Welcome from Martin Whyte
ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE FAIRBANK CENTER

Welcome one and all to the start of a new academic year of activities at the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies! This opening statement conveys two new developments at the Fairbank Center. First, our Director, William Kirby, will be enjoying a richly deserved sabbatical leave this year, and I will be serving as Acting Director in his absence. Second, we have changed our name, from the Fairbank Center for East Asian Research to the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies. This change, approved by the Center’s Executive Committee last spring, is designed to more accurately reflect our Center’s focus and activities (and acknowledge that we share the East Asian “turf” with the Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies and the Korea Institute). One related piece of news is that we welcome to our Center Professor Liu Xiaoyuan, who will be teaching courses on China in the history department while Bill Kirby is on leave. Professor Liu received his PhD from the University of Iowa and now teaches at Iowa State University. His primary research focuses on the ethnic frontiers of China. His office for the coming year will be in the Fairbank Center.

This year we again welcome a bumper crop of new postdoctoral fellows, visiting scholars, and visiting fellows. Each has a specific research project for the year, and as the year goes along, all will have opportunities to present talks and participate in workshops, so that our already diverse and lively community will be enriched by the presence of these very special visitors. A brief listing of these newcomers is contained later in this newsletter. For more details on their backgrounds and research projects, you may consult the special booklet, “Postdoctoral Fellows and Visiting Scholars, Fellows, and Associates, 2007–2008,” which can be found on the Center’s website (www.fas.harvard.edu/~fairbank/), or in our front office, Room S138 of the CGIS South Building, 1730 Cambridge Street.

Some of the special events scheduled for this fall include a conference entitled “Chinese Justice: Civil Dispute Resolution in Post-Reform China,” organized by Margaret Woo, Mary Gallagher, and Merle Goldman, to be held on October 12–13; the 2007 Annual Neuhauser Lecture, with the speaker this year Alan Romberg, Director of the East Asia Program at the Henry L. Stimson Center in Washington, D.C., speaking on “The US ‘One China’ Policy: Time for a Change?” on October 17; the latest in a series of conferences on Tibet co-sponsored by the Fairbank Center, which is scheduled to take place on November 28–29, organized by Lobsang Sangay, Research Associate at the Harvard Law School; and a conference, “Rule and Reform in the Giants: China and India Compared,” organized by Liz Perry and Devesh Kapur, to be held November 30–December 2.

As is the case every year, the Fairbank Center will also play host to a rich variety of ongoing workshops on many different aspects of Chinese society (e.g., Chinese business, current events, gender studies, religion, 20th-century history, Taiwan studies) as well as public lectures by local and visiting China scholars. More information on some of these events will be found later in this newsletter. For newcomers, the best way to keep track of the seemingly bewildering variety of talks, conferences, and other events at both the Fairbank Center and our sister centers in the Asia Center at Harvard is to subscribe to the online Asia Bulletin (www.fas.harvard.edu/~asiactr/events.html).

Whether you are a student, faculty member, visiting scholar, or affiliate from the larger Boston community, I hope you will come by 1730 Cambridge Street often to sample the various talks and activities that make the Fairbank Center such an exciting place in which to try to understand better the world’s most populous and dynamically changing society! And don’t forget the Center’s periodic social gatherings, the first of which will be the Open House of all of Harvard’s Asia centers on Wednesday, October 3, from 5 to 9 p.m. at CGIS South.

—Martin K. Whyte, Professor of Sociology and Acting Director
In recent years the Chinese state has implemented a wide array of competing legal mechanisms ranging from courts to mediation to arbitration to administrative review. The workshop will attempt an evaluation and critical review of the various legal options that are theoretically open to Chinese citizens. Among the questions asked are: Are these institutions working at cross-purposes or are they reaffirming each other’s legitimacy? What are the experiences of ordinary citizens in their dispute resolution? How do these legal institutions adjust state and society relations? More importantly, is there a gap between ordinary Chinese citizens and their legal institutions?

Leading law scholars from China, Taiwan, and the US who have gained unusual access to mainland Chinese courts and have collected empirical data on civil dispute resolution in China will present their findings. The workshop is scheduled for 12 and 13 October 2007 in Room S050 of CGIS South Building. It is organized by Margaret Woo, professor of law at Northeastern University, Mary Gallagher, assistant professor of political science at the University of Michigan, and Merle Goldman, associate at the Fairbank Center. Support for its activities comes from the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation, the program in East Asian Legal Studies at Harvard Law School, and the Fairbank Center. For more information contact m.woo@neu.edu.

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**16th Annual Neuhauser Lecture to Feature Alan Romberg**

Alan Romberg has enjoyed a distinguished career working on Asian issues in and out of government, including 20 years as a US foreign service officer. He is currently Director of the East Asia Program at the Henry L. Stimson Center in Washington, DC. He has been Principal Deputy Director of the State Department’s Policy Planning Staff and a staff member of the National Security Council for China. He spent almost ten years as the C.V. Starr Senior Fellow for Asian Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations. We claim him as a Harvard man, since he holds an MA from Harvard, along with his BA from Princeton.

For the past few years, Romberg has joined the delegation of scholars sent by the Fairbank Center to visit Taipei and Beijing, and recently the trip has also included Tokyo, where they meet and speak with top government officials in each nation. His most recent visit was earlier this year. The US 'One China' Policy: Time for a Change? is the provocative title of this year’s talk. Drawing on his many years of government service and policy analysis, and his experiences living in Hong Kong and Taiwan, Romberg promises an analysis that will be straightforward and in the best interest of all the parties concerned with this issue. Although all parties might not agree with the analysis, the Fairbank Center hopes that all sides will give Romberg’s points thoughtful evaluation.

The lecture is scheduled for Wednesday 17 October 2007 at 4 p.m. in the Belfer Case Study Room (S020) of CGIS South Building, at 1730 Cambridge street on the Harvard campus. The Charles Neuhauser Memorial Lecture Series was instituted in 1988. It is funded by a generous grant from Charlie’s brother Dr. Paul Neuhauser and his wife, Mary, who are expected to be present. A reception will follow the talk.

The Shum fellowships have been offered for the past two years by the Fairbank Center. A generous grant from Desmond Shum enables two Harvard graduate students to spend a year studying in China. These students, who are studying in the fields of the contemporary Chinese social sciences, receive a grant of $20,000 each. Students apply to the Fairbank Center and are selected through a competitive application process, with award decisions made by a committee of faculty associated with the Fairbank Center. The winning students are known as the Desmond and Whitney Shum Fellows.

Two fellowships have been awarded each year in the past two years. Preference in awarding the fellowships is given to students in the fields of government, public policy, public administration, economics, law and sociology, according to the terms of the gift. Competition is open to all Harvard PhD candidates from any school within the university specializing in a field of the social sciences.

The two Shum Fellows selected for the 2007–2008 academic year were recently announced.

**Holly Ming** is a PhD candidate at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. The title of her proposed project is Two Studies on Intergenerational Poverty and Social Mobility in Urban China. One study will investigate the educational opportunities and outcomes of migrant workers’ children in Beijing and Shanghai. The second study will compare trends in intergenerational poverty and will evaluate intervention strategies targeting at-risk youths in Hong Kong and Shanghai. She will be affiliated with research institutions in each city, in Beijing her affiliation will be with Beijing Normal University.

**Wu Hsinchao** is a PhD candidate in the Department of Sociology at Harvard. Her research is titled Engaging the Government and Local Communities in Reconstructing ‘the’ Tradition; Revitalization of Jinshang Culture in Shanxi Province. She will be affiliated with the History and Culture College of Shanxi University, where she will join the ongoing seminars about the issue of Jinshang culture and will visit the filled in sites of the culture as part of this research.

**Two Shum Fellowship Winners Announced**
The Fairbank Center has been publishing academic monographs since 1956, when it was called the Center for East Asian Studies. Today, books funded by Center money are published by the Harvard University Asia Center and distributed by Harvard University Press.

The most recent title funded in part by Center funds is a study by Patricia Thornton, Associate Professor of Political Science at Trinity College in Hartford, CT, who is currently teaching international studies at Portland State University. The book is *Disciplining the State: Virtue, Violence, and State-Making in Modern China*. The key finding of the book holds that state-making is, in China as elsewhere, a profoundly normative and normalizing process. Central leaders seek not only to impose a particular moral order, but also to make the presence of the state at the center of that vision appear both natural and necessary.

Preston’s book maps the complex process of state-making, moral regulation, and social control during three critical reform periods: the Yongzhen reign (1723–1735), the Guomindang’s Nanjing decade (1927–1937); and the Communist Party’s Socialist Education Campaign (1962–1966). During each period, central authorities introduced, not without resistance, institutional change designed to extend the reach of central control over local political life.

This conference is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, 28 and 29 November 2007, in Room S250 of the CGIS South Building. It is being organized by Dr. Lobsang Sangay, Research Associate at the Harvard Law School. Funding will be provided by the Fairbank Center, the Harvard University Asia Center, and the East Asian Legal Studies Program at the Harvard Law School.

The main purpose of the conference is to allow Tibetan and Chinese scholars to exchange views on the contemporary situation and visions for future improvement on the concept of autonomy. This conference will provide a forum for prominent Chinese and Tibetan scholars and policy analysts to meet face to face in an academic environment. It will allow the participants to initiate discussions on autonomy from divergent perspectives, social, economic and cultural issues including an implementation of the Constitution and the Minority Nationality Act in Tibetan areas in China.

These topics address vitally important subjects that will help open the gate to exploring other issues and contribute to a conducive environment to promote understanding on Tibet-China relations. Efforts will be made to address and understand each of these topics in a dispassionate and objective style, permitting all sides to present their perspectives and to better understand one another.
China and India will be the focus of a two-day comparative conference entitled “Rule and Reform in the Giants: China and India Compared” on 30 November and 1 December 2007. Co-sponsored by the Asia Center and the Fairbank Center and organized by Professors Elizabeth Perry, Government Department, Harvard University, and Devesh Kapur, Director of the Center for the Advanced Study of India, University of Pennsylvania, the conference will explore, in six separate panels, issues of national integration, center-local relations, separatist tensions, democracy and authoritarianism, and the political processes and developmental outcomes of economic reform.

The aim of the conference is to produce an edited volume that will offer a comparative understanding of the means by which the world’s two most populous polities, China and India, have attempted to control and change their huge and unwieldy societies. As both countries move from previously quite self-sufficient economies toward increasing integration with world markets, their impact economically—and strategically as well—will obviously grow. Understanding the sources of their different levels of socioeconomic success to date will help to predict their projections of global power in the near future.

Panelists include Zhao Suisheng, University of Denver, Sudipta Kaviraj, Columbia University, Yang Dali, University of Chicago, Nirvikar Singh, UC Santa Cruz, Bruce Dickson, George Washington University, Pratap Mehta, Center for Policy Research, New Delhi, Gardner Bovingdon, Indiana University, Sanjib Baruah, Bard College, Martin Whyte, Harvard University, Lant Pritchett, Harvard University, Mary Gallagher, Cornell University, and Devesh Kapur, University of Pennsylvania.

The conference will be held in Seminar Room S020, CGIS South Building, Concourse Level. For additional information, please contact Holly Angell at vhangell@fas.harvard.edu.
New Fellows and Visitors at the Fairbank Center

An important part of the Center's intellectual community is made up of the postdoctoral scholars and visiting scholars, fellows, and associates who will spend an academic year doing research, making presentations and interacting with the other Harvard scholars on campus. In the 2007–2008 academic year, a large number of these specialists are being welcomed to the Center. Full information about their research interests and background is available on the Center website and in the Center's booklet introducing these individuals which is available at the Center's front office. The seven postdoctoral fellows and fourteen visiting scholars, fellows, and associates for the current academic year are listed here.

**AN WANG POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS**

Ian D. Chapman  Dr. Chapman received his PhD degree from Princeton University in 2007. His research at the Fairbank Center is entitled *Cooking the Books (on Medieval Chinese Festival Culture)*. Contact: ichapman@princeton.edu

He Wenkai  和文凱  Dr. He received his PhD in 2007 from the Massachusetts of Technology. His research is on *Paths Toward a Modern Fiscal State: England (1642–1750), Japan (1868–1895), and China (1850–1911)*. Contact: hewenkai@mit.edu

Fabio Lanza  Dr. Lanza received his PhD from Columbia University in 2004. His research is on *A Space for Politics: Inventing Students in Modern China*. Contact: flanza@email.arizona.edu

**FAIRBANK CENTER TAIWAN STUDIES POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW**

Elana Chipman  Dr. Chipman received her PhD degree in 2007 from Cornell University. Her research at Harvard is titled *Our Beigang: Culture Work, Ritual, and Identity in Taiwan*. Contact: elanachipman@gmail.com

**PRINCETON-HARVARD CHINA IN THE WORLD PROGRAM POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP**

Zheng Yu  鄭宇  Dr. Zheng is the Harvard-Princeton China In the World Program Postdoctoral Fellow funded by the Fairbank Center. He received his PhD in 2007 from the University of California, San Diego. His dissertation was on the topic *Credibility and Flexibility: Political Institutions and Foreign Direct Investment in China*. Contact: yzheng@ucsd.edu

**HARVARD-YENCHING POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP IN BOOK CULTURE AND LIBRARIANSHIP**

Zhang Zhiqiang  張志強  Dr. Zhang received his PhD in 2005 from Nanjing University. At Harvard, his research topic will be *Identity, Transformation, and Modernization: The Dissemination of Western Learning in Modern China and the Development of the Chinese Publishing Industry from 1840 to 1949*. Contact: zzqiang@public1.ptt.js.cn

**FAIRBANK CENTER POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW**

Nara Dillon  Dr. Dillon received her PhD from the University of California at Berkeley in 2002. She teaches at Bard College. Her research this year will be about *The Paradox of the Welfare State: The Politics of Privilege in Revolutionary Shanghai*. Contact: dillon@bard.edu

**FAIRBANK CENTER VISITING SCHOLARS AND FELLOWS**

Chang Xinxin  常欣欣  Appointed a visiting scholar from June to December 2007, Dr. Chang received her PhD in 2000 from the Party School of the CCP. Her work at the Fairbank Center is on *China’s “Rise” in the International Community from the Perspective of China’s Domestic Institutions*. Contact: changxx ccp.gov.cn

Dou Xinyuan  窦新元  Dr. Dou received his PhD degree in 2004. He is currently serving with the Economic and Trade Commission of Guangdong Province in China. At Harvard he will be assisting Professor Ezra Vogel in his work on Deng Xiaoping. Contact: xy_dou@ hotmail.com
Hu Lin Hui-ying 林惠英  Mrs. Hu has taught at Taiwan Normal Provincial College. She has published on the behavioral problems of college students. Contact: huizing.lin.hu@gmail.com

Hu Weijen 胡為真  Ambassador Hu has been the ambassador from Taiwan to Germany and Singapore. He has just left his Singapore posting and will be at the Fairbank Center at Harvard to reflect on Taiwan's Educational Policies and Chinese Culture. Contact: yeh0416@hotmail.com

Huang Fanhua 黃凡華  Dr. Huang received his PhD in economics from Nanjing University in 2002 and is currently Professor of International Trade at Nanjing. While a Visiting Scholar at the Fairbank Center, Dr. Huan will explore China's rapid growth as a leading location for the assembly of a broad range of manufacturing goods and why this growth has not lead to a more robust trade surplus. Questions he will explore include: What and how great is the gain and loss in trade for China and the US under the new trade pattern of vertical specialization? What trade innovations might help these two countries avoid the imbalance of trade disputes? What effects does China's new trade pattern bring to other Asian countries? His project is titled Trade Benefits, Pattern Innovation, and China-US Trade. Contact: fhhuang@nju.edu.cn

Kim In-Kyu 金寅圭  Dr. Kim will be at Harvard from July 2007 through June 2008. He received his PhD from Peking University in 2004. His work at Harvard will focus on Examining Models to Analyze Free Trade Agreements in East Asia. Contact: kik6510@hanmail.net

Li Nan 李楠  Dr. Li's PhD is from the University of New South Wales, received in 2007. He will be at Harvard from August 2007 to August 2008. His research topic is Chinese Television, 1958–2008: A History of Media Agenda Setting and Public Policy Adjustments. Contact: nanli28@yahoo.com

Lu Duanfang 魯端芳  Dr. Lu is on the Faculty of Architecture, Design, and Planning at the University of Sydney. She received her PhD in architecture from the University of California at Berkeley in 2003. Her research at Harvard will be on National Buildings, Global Visions: Chinese Architecture in the Third World. Contact: d.lu@arch.usyd.edu.au

Julia Killin Murray 朱莉亞  Dr. Murray received her PhD from Princeton University and currently teaches at the University of Wisconsin. She is a specialist in the history of Chinese art. Her research while at Harvard will be on Mysteries of Kongzhai: Relic, Representation, and Ritual at a Shrine to Confucius. Contact: jmurray@wisc.edu.

Sun Hongsheng 孫洪升  Dr. Sun received his PhD from Yunnan University in 1998. This year his research will be on Chinese economic history. His recent book was on the Tea Economy of the Tang and Song Dynasties. Contact: sunhs853@163.com.

Tang Xiaosong 唐小松  Dr. Tang will be at Harvard from October 2007 to September 2008. His PhD was received in 2001 from Fudan University. Funding will be provided by the China Scholarship Council. His research will be on China’s Diplomacy and Sino-American Relations as Reflected and Expressed in International Relations Theory. Contact: tangxiaosong2004@yahoo.com.cn

Wang Chuanxing 王傳興  Dr. Wang will be at Harvard from September 2007 to August 2008. He received his PhD in 2001 from Fudan University, and he currently teaches at Tongji University in Shanghai. His research project is The Culture and Evolution of the International System: A Study of International Actors and Non-Traditional Security. Contact: wangchuanxing@mail.tongji.edu.cn

Zhang Yuquan 張宇權  Dr. Zhang will be at the Fairbank Center from August 2007 to August 2008. He received his PhD degree from Sun Yat-sen University in 2001 and he currently teaches at the University. He is funded by the China Scholarship Council. His research is a Comparative Study of Sino-American Cultural Diplomatic Strategy in the 21st Century: Harmonious World and Democratic Alliances? Contact: gmszyq@mail.sysu.edu.cn

Fairbank Center Associates

Dong Guosong 丁國松  Mr. Dong is a PhD candidate at Dalian Maritime University. He will be at Harvard from September 2007 through June 2008. His work at Harvard will be supervised by Professor Vanessa Fong. He is researching Educational Transfer and Globalization from an International Comparative Perspective. Contact: dlmudgs531@yahoo.com

Lin Tingjin 林挺進  Mr. Lin is a PhD candidate in the Department of Politics and Public Administration at the University of Hong Kong. As a Fulbright Visiting Student Researcher this year at Harvard, his work will be supervised by Professor Elizabeth Perry. His research is on Explaining Intra-Provincial Inequality in China: The Roles of Institutions and Provincial Leaders. Contact: lintj@bku.bk