CALL FOR PAPERS

China and the Restructuring of International Political Economy

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About the Conference

Since 2008, the increasing presence of Chinese capital and labor in Africa, South America, and other parts of the world has posed immense challenges to and generated numerous opportunities for local communities and transnational corporations. What are the challenges and opportunities brought about by the rise of a new hegemonic power with extensive economic connections throughout the global community? How might the U.S.-China entanglement shape the contours of international political economy in the coming decades? How does the rise of China, together with other emerging economies, break down the myth of Western capitalism and challenge the backward status of the global South? Questions such as these suggest that the rise of China has significant implications for the international political economy. In preparation for China’s rise, suitable theoretically informed platforms for understanding and mediating these fundamental changes are needed. China raises major theoretical and practical challenges for social scientists (particularly, human geographers) and political and economic elites as well.

The Department of Geography at the University of Oregon (UO) plans to organize a conference on “China and the Restructuring of International Political Economy,” which will be held in April 2013. The soon-approaching year of 2013 is crucial. Political leadership in Russia, France, the U.S., and China for the next few years will have been established and new rounds of negotiation and collaboration among these global powers will have begun. Hence, the timing is appropriate to bring together social scientists from around the world to examine China’s transformation and the restructuring of the international political economy and, more broadly, to rethink the relationship between the social sciences and a rapidly transforming world.

In collaboration with the Center for Asia and Pacific Studies and the UO Confucius Institute for Global China Studies, we plan to invite prestigious economic and political geographers, as well as established scholars in political science, international relations, history, and other related disciplines, to share their knowledge of the implications of a rising China for international political economy. This would be a landmark international conference that provides a multidisciplinary platform for in-depth constructive dialogue among scholars from various subdisciplines and countries who are interested in expanding discussions of the future of international political economy in the wake of China’s rise. We encourage submissions that engage with the following themes, but are not limited to:
China’s transnational regionalization;
The geographical expansion of Chinese capital and labor;
Theorizing China’s rise and its geo-economic influence;
Chinese culture and its global spread;
Foreign relations (conflicts and collaboration) between China and other countries;
China’s overseas aid programs;
China, sustainability, and global environmental change;
China’s changing geopolitical role in international political economy;
Supranational organizations and China
Global financial system and Chinese yuan
Local responses to China's presence

The conference is chaired by Alexander B. Murphy (University of Oregon) and the confirmed keynote speakers include John Agnew (University of California, Los Angles) and Weidong Liu (Chinese Academy of Sciences).

**Conference format and schedule**

Conference sessions will take place from 14 to 15 April 2013 on the campus of the University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon. The conference will consist of keynote addresses, paper presentation, and general discussion.

Presentation proposals should be 250 words long. Please send your submission (plus a short biography) to xiaobo@uoregon.edu by 31 December 2012. Notifications of acceptance will be sent out in late-January, 2013. There is no registration fee for the conference. Limited funding will be made available to presenters. For additional information about the conference, please contact Xiaobo Su (xiaobo@uoregon.edu).