Third Annual China and International Relations Graduate Research Workshop  
November 4, 2017 | Philadelphia, Pa., U.S.A.

Call for Papers

We invite all doctoral students and post-doctoral fellows who conduct research on China and international relations to submit papers or their abstracts to present at the third annual China and International Relations Graduate Research Workshop (CHAIR). The workshop will convene at the University of Pennsylvania’s Center for the Study of Contemporary China (CSCC) on Saturday, November 4, 2017. CHAIR brings young IR scholars together to share their latest research related to China, to build up a professional network, and to strengthen the academic community that focuses on China and IR topics. CHAIR is also the ideal venue at which participants can present revised versions of papers from APSA’s summer 2017 meeting or rough drafts of papers for ISA’s spring 2018 convention. CSCC will reimburse participants up to $500 for accommodation and travel expenses. The bulk of our applications tends to come from the United States and Canada, but we are open to applicants from around the world (those traveling from beyond the US East Coast may be eligible for additional funding).

We are looking for approximately ten participants to present works that are part of their dissertations or that they intend to publish. Presenters will be joined by Pennsylvania’s own graduate students, as well as CSCC faculty and post-doctoral fellows. Paper topics span the entire range of the IR sub-field, and abstracts will be chosen based on their level of development, fit with other submissions as part of a cohesive session, and representation of diverse perspectives, methodologies, and institutions. The day-long workshop will consist of four thematically-organized sessions, each comprised of 2-3 presenters and a discussant. Each presenter need only offer a brief overview of the paper (~5 minutes), to be followed by the discussant’s short, detailed comments on all the papers (~15 minutes). The majority of each session will be devoted to discussion open to all the participants. *We expect all participants to have read the papers before the workshop, so that workshop discussions on the day can be as fruitful and productive as possible.*

CHAIR is an opportunity to further strengthen and enmesh a growing community of IR scholars who study China, and there will be ample time for socializing throughout the day. In addition to inter-session breaks, a catered lunch will be provided and, at the workshop’s conclusion, we will be pleased to host dinner at a local restaurant for further conversation in a more casual setting. CHAIR thus represents an excellent opportunity for academic enrichment and professional networking. To see past workshop participants and papers, please check out our Facebook page. We look forward to receiving your submissions.

Sincerely,
Brian C. Chao and Scott C. Wingo
Abstract Submission

Abstracts are due by 11:59 p.m. US EDT, Friday, September 8, 2017.

There are two components to a submission:
1. Submission of the paper or the abstract of a paper to be presented: e-mail the document as an attachment to CHAIRGRW@GMail.Com.
2. Submission of a completed information form.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Brian and Scott at CHAIRGRW@GMail.Com.