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I. CHUS President Qiang Fang and Board’s 2017 Annual Report
(Presented at the CHUS Business Meeting at the 2018 AHA Annual Conference)

Dear CHUS Members and Friends,

Happy Chinese New Year! The CHUS Board wishes all of you and yours a very happy and productive year of 2018!

On January 6, 2018, the CHUS Board held its annual business meeting at the AHA conference in Washington D.C. The meeting started at 7pm and lasted until 9pm at Marriott Wardman Park. Dr. Qiang Fang chaired the meeting and presented the board by inviting Dr. Danke Li, CHUS Conference Coordinator, and Dr. Shuhua Fan, Editor of CHUS Newsletter and Web Manager, to give their annual reports to the members. Dr. Dandan Chen, CHUS Secretary, and Dr. Xiaojia Hou, CHUS Treasurer, could not attend the meeting, but sent their annual reports to Dr. Qiang Fang.

**Dr. Dandan Chen** reported that CHUS has an increase of members since last year. Thanks to Professors Xi Wang, Xiaobing Li, Qiang Fang and Xiansheng Tian, we have recruited several student members and members from mainland China. The Wechat group has gradually absorbed new members, shared cultural, social, academic news, and had discussions. (Special thanks to Professor Xiansheng Tian for keeping it very active). It is very nice that Dr. Xiaojia Hou, our treasurer, has opened her paypal account to accept CHUS membership fee. It makes payment easier for some overseas members. Another suggestion is to accept membership fee from wechat wallet (微信转账). It could make it even more convenient for scholars in mainland China to pay membership fees.

**Dr. Xiaojia Hou** reported that as of December 31, 2017, we have $16,986 balance in total. The payments to Taylor & Francis and to the 2017 annual award plaque expenses have not been processed, so they will show up in the expenses for 2018. Dr. Hou also included a US Bank account and Paypal account. The Paypal account created by Dr. Hou will make it much easier for CHUS members outside the US to pay membership fee.

**Dr. Danke Li** reported about the CHUS panels for the 2017 and 2018 AHA annual conference. DR. Li said that two high quality CHUS panels were included in the programs of the 2017 AHA annual conference held in Denver, CO. Both panels were well attended and received.

1. “In and beyond the Chinese Communities: The Rise of Civil Rights Consciousness and Activities as a Transnational Experience.”

In 2017, CHUS organized three high quality panels for the 2018 AHA annual conference that was held in Washington D.C. All three panels were well attended and received at the conference. The three panels are as follows:

1. “Legal Reforms, Philosophy, and Women in the Media in China during the Late Qing and Early Republican Period.”
3. “Corruption and Anti-corruption in Modern China.”

During the year of 2017, CHUS also participated in the AHA survey regarding affiliated societies, and Danke Li, the Conference Coordinator, attended meetings organized by the AHA for affiliated societies.

**Dr. Shuhua Fan** reported her work as follows:

The Main Work Done in 2017:
1. Edited the summer 2017 Issue CHUS newsletter.
2. Collecting data for the winter 2017 issue CHUS newsletter in mid-December, and editing the winter issue in February, 2018.
3. Updated CHUS group email list by cooperating with other board members.
4. Updated CHUS website.

Plans for 2018:
1. To edit the summer and winter 2018 issues of the CHUS newsletter.
2. To keep updating CHUS group email list.
3. To make efforts to maintain CHUS website and keep it up-to-date.
4. To help promote and publicize CHUS-sponsored events at CHUS website and in the newsletter as well as through other ways.
5. To cooperate with CHUS President and other board members in all matters to make CHUS better.

**Dr. Qiang Fang** reported that in the past year, while the proposed jointed conference with Jinan University could not be held as planned, the CHUS has several exciting news to share with CHUS members.

**New Members:** As Dr. Dandan Chen has reported, the CHUS has added many new members with the help of professors Xi Wang and other CHUS members.

**Taiwan Trip:** The CHUS organized a trip to Taiwan sponsored by the Grand Alliance and its president, professor Ge Yongguang. The trip that lasted twelve days from May 28th to June 9th. Nine CHUS members joined the trip. During the tour, CHUS members visited such famous museums as the National Palace Museum, Sun Yat-sen and Chiang Kai-shek Memorials. The delegation also met with many Taiwan political and business leaders, including, among other leaders, GMD vice president Hu Zhiqiang, and former president Ma Ying-jeou, to consult useful materials for a book on corruption and anticorruption in modern China that is currently edited by Drs. Qiang Fang and Xiaobing Li.

**Macau Conference:** Thanks to the important and generous support of the History Department at the University of Macau, especially Professor Di Wang, Chair of the Department, CHUS will jointly sponsor a conference entitled “Imagined Communities: Links between China’s Past, Present, and Future.” The Call for Papers was announced on July 1st. After the deadline ended on the New Years day of 2018, there were a total of forty-three proposals. In the following week, despite the official close of the submission, we continued to receive proposals from CHUS.
members. Now the total number of proposals is forty-seven. More importantly, some of the proposals came from historians (most of them based in China) who are not CHUS members, so this proposed conference may serve as a channel to help CHUS recruit more members from Chinese institutions. We are very grateful to Professor Di Wang and the History Department at the University of Macau for making the arrangements for the joint conference.

**Anti-corruption Book:** During the 2017 trip to Taiwan, Dr. Xiaobing Li, former CHUS president, and Dr. Qiang Fang come up with the idea to edit a book on corruption and anticorruption in modern China. The idea looked very attractive to most of the CHUS members in the delegation to Taiwan, and won their support. After meeting with a number of GMD leaders, Dr. Qiang Fang and Dr. Xiaobing Li began inviting CHUS members to contribute chapters, and drafted a book proposal. By now, most contributors have completed their chapters and the book manuscript will be ready for submission in March, 2018.

**“China in the New Era” Book Series:** The Amsterdam University Press, a premium press based in the Netherlands, has launched a new book series titled “China in the New Era.” The new book series aims to showcase fine scholarly research on a variety of topics such as politics, diplomacy, law, gender, military, and the like in the People’s Republic of China. Studies of Taiwan around the same period or the Republic of China are also welcome. CHUS members and friends are especially encouraged to submit their unpublished manuscripts to Dr. Qiang Fang (qfang@d.umn.edu), the series editor.

**Creating a Graduate Student Paper Prize:** During the CHUS business meeting at the 2018 AHA conference, Dr. Tao Wang and a couple of others suggested that the CHUS, like other organizations, create a graduate student paper prize that will both recognize the work of promising young historians and also encourage graduate students to do research. The CHUS board will discuss this excellent idea in the coming months. If everything goes smoothly, the CHUS will establish a committee for this paper prize.

Looking ahead, the CHUS will have another important year in 2018. Not only will many old and new CHUS members attend the Macau conference, but the CHUS will also need to nominate and elect a new president and a new board to lead the organization in the next two years from 2019 to 2021.

**CHUS Annual Awards: Reported by Drs. Patrick Shan, Yi Sun, and Xiaoping Cong:**

**The Distinguished Service Award Committee,** including Drs. Ping Yao, Mao Lin and Patrick Fuliang Shan (chair), was organized in the summer of 2017 by the CHUS Board. After the call-for-nominations was sent out, the committee received several nominations. The committee deliberated over the candidacies of the nominees, and recommended that the CHUS Board bestow this year’s award to two co-winners: Drs. Danke Li and Xiaoping Cong.

Professor Danke Li, a faculty teaching Chinese history at Fairfield University in Connecticut, has been a member of the CHUS Board for three terms. During her tenure as the board member, she has worked diligently as the conference organizer. In this role, she has worked effectively with the American Historical Association (AHA) conference coordinators to retrieve relevant
information. She has always sent out calls for panels and papers to CHUS members in a timely manner. She has collected information of panels, including abstracts, and inserted all relevant information manually into the AHA system. This is a tedious job, as it might take a week or so to insert all information by hand. Any minor errors might cause issues, which might lead to rejection by the AHA. In the past years, all CHUS panels under her management were accepted without any issues, which guaranteed the smooth and successful operations of the CHUS as a national scholarly organization. She has also served as a panel chair or a discussant. In addition, she has always offered her valuable services to the CHUS and its members whenever she is needed.

Professor Xiaoping Cong, a faculty teaching Chinese history at the University of Houston, Texas, served as the CHUS president between 2011 and 2013. During her tenure as the leader of this organization, Dr. Cong worked diligently. She conducted reforms and created new venues for the routine operations of the CHUS. Furthermore, she updated the CHUS website by building a new server, and endeavored to reach out for public support for the CHUS. More importantly, she launched a fund-raising campaign, and amazingly obtained a few donations, amounting to more than four thousand dollars from outside donors, which enormously improved the CHUS’ financial situation. During her presidency, Dr. Cong did her best to support the CHUS journal, The Chinese Historical Review, and her efforts guaranteed the timely publication of the journal. She has also served as the chair or a member of various CHUS committees, and has been an active participant of other CHUS activities.

The Academic Excellence Award Committee was organized and reorganized in the summer of 2017, with Dr. Yi Sun as the chair and Drs. Pingchao Zhu and Xiansheng Tian as members. After call for nominations, the committee deliberated over the quality of scholarly works, and recommended that CHUS bestow the award to Dr. Xiaobing Li for his monograph entitled The Cold War in East Asia (Routledge, 2017).

Dr. Xiaoping Li is the most prolific writer among CHUS members, having authored or co-authored eighteen books and edited volumes. These publications deal with a wide variety of subject areas, encompassing military, diplomatic, political, social, and cultural histories. Indeed, Dr. Li has done CHUS proud with his phenomenal scholarly accomplishments as well as his instrumental service to the organization.

To add one more golden leaf to his laurels, Dr. Li published another book in 2017, entitled The Cold War in East Asia, by the prominent publisher Routledge. This book places East Asia, including China, Japan, and the two Koreas, at the center stage of the Cold War from 1945 to 1991. While many conventional texts have taken a Euro-American centric approach, characterizing the Cold War as a confrontation between the United States and the (former) Soviet Union that led two contending camps in the post-WWII world -- the “free world” and the communist/socialist block, East Asia in comparison has received less scholarly attention, partially due to cultural and linguistic barriers and the lack of readily available sources for Western researchers. While some monographs have focused on Sino-American relations, Japan-U.S. relations and the Korean War during the Cold War years, East Asia as a whole remains, by
and large, in the periphery in the systemic and comprehensive analysis of the Cold War in its global context.

Dr. Li’s book can also serve as a survey text with its coverage of the different interpretations of the origins and developments of the Cold War in East Asia. It explores new historiographical, thematic, and topical trends in the history of modern East Asia. Told with an emphasis on East Asian views, it explains how China, Japan, and the two Koreas have played a distinctive and instrumental role in shaping the historical contours of the Cold War. Dr. Li argues that, more than an ideological battle between capitalism and communism, the Cold War in East Asia was also a struggle between different political, economic, social, and cultural determinations and resolutions. Significantly, East Asian countries molded the Cold War through their own adaptation and transformation, evidenced in their cultural resilience in the face of new economic, military, and political challenges, both domestic and international. It demonstrates how East Asian countries utilized the global Cold War politics and economy to craft their own particular versions of survival, struggle, and success in decolonization, independence, industrialization, and modernization through the second half of the twentieth century.

Dr. Li’s book also offers important resources for future research in Cold War studies, and opens new areas for Asian Studies courses. Scholars and students will find the book’s primary sources, many of which are not readily available in English, of great interest, and they will also discover many intriguing issues that have been previously overlooked. In light of the merits and strengths of this book, we recommend *The Cold War in East Asia* for the 2017 CHUS Scholarly Achievement award in strongest possible terms.

**The Graduate Student Travel Grant:** Dr. Xiaoping Cong, chair of the committee, reported that there was no applicant from graduate students for this travel grant in 2017.

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**II. CHUS Panels at the 2018 AHA Annual Conference**
**Washington, D.C., January 4-7, 2018**

**Panel 1:** Legal Reforms, Philosophy, and Women in the Media in China during the Late Qing and Early Republican Period  
**Chair/Discussant:** Tao Wang (Iowa State University)  
**Panelists:**
- Dandan Chen (State University of New York at Farmingdale), "The Spread of Kant and Hegel’s Philosophy in 1920s–1930s China: Newspaper, Traveling Theory, and China’s Media Milieu in the Early 20th Century."
- Guolin Yi (Stockton University), "The Yang Naiwu Case in Shanghai Newspapers: Discourses on Legal Reforms during the Self-Strengthening Movement."

**Panel 2:** Security, Trade, and Nationalism: Perception/Misperception and US-China Relations  
**Chair:** Danke Li (Fairfield University)
Discussant: Xiansheng Tian (Metropolitan State University of Denver)

Panelists:
- Shuhua Fan (University of Scranton), "Francis Knight and Newchwang: Treaty Ports and Sino-American Relations in the 19th Century."
- Mao Lin (Georgia Southern University), "More Than a Tacit Alliance: Trade, Soft Power, and US-Chinese Rapprochement Reconsidered."
- Tao Wang (Iowa State University), "Meeting the China Threat: The Bandung Conference and US Policy toward Asian Nationalism."

Panel 3: Corruption and Anticorruption in Modern China
Chair: Xiansheng Tian (Metropolitan State University of Denver)
Discussant: Danke Li (Fairfield University)

Panelists:
- Qiang Fang (University of Minnesota Duluth), "Anticorruption in the Late Qing Dynasty, 1840–1912."
- Zenghe Liu (Jinan University), "Wartime Corruption and Financial Coordination in the Late Qing Dynasty, 1851–1908."
- Patrick Fuliang Shan (Grand Valley State University), "Accountability, Supervision, and Penalty: Yuan Shikai as a Watchdog in Managing Government Officials."
- Xiaobing Li (University of Central Oklahoma), "Anticorruption Policy and Corruption Tolerance: The Lost Political Battle and the Fate of the GMD in the Chinese Civil War, 1946–1949."

III. Images from the 2018 CHUS Business Meeting and AHA Panels

The CHUS had its annual membership meeting on Saturday, 7:00-9:00pm, January 6, 2018 at Marriott Wardman Park, McKinley Room, Washington, D. C. The CHUS members and guests attending the AHA conference attended this business meeting.

At the business meeting, President Qiang Fang and the board presented their 2017 annual report, and three awards were presented. Dr. Fang Qiang and Dr. Patrick Fuliang Shan, chair of the Committee of the Distinguished Service Award, presented the 2017 Distinguished Service Award to Dr. Danke Li, and took a photo for Dr. Xiaoping Cong, the recipient of the 2017 Distinguished Service Award, who could not make to the conference. President Fang and Dr. Xiansheng Tian, representing the Committee on the Academic Excellence Award, took a photo for Dr. Xiaobing Li, the recipient of the 2017 CHUS Academic Excellence Award, who could not make to the conference due to flight cancellation. Many thanks to Drs. Patrick Fuliang Shan, Xiansheng Tian, Tao Wang, and Shuhua Fan, etc. for providing nice photos.
IV. Call for Papers: Chinese Historical Review

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The Chinese Historical Review (CHR) is a fully refereed and vigorously edited transnational journal of history with issues appearing in March and November each year. The journal is included in the following services: Bibliography of Asian Studies, European Reference Index for the Humanities (ERIH), and Scopus.

The journal publishes original research on the history of China in every period, China’s historical relations with the world, the historical experiences of the overseas Chinese, as well as comparative studies of history. The journal is abstracted and indexed by Bibliography of Asian Studies and Scopus, the largest abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed literature.

The journal is published by Taylor & Francis Group on behalf of the Chinese Historians in the United States (CHUS). The current editor-in-chief is Professor Hanchao Lu (Georgia Tech). Please send manuscripts and inquiries via email to Ms. LaDonna Bowen of the editorial office at ladonna.bowen@hsoc.gatech.edu.

V. Updates on May 2018 Joint International Conference at Macau

Conference Dates: May 30-31, 2018

Deadline to Submit Full Paper: April 15, 2018 (Please email your fall paper to Dr. Qiang Fang (qfang@d.umn.edu).

Criteria to Attend the Conference: Since this conference is mainly open to CHUS members, please join the CHUS if you are not a CHUS member or if you have not renewed your membership. Please contact Professors Xiaojia Hou (xiaojia.hou@sjsu.edu) and Dandan Chen (chenda@farmingdale.edu) for details (由于本会是由 Chinese Historians in the United States — CHUS 协办，一般仅对 CHUS 会员开放。如果您还不是本会会员，请与陈丹丹和侯晓佳教授联系相关入会事宜).

VI. CHUS Book Projects


2. Call for Book Manuscript: "China in the New Era" Book Series
   - Publisher: Amsterdam University Press
   - Series Editor: Prof. Qiang Fang, Ph. D.(Department of History, University of Minnesota Duluth)
   - For Interested CHUS Members and Friends: “China in the New Era Series” is launched by AUP to meet the rising influence of the people’s Republic of China (PRC) as
an economic, military, and political power in the world arena. Forty years after the Chinese Communist Party kicked off the reform, the PRC is now poised to surpass the United States as the world’s greatest economy. A more confident and powerful PRC, coupled with increasingly rich primary sources, has drawn tremendous interest from scholars around the world. The primary focus of this series will be the PRC in the new era with kind of dual attention to earlier pertinent periods in the ROC and Late Qing. This series invites studies from a wide variety of disciplines and topics in politics, law, history, diplomacy, gender, and the like. Studies on modern history of greater China (e.g., Taiwan, Hong Kong) are also welcome.

- **Book Proposals:** A book proposal should be no more than 4000 words in length, which needs to include the following information:
  1. Tentative book title
  2. Name of author(s) or editor(s)
  3. Tentative table of contents (including a full list of authors or contributors if it is an edited volume)
  4. Rationales for and main contributions of the proposal
  5. Methodologies to be used
  6. How does this proposed manuscript fit within the “China in the New Era” Series
  7. Target audience
  8. Short biography of author(s)/editor(s)
  9. Estimated completing time of the manuscript

- **Book Manuscript:** A book manuscript should be between 200 and 300 pages in length. All book manuscripts will be reviewed first by series editorial board and then by peers.

- **Contact Information:** For further questions and submission of your book proposals or manuscripts, please contact Dr. Qiang Fang (qfang@d.umn.edu), editor of “China in the New Era” series.

- **An Introduction to the Amsterdam University Press (AUP):** Amsterdam University Press was established in 1992 by the University of Amsterdam, and is based on the Anglo-American publishing model. AUP has since then built up a publishing list of more than 1600 titles. The scholarly and trade publications of AUP are available in Dutch or English, and relate to subjects in the area of humanities and social sciences.

  Alongside books and academic journals, AUP offers an increasing number of electronic products. Increasingly, existing AUP publications are being made available digitally through e-books and in Open Access. Titles are being published, more and more as a standard process, through print-on-demand.

  AUP’s mission: AUP aims to support and stimulate academic knowledge through scholarly publications. The quality of the contents of these publications is therefore fundamental. The academic quality of our series is guaranteed by Series Boards, all esteemed international academic specialists, acquisitions editors, and through peer reviews.

  AUP has been a leading player in establishing Open Access technologies in Europe, and has led several major and successful multi-party projects funded by the EU. In particular,
the OAPEN online library and platform offers a quality-controlled collection of OA books in the humanities and social sciences. In addition, AUP has an agreement with digital platforms, such as JSTOR.

VII. CHUS Membership

**Member Benefits:** Membership is crucial to the survival and development of the CHUS. We encourage our lifetime members to renew their membership, and welcome new people to join the CHUS.

As a CHUS member, you will enjoy various benefits: Participating in CHUS-sponsored panels at the AHA’s annual conferences and CHUS-sponsored international trips to Asia and international conferences in Asia, receiving *The Chinese Historical Review* (CHR) and CHUS Newsletter, enjoying free online access to *CHR*, eligibility for receiving CHUS awards and Graduate Travel Grant, and other opportunities for scholarly exchanges both in and outside the United States.

**Current Membership Rates:** $60/year, $100/2 years, $150/3 years for regular members; $30/year or $50/2 years for students and retired scholars; $200/year for contributing members (This new category is designed for outside donors who are not professional historians. They will enjoy the defined privileges such as receiving the journal and newsletters but do not have full privileges of other members in organizational electoral rights, awards, service, and other academic participation).

Please remember to renew your membership on time, and also help advertise CHUS to any potential new members. For questions and recruitment suggestions, please contact Dr. Dandan Chen (chenda@farmingdale.edu). Please send your application form to Dr. Dandan Chen, and mail your payment to Dr. Xiaojia Hou (please see below).

**Three Ways to Pay Membership Dues:**

1. **Mail Check** (Payable to CHUS) to Dr. Xiaojia Hou (Mailing address: Dr. Xiaojia Hou, 1162 Culligan Blvd, San Jose, CA, 95120, USA).

2. **PayPal Account** (preferred): Please pay to xiaojia.hou@sjtu.edu.

3. **Wechat Wallet Transfer:** Transfer your membership fees to Dr. Dandan Chen’s wechat wallet (Dr. Chen's Wechat ID: dandanstrong).

**New Members:** We would like to extend our heartfelt welcome to the following CHUS new members: Ms. Wankun Li.

**Steps to Register for Free Online Access to *Chinese Historical Review* (CHR) at the Website of Taylor & Francis** [http://www.tandfonline.com/]. Just in case you have not registered for online access to *CHR*, here are the steps.
As a current member of the Chinese Historians in the United States you are entitled to online access to the society journal *Chinese Historical Review* via a voucher for 2016.

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**VIII. CHUS Member News**

**Dr. Chen, Li**, Associate Professor of History and Global Asia Studies, Chair of Department of Historical and Cultural Studies (UTSC) and Department of History (Graduate), University of Toronto, the Founding President of the International Society for Chinese Law and History (2014-17), and a Ph. D. from Columbia University, has exciting news to share with fellow CHUS members. Professor Chen’s book, *Chinese Law in Imperial Eyes: Sovereignty, Justice, and Transcultural Politics* (Columbia, 2016), has been awarded the Joseph Levenson Pre-1900 Book Prize for 2018 by the Association for Asian Studies, and earlier won Honorable Mention for the American Society for Legal History’s 2017 Peter Gonville Stein Book Award (presented for the best book in legal history written in English that focuses on all non-US regions, as well as global and international history). Published by Columbia University Press, the book uses a wide array of sources to examine the power dynamics of Sino-Western relations during the formative
century before the First Opium War (1839-1842). It highlights the centrality of law to modern imperial ideology and politics, and brings new insights to the origins of comparative Chinese law in the West, the First Opium War, and foreign extraterritoriality in China.

**Dr. Cong, Xiaoping.** Professor of History at University of Houston, has been promoted to full professor, starting from September 2017. Besides, Dr. Cong has published an article: “From Literati to Modern Teachers: The Identity Transformation of the Educated Elites in Early 20th Century China,” *The Chinese Historical Review* 24: 2 (Nov. 2017): 146-65.

**Dr. Fan, Shuhua,** Associate Professor of History and Asian Studies at the University of Scranton, has been reappointed by Governor Tom Wolf for a second term (Nov. 2017-Nov. 2019) at the PA Governor’s Advisory Commission on Asian-American Affairs. In addition, the Chinese edition of Dr. Fan's English book entitled *The Harvard-Yenching Institute and Cultural Engineering: Remaking the Humanities in China, 1924-1951* (Lexington Books, Aug. 2014) was published by Peking University Press in Nov. 2017 after some delay due to slow process of proofreading. Dr. Elizabeth Perry, Director of the Harvard-Yenching Institute and Henry Rosovsky Professor of Government at Harvard University, has written a preface for the Chinese edition. The preface has been recently published under the title of “哈佛燕社的历史、现实与未来: 《文化工程》序言”，《中华读书报》，January 17, 2018 (http://epaper.gmw.cn/zhdsb/html/2018-01/17/nw.D110000zhdsb_20180117_1-10.htm).

**Dr. Li, Jinzheng,** Professor of College of History, Nankai University in China, has published the following two articles: 1. “中华人民共和国社会史的学术贡献与风格”，《当代中国史研究》2017年第3期。2. “早期中国马克思主义学者的农村经济主张”，《近代史研究》2017年第5期。In addition, Dr. Li has presented his research findings at various national and international conferences: 1. 8月20-23日，“地方文献、区域社会与国家治理”——第七届中国近代社会史国际学术研讨会（杭州，杭州师范大学），论文：北洋政府时期天津普通邮员之现代形态。2. 8月29-31日，欧洲与东亚的二战记忆国际学术研讨会（奥地利维也纳，维也纳大学东亚研究所，《抗日战
争研究》编辑部），论文：从五部日记看中国知识精英对卢沟桥事变之反应。 3. 9 月 14—16 日，第十一届历史学前沿论坛（长春，东北师范大学、《历史研究》编辑部），论文：方法的内外互补：“中国史”学界的中国与西方。 4. 9 月 22—24 日，全球视野下的新史学——《新史学》创刊十周年学术研讨会（南京大学学衡研究院、中国人民大学清史所），论文：释“新革命史”。 5. 10 月 13—15 日，“全球化与近代以来中国传统经济的转型”学术研讨会，论文：生态、地权与经营的合力：从冀中定县看近代华北平原乡村的雇佣关系。 6. 11 月 3—6 日，中共革命的理念、行动及特征”国际学术讨论会，论文：从“问题”到难题的思维转换：也谈“中共革命胜利来之不易”。 7. 12 月 8—10 日，“传播媒介与近代中国社会演变”学术会议（广州，《近代史研究》、中山大学历史系），论文：读者与报纸、党政的联动：《晋察冀日报》的阅读史。 8. 12 月 22—25 日，首届新时代中国乡村建设论坛（2017）（重庆，西南大学中国乡村建设学院），论文：两面逻辑的张力：从《乡村中国纪事》看集体化时代的复杂面相。

Ms. Li, Wankun, Ph. D. Candidate at the College of History, University of Leeds in Britain, has presented a paper titled “Chinese Oil and American Money: Local Economy and International Aid in Chongqing, 1937-1945,” at the 2018 American Historical Association Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., January 4-7, 2018.

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