**DIRECTOR’S WELCOME**

It is a privilege to be back at the helm of the Fairbank Center for its 50th Anniversary Year and to welcome you to our new home. I find a Center that is recognizably the same, but bigger and better than when I retired as director. As a result of the efforts of my talented successors and many other scholars from Harvard and the schools of the greater Boston area, the Center’s primary characteristic continues to be an immensely lively intellectual atmosphere. But the excitement is increased by the far greater number of post-docs, visiting scholars, and visiting associates than in the early 1990s.

Even with the considerably increased resources that the Center now has, there are always financial limits, but I hope that anybody who has a good idea for some new activity will not hesitate to raise it with me. Many of the best ideas in the past have been born around the Center lunch table in the cafeteria, and I hope we’ll be able to recreate in our new home—in addition to the many seminar and lecture series that are our bread and butter—the custom of informal intellectual exchange pioneered by John Fairbank and Benjamin Schwartz.

—Roderick MacFarquhar, Director

**FAIRBANK CENTER PLANS A FESTIVE FALL SEMESTER**

The fall semester promises to be not only busy but a lot of fun for all Fairbank Center affiliates. We have just moved into our new quarters at the South Building, CGIS, so we are learning how the new facilities will function to meet our needs. For instance, we plan to hold a number of our major lectures and conferences in the building because we’ve been told the ongoing construction of the lecture halls on the concourse level will be completed early in the semester.

We have a new director, Professor Roderick MacFarquhar, who just finished a term as chair of the Government Department. He is a specialist on the Cultural Revolution (1966–1976) and the author of a three-volume set of studies on the origins of that tumultuous event. He has been involved with the Fairbank Center for over 20 years, and he has been a member of the Executive Committee for all that time as well. He previously served as director from 1986 to 1992, and so must feel comfortable once again heading up the Center.

This year the Fairbank Center is celebrating its 50th anniversary. We trace our roots to 1955, when John King Fairbank organized a program on Chinese Economic and Political Studies, the program that gave birth to the Center for East Asian Studies in 1957. Our celebration will consist of a major conference held on 9 to 11 December 2005, titled “Studying Modern China: Past, Present, and Future.” On the afternoon of Friday 9 December, a series of speakers will talk about the field of Chinese studies in the United States and how it has evolved since the end of World War II. Other speakers will talk about the future of the field, to show how changing social, economic, and political realities are bringing new opportunities to the field. The question of securing adequate funding for the field will also be considered.

As always in the autumn months, the Center welcomes its incoming class of post-doctoral fellows, visiting scholars, and associates. These highly qualified researchers come to us from outside of the Harvard community. They bring with them their expertise in a number of fields, and they also expose us to their

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FAIRBANK CENTER WELCOMES NEW POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWS

In the fall 2004–2005 semester, the Fairbank Center welcomes six post-doc fellows, all of whom have one-year appointments at the Center. Five of these are An Wang Post-doctoral Fellows, named after generous gifts from An Wang (1920–1990), the founder of Wang Computers. The Taiwan Studies Post-doctoral Fellowship is funded jointly by the Fairbank Center and the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation, based in Taiwan.

The five new An Wang Post-doctoral Fellows are as follows:

Calvin Chen is a product of the University of California, Berkeley, having received his BA degree there, as well as his MA in 1992 and his PhD in 2000. He has been teaching at Mt. Holyoke College in the field of politics. He has researched the township and village enterprises (TVEs) in China, an initiative that was launched in 1978 and that has not only provided employment opportunities to Chinese workers but also transformed the social and political landscape of the Chinese countryside. The title of his study is “Economic Reform, Local Networks, and the Politics of Production in Contemporary China.”

Chen Xi did his master’s level work at Peking University, then received his PhD from Columbia in 2005. He is a specialist in comparative politics and Chinese social movements and protests. At the Fairbank Center, he will be revising his manuscript on “Conflict, Stability, and Political Change in China, 1977–2002.” This study describes and explains how the transition from state socialism to market socialism has transformed the patterns of state-society contentious interactions and how this transformation in turn has reshaped the political institutions of the reform era.

Song Mingwei took his first MA at Fundan University in Shanghai, then got his second MA from Columbia in 2003. He received his PhD from Columbia in 2005. At the Center he will be writing about Chinese “youth” (qingchun). This has been a theme of intellectuals and revolutionaries in China for much of the 20th century, who used it to give voice to their yearnings for enlightenment, cultural reformation, political revolution, and national renaissance. His study is titled “Long Live Youth: National Rejuvination and Bildungsroman in 20th-Century China.”

Martin Dimitrov is teaching at Dartmouth College. His secondary education was in Bulgaria, but his graduate work has been in the United States. He received his MA degree from Franklin and Marshall College, and then took a PhD degree in political science from Stanford in 2004. He is examining the most recent political configurations in both Russia and the People’s Republic of China, in particular relations between the center and the provinces. His research topic is “The Dark Side of Federalism: Decentralization and Corruption in China and Russia.”

Wu Shengqing received her PhD from the University of California, Los Angeles, in 2004, and she is a faculty member at the University of Kentucky. Her research is on “Classical Lyric Modernities: Poetics, Gender, and Politics in Modern China (1900–1937).” It examines the transformation of classical-style poetry in 20th-century China. Poetry has always played a central role in the transmission of premodern Chinese culture. It continued, in new ways, to be a formidable cultural vehicle in the 20th century, yet its relationship to modern culture has been a complex one, both liberating and confining for the people who wrote in the style.

The Taiwan Studies Post-Doctoral Fellow:

Paul Festa took an MA at Cornell University in 1999 and received his PhD from the same institution in 2005. He has trained in anthropology and is studying popular culture in Taiwan. His work is titled “Manly Vice and Virtu: State Specters, Secular Rituals, and Public Culture in Taiwan.” It is an ethnographic study of male sociality, a pervasive yet unexplored aspect of public life in urban Taiwan. He describes the custom of male cohorts regularly engaging in gambling, drinking, and hunting. Through these activities mainstream values are perpetuated and reworked. Through these activities men negotiate status and identity and construct homosocial bonds of intimacy.
A total of 13 visiting scholars, visiting fellows, and visiting associates will be in residence at the Fairbank Center for the fall semester. They are as follows:

Norman Tak-lam Chan is an official with the Government of Hong Kong, currently serving as Deputy Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority. He graduated from the Chinese University of Hong Kong and has carried out post-graduate study at Oxford University. He worked to defend the stability of the financial system in Hong Kong during the Asian Financial Crises of 1989. In 2004 he negotiated and launched the first RMB banking business in Hong Kong, which was the first ever outside of mainland China. At the Fairbank Center he will be exploring the feasibility of setting up an Asia-wide currency, similar to the Euro of the European Economic Union. His project is titled “Asian Monetary Cooperation: From Asian Bond Fund to Asian Currency Unit?”

Gao Shenpeng took his MA degree in modern Chinese history from Guizhou Normal University in 1990, and received his PhD from Zhongshan (Sun Yat-sen) University in Guangzhou in 1994. He works at the Center for Development of the Guangzhou Provincial Government, a think tank belonging to the provincial government. It communicates with academic organizations, other provincial bodies and the central government, and enterprises in China. While at Harvard, he will be researching “Ren Zhongyi: A Pioneering Reformer and Practical Democracy-Oriented Statesman.” Ren was an extraordinary provincial-level leader in China. He joined the CCP in the mid-1930s and after 1949 was a senior official in northeast China. He was criticized during the Cultural Revolution because he had supported the idea of free markets in the countryside and he emphasized economic profit more than political study. In 1977 he became first party secretary in Liaoning province, but after retiring in 1985 he became more outspoken than previously, urging that China should learn from the Western democratic system and should move toward democracy.

Han Seunghyun received his PhD from Harvard in 2005. He has been enjoying a post-doctoral fellowship at the Center for Chinese Studies at the University of California, Berkeley, since 2004. His field is modern Chinese history, particularly the historically important city of Suzhou. At the Fairbank Center he will be working on “Political and Cultural Aspects of Elite Activism in Early 19th-Century Suzhou.” In particular, he is interested in the commercial wealth and cultural confidence of market town elites in the 18th century and the cultural atmosphere that enabled the expression of such confidence in the 19th century. They wrote in prose and poems about local sites, monuments, and notable local figures and created a strong sense of local identity.

Miriam Levering received her PhD from Harvard in 1978. She has been serving as professor of religious studies and Chair of Asian Studies at the University of Tennessee. She is interested in the teachings, career, and social and political context of the Song dynasty Chan monk Dahui Zonggao (1089–1163). She will be translating into English one of the texts associated with this monk, the Dahui shu (Dahui’s Letters) and at the same time will be completing her manuscript on “Buddhism in Chinese Culture: The Chan Master Dahui Zonggao.”

Martin Andrew has been an officer in the Royal Australian Air Force since 1977 and has served at the Royal Australian Air Force Staff College. He has an MA from the Northern Territory University and was briefly at the Fairbank Center doing research in 2002. As an expert in PLA studies (examination of the People’s Liberation Army of the PRC), including Chinese policing and military activities, he has a number of publications to his credit. At the Fairbank Center he will be researching “People’s War: Perpetuation of the Myth,” which will inject a new perspective of realism into accounts of China’s civil war in the 1940s, revising what has become an untouchable myth in the PRC.

Sebastian Heilmann is a professor of comparative government, specializing in the political economy of China, at Trier University in Germany. He took his MA at Tuebingen University in 1990 and his PhD at the Saar University in 1993. His most recent book, published in German, is The Political System in the PRC (Wiesbaden: VS, 2004 edition). During his time at Harvard he plans to investigate “Central Party Organs and the Initiation of Economic Reforms” and “Democratic Reforms within the CCP.”

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Lee Jongchul received an MA in economics from ChungAng University in Seoul, and his PhD from the State University of New York at Albany in 1993. He currently teaches at ChungAng University. The research question he has outlined for the coming year is “Did Structural Transformation Lead to Regional Convergence in China?” Among the changes found in China in very recent years has been a nationwide convergence of agricultural incomes to nonagricultural incomes and a faster rate of transition of the southern labor force from agriculture into nonagricultural jobs. Some scholars postulate that the transfer of labor out of agriculture will reduce the differential between earnings in farm and nonfarm occupations only if that transfer occurs at a fast enough rate, and that it should not be assumed that under all conditions there will be instances in which the margin between farm and urban wages widens. The purpose of this research will be to decompose the sources of regional convergence to see whether structural transformation is leading to regional income convergence or divergence in China.

Song Yiping has one of the most widely recognized faces in China. She is a news anchor for China Central Television International, broadcasting out of Beijing. She graduated from the Beijing Broadcasting Institute in 1995 and is completing MA work at the School of Journalism and Communication of Peking University. In China, she has hosted the “Fortune China” program, a weekly 30-minute talk show with distinguished guests from the business community, a daily live 30-minute financial news program with on-site guest interviews, and from 2000 to 2003 the “News 60 Minutes” daily broadcast of domestic and international news. At the Fairbank Center her field of investigation is “Interactions Between the Media, Government, and Business.”

Takahara Akio recently moved from his teaching job at Rikkyo University to the Graduate School of Law and Politics at the University of Tokyo. He studied at the University of Sussex, where he received his MA degree in 1983 and his PhD in 1988. He is a specialist on wages in the PRC, as reflected in his book The Politics of Wage Policy in Post-Revolutionary China (London: The Macmillan Press, 1992). He served at the Consulate-General of Japan in Hong Kong from 1989 to 1991. He has become interested in the field of international relations, especially in the interaction of China and Japan. His current research topic is “International Relations in East Asia and the Asia-Pacific: Politics of Marketization in China.”


Xu Baoyou received an MA in 1985 from Peking University. His field is international and comparative politics. He is currently Chief of the Asia-Pacific Studies Division of the Institute of World Socialism of the CentralCompilation and Translation Bureau of the PRC. His forthcoming book is titled Towards Modernization: Renovation and Transformation in Vietnam (Beijing: Contemporary World Press), and it reflects his specialization in the modern history of Vietnam. At the Fairbank Center this coming year his research will be on “The Characteristics and Reform of Party-Government Relations in China and Vietnam During the Transition Period from a Planned to a Market Economy.”

Zhao Haijun is Chairman and President of the Luoyang Chundu Group Co., Ltd. He is an entrepreneur who has managed to find time to write and publish about key economic issues facing China today. He received an MBA from the Xian Transportation and Communication University and was briefly a visiting scholar at the Wharton School in 1996. In examining the pressures and opportunities that now beset China in a time of rapid economic and social change, at the Fairbank Center he plans to study “The Effect and Influence of the American Political System on the Development of State-Owned Enterprises in China.”
The Charles Neuhauser Memorial Lecture Series was first held in 1988. Charles Neuhauser was a China specialist who worked for the CIA from 1958 until 1981. He spent 1966–1967 at the Center for East Asian Research (forerunner of the Fairbank Center), working on the origins of the Cultural Revolution. He died unexpectedly in 1987 and his brother Paul Neuhauser, with encouragement from the late Professor Michael Oksenberg, established the lecture series to reflect one of Charles Neuhauser’s main concerns, the importance of maintaining bridges between the worlds of government, policy, the intelligence community, and the university world.

This year’s Neuhauser Lecture will be held on Wednesday 19 October 2005 at 3:30 pm in lecture hall S010 in the South Building, CGIS. The speaker will be James R. Lilley, who served as United States Ambassador to the Republic of Korea from 1986 to 1989, and as Ambassador to the People’s Republic of China from 1989 to 1991. His recent book is *China Hands: New Decades of Adventure, Espionage and Diplomacy in Asia* (Public Affairs Press, 2004).

Ambassador Lilley’s talk is titled “What We Don’t Know About China: A Personal Account of American Intelligence on the PRC and Taiwan.” His wealth of personal knowledge and insight will be brought into the talk. The lecture will be followed by a reception in the concourse area. The talk is free and open to the public.

The Fairbank Center will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a major conference from Friday to Sunday, 9 to 11 December 2005 in lecture hall S010 of the South Building, CGIS. The conference will be titled “Studying Modern China: Past, Present, and Future.”

On Friday afternoon from 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm, a series of distinguished guests will talk about how the field of Chinese studies in the United States has evolved since the end of World War II. Fairbank Center Director Rodrick MacFarquhar will act as the moderator of the session. Among the speakers discussing how academic views of modern China have changed in the past 50 decades will be: Jonathan Spence, speaking on the Ming and Qing and the take-off to early modern China; Philip Kuhn, speaking on the developments of Qing China; and Paul Cohen, speaking about the late Qing and Republican China.

Following a coffee break, from 3:30 pm on, the second part of the round-table discussion will consider the “Future and Funding of Modern Chinese Studies.” Each speaker will make remarks on the issues facing the field today and into the immediate future, as regards nurturing expertise, accessing collections of documents, maintaining contacts with scholars of modern China in China and other countries, likely sources of funding, impediments to funding, competition from other priorities, etc. Each speaker will talk from the standpoint of their own organization. Among the speakers at this session will be: FAS Dean William Kirby, speaking from the Harvard perspective; Terrill Lautz from the Luce Foundation, speaking from the viewpoint of a major foundation deeply involved with Chinese studies; Professor James Lee, Director of the Center for Chinese Studies at the University of Michigan, speaking on how the field and its future appears from the perspective of a major research center outside of Harvard; and Pauline Yu, from the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS), speaking on the future of grants distribution and encouragement of the field and problem areas.

On Saturday 10 December and Sunday morning 11 December, academic panels will be convened at which noted scholars, both from Harvard and those invited from other institutions, will speak about particular aspects of modern China. Among the scholars speaking at these panels will be: Elizabeth Perry, Huang Jing, Iain Johnston, Michael Yahuda, Dwight Perkins, Thomas Rawski, Justin Lin, James Watson, Martin Whyte, David Der-wei Wang, Leo Lee, Wang Hui, Tu Weiming, Thomas Metzger, and Joseph Chan.

Full information about the conference will be available in November 2005.
In the spring of 2005, the Fairbank Center for East Asian Research at Harvard announced the winner of the 2005 Taiwan Studies Essay Prize.

The winner was Thomas C. Tsai, who graduated in June 2005. Tsai was a concentrator in History and Science and a candidate for the Certificate for Health Policy.

Tsai’s winning essay was titled “Translating Modernity: The Legitimation of Western and Traditional Chinese Medicine in the Quest for Taiwanese National Identity, 1895–Present.” To carry out research for the project, Tsai traveled to Taiwan, focusing his research on institutionalized medical practice at National Yang Ming University and rural health care practices in Lukang. Set up in 1971 as a medical college closely associated with the Taipei Veterans General Hospital, Yang Ming received university status in 1994, and Tsai’s thesis argues that the development of Yang Ming mirrored greater changes in Taiwan. At Yang Ming University, Tsai found many Harvard alumni on the faculty. In addition to library and archival research, he interviewed many of these specialists and other scholars at Academia Sinica in order to gather material for his study.

According to the rules of the prize, the essay should be in English and should have been published in the last three years. Portions of Tsai’s work were published in the Newsletter of the Harvard Club of the Republic of China in August 2004.

The prize carries an award of $300. In making the award Dr. Wilt Idema, then Director of the Fairbank Center, said, “Thomas has tracked down a broad range of materials on health care in Taiwan and the interaction of imperialism and health reforms. He has also done some interesting field research. It represents serious, legitimate scholarship.”

SHUM FELLOWS ANNOUNCED

In the spring 2005 issue of the Fairbank Center News, we announced establishment of the new Shum Graduate Fellowships. Two fellowships of $20,000 each are being offered to Harvard PhD candidates from any school within the University specializing in a field of the social sciences. They are being funded by Desmond and Whitney Shum. Desmond Shum is chairman of Ocean Pacific Investment Management, based in Beijing. In the late spring, the Fairbank Center announced the two winning candidates selected to be the first Desmond and Whitney Shum Fellows.

Christopher R. Leighton is a PhD candidate in the Department of History. The title of his research will be “Liquidating Capitalism in China, 1949–1957.” This will examine the dismantling of the private capitalist economy in Shanghai after 1949, and it will access the impact of this process on China’s economic development. He will be affiliated with the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences.

Yan Xiaojun is a PhD candidate in the Department of Government. His research will be “The Transformation of China’s Rural Leaders Under Market Reform: Their Power Base, Political Identity, and Patterns of Interaction with the Local State.” His project will be carried out from a comparative perspective by comparing the power bases and political identities of rural leaders at the village and township levels in three different geographic and socio-economic regions: north China (Hebei), central China (Jiangxi), and the southern region (Fujian). He will be affiliated with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in Beijing.

Competition for the 2006 round of the Shum Fellowships will be open in the spring of 2006. Consult the Fairbank Center website for full information.
NEW ASSOCIATES IN RESEARCH ANNOUNCED

Five new Associates in Research, appointed in May 2005, have joined the Fairbank Center community of scholars:

- **Chen Yizi.** A former official in the PRC, he plans to write a memoir of three generations of his family dating back to the end of the Qing dynasty.

- **Gil Raz.** Now teaching at Dartmouth College, Raz studies the history of Chinese religion, especially Han and Tang Daoism.

- **Leonard Blusse.** He teaches at Leiden University and for the 2004–2005 academic year is lecturing at Harvard. Full details on these lectures will be made public in January 2006.

- **Hong Junhao.** Hong teaches at SUNY Buffalo, focusing on the media, politics, and the Internet in China.

- **Xue Yong.** Now teaching at Suffolk University, Xue looks at agrarian urbanization, especially social and economic changes in Jiangnan from the 10th to the 19th centuries.

- **Wang Li.** Now working at Brown University in the university library, Wang is interested in Chinese philosophy and religion, and also the history of book printing and libraries in China.

FAIRBANK CENTER WILL HOST CONFERENCE ON CONTEMPORARY TIBET

In February 2006 the Fairbank Center will sponsor the Harvard Conference on Socio-economic and Environmental Issues in Contemporary Tibet. The conference will provide an academic forum for Tibetan and Chinese scholars to hold a discussion, allowing both parties to think creatively and innovatively without the constraints of formal baggage. The earlier conference, held in November 2004 and also assisted by the Fairbank Center, resulted in friendly, frank, and productive discussion and the acknowledgement by scholar participants that there was much to gain from the active exchange of views. The 2006 conference is being organized by Dr. Lobsang Sangay, who is with the East Asian Legal Studies Program at the Harvard Law School.

ANNUAL REISCHAUER LECTURES IN APRIL 2006

Established in 1986, the Edwin O. Reischauer Lectures have been held since then, sponsored by the Fairbank Center. The lectures honor Professor Reischauer for the breadth of his intellectual interest in the entire Asian region. On 19, 20, and 21 April 2006, three lectures will be delivered on the theme “Visible Cities: The Port Cities of Nagasaki, Canton, and Batavia compared.” The lecturer will be Professor Leonard Blusse. He teaches at Leiden University and for the 2004–2005 academic year is lecturing at Harvard. Full details on these lectures will be made public in January 2006.

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fresh perspectives. Our incoming group of post-doc fellows and visiting scholars continues to be of the highest caliber, and they are drawn from institutions around the world.

All of our programs are free and open to the public. We especially invite all members of the Harvard community to take advantage of the knowledge of the scholars who will be at the Center this semester by attending the seminars and talks that the Center will be offering. Full information on all of our activities will be available through a number of sources, such as the Asia Bulletin (to subscribe, contact the Harvard Asia Center at www.fas.harvard.edu/~asiactr), the Fairbank Center website (www.fas.harvard.edu/~fairbank), the Harvard University Gazette, and posters put up on campus.

—Ronald Suleski, Assistant Director