: Geography in International Affairs, Asia and International Studies: Demography and Development, The Tourism System and the Silk Road, and Conclusion* in S. Anderson, J. Hey, M Peterson, S. Toops and C Stevens (eds.), *International Studies: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Global Issues*. Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 2007.

Wei, Yehua Dennis (University of Utah) has been busy working on the ICT industry and the remaking of Sunan and Wenzhou models. His recent publications include the following: (1) Yu, D.L. and Y.H.D. Wei. Spatial data analysis of regional development in Greater Beijing, China, in a GIS environment. *Papers in Regional Science* 87(1): 97-117, 2008; (2) Yu, D.L., Y.H.D. Wei, and C.S. Wu. Modeling Spatial Dimensions of Housing Prices in Milwaukee, WI. *Environment and Planning B* 34(6): 1085-1102, 2007; (3) Miao, C.H., Y.H.D. Wei and H.T. Ma. Technological Learning and Innovation in China in the Context of Globalization. *Eurasian Geography and Economics* 48(6): 713-732, 2007.

Zhou, Yu (Vassar College) published her book: *The inside story of China's high-tech industry: making Silicon Valley in Beijing*. 2008. Lanham, MA: Rowman and Littlefield Publisher. ISBN-13 978-0-7425-5579-2 (cloth), ISBN 13: 978-0-7425-5580-8 (paper). She was promoted to full professor in Geography at Vassar College in 2008. She also served on the national screening committee for the Fulbright program for U.S. graduate students to China. Most recently, Yu was selected as one of twenty Public Intellectual Fellows for 2008-2010 by the National Committee on US-China Relations. The program is sponsored by Luce and Starr Foundations and is aimed at identifying outstanding members of the next generation of American China scholars, enrich their understanding of policy-making processes in both the United States and China, and nurture their ability to engage in public policy debates on the national, regional and local levels.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Each year, the **AAG** offers numerous grants and awards to geographers. The list that follows serves to remind you and your colleagues about the opportunities available for recognition or grant support. Unless otherwise noted, all deadlines are December 31. Please consult full descriptions posted on the AAG website at www.aag.org/grantsawards/index.cfm.

Meredith F. Burrill Award: To stimulate and reward talented individuals and groups who have completed work of exceptional merit and quality that lies at or near the intersection of basic research and practical applications or local, national, or international policy implications. www.aag.org/Grantsawards/burrill.htm

George and Viola Hoffman Award: To support student research toward a master's thesis or doctoral dissertation on a geographical subject in Eastern Europe. www.aag.org/Grantsawards/Hoffmanfund.html

Glenda Laws Award: To recognize outstanding contributions to geographic research on social issues.
www.aag.org/Grantsawards/glendalawsaward.htm

Anne U. White Fund: To support field research conducted by a member of the AAG jointly with her or his spouse, regardless of any formal training in geography. www.aag.org/Grantsawards/Annwhitefund.htm

AAG Research Grants: To support direct expenses of research or fieldwork that address questions of major import to the discipline (excluding master's or doctoral dissertation research).
www.aag.org/Grantsawards/Generalresearch.html

AAG Dissertation Research Grants: To support direct expenses of master's or doctoral dissertation research to eligible individuals. www.aag.org/Grantsawards/Dissertationresearch.html

AAG International Geographic Information Fund: To support full-time students who are currently registered in an undergraduate or graduate degree program within the United States, and who are working in any area of spatial analysis or geographic information science or systems, through Student Travel Grants, Graduate Research Awards, and Student Paper Awards. www.aag.org/Grantsawards/IGIF.cfm

Anderson Medal: To recognize distinguished contributions to the profession of geography in one or more areas of industry, government, literature, education, research, service to the profession, or public service. Deadline is December 1. <http://garnet.acns.fsu.edu/~jjd1571/> or http://www.aag.org/Grantsawards/anderson_medal.cfm

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The website of **Association of Asian Studies** also has grants and fellowship information and link relate to research on Asia. You may check out the details at <http://www.aasianst.org/grants/main.htm>.

AAG DEVELOPING REGIONS MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

The AAG has established a new membership category for geographers residing in developing regions. Geographers from and living in developing regions are now eligible to join the AAG for the deeply discounted membership rate of \$20 per year. For a list of eligible countries, please visit the website <http://www.aag.org/Developing/index.htm>

Membership in the Developing Regions category includes all regular AAG membership benefits, except that the journals and newsletters are provided in digital online formats. See the list of benefits also at the above website.

CHINA GEOGRAPHY SPECIALTY GROUP WEBSITE

Be sure to visit our excellent website at: http://people.uleth.ca/~wei.xu/AAG_China/cgsg.htm Photos from the special sessions organized in 2007 to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the 1977 Sino-American exchange of geographers have been posted at: http://people.uleth.ca/~wei.xu/AAG_China/AAG_30_photo/AAG_30_photo.htm

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 using the timeline link on the main webpage, http://people.uleth.ca/~wei.xu/AAG_China/cgsg.htm. Please review and send information on additions or changes to Qihao Weng at aag.cgsg.news@gmail.com.

RECENT ARTICLES ON CHINA IN EURASIAN GEOGRAPHY AND ECONOMICS

The following is a list of recent China-related articles appearing in the journal, *Eurasian Geography and Economics*:

Vol. 49, No. 1 (January–February 2008)

C. Cindy Fan and Mingjie Sun, “Regional Inequality in China, 1978–2006”

Kam Wing Chan and Man Wang, “Remapping China’s Regional Inequalities, 1990–2006: A New Assessment of de Facto and de Jure Population Data”

Henry Wai-chung Yeung and Weidong Liu, “Globalizing China: The Rise of Mainland Firms in the Global Economy”

Vol. 49, No. 2 (March–April 2008)

Weidong Liu and Wei Wu, “Development of Local Financial Systems in Mainland China”

Piper Gaubatz, “Commercial Redevelopment and Regional Inequality in Urban China: Xining’s Wangfujing?”

Vol. 49, No. 3 (May–June 2008) – scheduled to press June 9, 2008.

Christopher J. Smith, “Monumentality in Urban Design: The Case of China

Yue-man Yeung, Joanna Lee, and Gordon Kee, “Hong Kong and Macao under Chinese Sovereignty”

Jianfa Shen, “Hong Kong under Chinese Sovereignty: Economic Relations with Mainland China, 1978–2007”

Wing Shing Tang, “Hong Kong under Chinese Sovereignty: Social Development and a Land (Re)development Regime”

Clifton W. Pannell, “Hong Kong and Macao under Chinese Sovereignty: A Framing Discourse”

UP-COMING CONFERENCES

The **7th International Conference on Industrial Cluster and Regional Development** will be held June 13-15, 2008, at Henan University, Kaifeng, Henan Province, China. This conference will focus on the relationship between technological learning and globalization in the processes of development and upgrading of industrial cluster and regional development. The paper proposals should be sent as email attachment in Word file to hhwm@henu.edu.cn. The field trips will be offered after the meeting either from Kaifeng-Zhengzhou(Shaolinsi)-Luoyang or from Kaifeng-Jiaozuo(Yuntaishan)-Zhengzhou(Shaolinsi), June 16-18, 2008. For more information, please visit <http://www.hhwm.org>, or contact Dr. Changhong Miao (chhmiao@yahoo.com.cn).

The **10th Asian Urbanization Conference** will be held in August 17-18, 2009 at the University of Hong Kong. Themes include: Theoretical or empirical studies on urban form and process, urban population change including migration, urban systems, quality of life, sustainable development, city marketing & economic development, social justice, urban governance, transportation, comparative urbanization, environmental conditions in Asian cities. Other papers which contribute to an understanding of Asian urbanization are welcome. A website has been set up for the conference, and this will be updated as more details become available. Please visit <http://www.hku.hk/asia2009/>.

“**Still the Asian Century?**” A conference jointly sponsored by the International Political Economy Research Group and the Asia Research Group, Department of Political Science and International Studies, University of Birmingham will be held at 10-12 September 2008 in University of Birmingham. For details, please see <http://www.asiacentury.net/>.