“Stability Maintenance and the Chinese State’s Response to Social Conflict”
August 21-22, 2014 | Village West 15th Floor, Room A, UC San Diego

Agenda

Wednesday, August 20, 2014

Arrival and Estancia La Jolla Hotel Check-in
6:00 pm  Meet in lobby of Estancia Hotel for carpool to dinner
6:30 pm  Welcome dinner at Stone Brewing World Bistro & Gardens
  (2816 Historic Decatur Rd #116, San Diego, CA 92106)

Thursday, August 21, 2014

Village West 15th Floor, Room A, UC San Diego

8:30 - 9:00 am  Light Breakfast
9:00 - 9:10 am  Welcome Remarks
9:10 - 11:00 am  Panel I: People’s Politics, Grassroots State and Stability Maintenance
  Chair: Richard Madsen, Sociology, UC San Diego
  人民政治逻辑与社会冲突治理:两类矛盾学说的历史实践
  Shizheng Feng, Renmin University of China
  Ching Kwan Lee, Sociology, UCLA
  中国“维稳”体制的基层成效
  Mingxing Liu, China Institute of Education Finance Research, Peking University

11:00 - 12:30 pm  Lunch

12:30 - 2:30 pm  Panel II: Modes of Protest and State Responses
  Chair: Kwai Ng, Sociology, UC San Diego
  “Policing Protest in China: Findings from Newspaper Data”
  Chih-jou Jay Chen, Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica, Taiwan
  “Collective Petitions and Local State Responses in China”
  Lei Guang, Political Science, SDSU and IR/PS, UC San Diego
  “Maintaining Stability by Law: Housing Demolition Litigation and Protest, and Social Change in China”
  Xin He, School of Law, City University of Hong Kong
  “Village-level Mediation of Disputes: Evidence from Two Surveys”
  Benjamin L. Read, Political Science, UC Santa Cruz

2:30 - 3:00 pm  Coffee Break
3:00 - 5:00 pm  **Panel III: Collective Action and Stability Maintenance**

Chair: **Tai Ming Cheung**, IR/PS, UC San Diego

- “Hierarchical Trust and Stability Maintenance in China”  
  **Lianjiang Li**, Chinese University of Hong Kong

- “Adaptation and Conflict: Religion and Rural-Urban Migration”  
  **Lizhu Fan**, Fudan University and  
  **Na Chen**, UC San Diego

- “Repression Backfires: Tactical Radicalization and Protest Spectacle in Rural China”  
  **Kevin O’Brien**, Political Science, UC Berkeley

- “Fragmented Control: Harnessing Social Stability in China’s Underground Civil Society”  
  **Diana Fu**, Political Science, University of Toronto

5:00 - 6:30 pm  Free Time (carpool to dinner will pick up from Estancia Hotel at 6:30 pm)

7:00 pm  Conference Dinner at the home of Susan Shirk and Sam Popkin

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**Friday, August 22, 2014**

Village West 15th Floor, Room A, UC San Diego

8:30 - 9:00 am  Light Breakfast

9:00 - 11:00 am  **Panel IV: Technologies of Control - Part One**

Chair: **You-tien Hsing**, Geography, UC Berkeley

- “Informal Coercive Tactics and Regime Stability in China”  
  **Xi Chen**, Political Science, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

- “Demobilizing the Law for Control: The Life Cycle of Labor Disputes in China”  
  **Yang Su**, Sociology, UC Irvine

- “Ethnicity of Children in Mixed Marriages: Theory and Evidence from China”  
  **Ruixue Jia**, IR/PS, UC San Diego

- “The Rise Of the Security State”  
  **Yuhua Wang**, Political Science, University of Pennsylvania

11:00 - 12:30 pm  Lunch

12:30 - 2:30 pm  **Panel V: Technologies of Control - Part Two**

Chair: **Victor Shih**, IR/PS, UC San Diego

- “Activist Acquiescence: Power, Pollution and Access to Justice in a Chinese Village”  
  **Benjamin van Rooij**, School of Law, UC Irvine

- “Information as Common Knowledge: Information Technologies and Social Protests in China”  
  **Yongshun Cai**, Political Science, HK University of Science & Technology

- “Fear or Friction? How Censorship Slows the Spread of Information in the Digital Age”  
  **Molly Roberts**, Political Science, UC San Diego

2:30 - 3:00 pm  Conclusion and discussion about publishing plan

3:00 - 6:00 pm  Free Time

6:30 pm  Dinner (optional; details TBD)