Debating China and International Order: Contending Perspectives on the Rise of China

Background

The rise of China has been one of the most dynamic and defining international events in world politics in the 21st century. Since the 2008 global financial crisis Chinese foreign policy has turned more “assertive.” In the next decade or two, China’s challenges to the existing international order seem inevitable in both economic and military aspects. Meanwhile, the Trump Presidency in the United States seems to put the existing international order at stake by withdrawing from the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and the Paris Climate Accord. Interestingly, according to Xi Jinping’s Davos speech, China seems to seek a leadership role in promoting globalization and even protecting the existing international order. Will China be a challenger or a protector of the international order? Will the United States give up its leadership in globalization? Is the liberal international order over with Trump’s “America first” Presidency? How to understand the new dynamics among China, the United States, and the international order has become an imperative task for both policy makers and academic scholars in the Asia Pacific.

This conference aims to provide an intellectual platform for leading scholars to debate and exchange views on various challenges to the current international order as well as the dynamic roles of China and the United States. Through scholarly dialogue this conference will not only deepen our understanding of the rise of China, but also offer policy insights on the future transformation of international order and the United States in the region.

The format of this conference is a bilateral dialogue/debate on the following six thematic topics:

- China and International Order in History: Does history matter and how?
- Norms, Culture, and International Order: What is a norm? What is culture? How do they affect order?
- The US, China, and the Future of Liberal Order: Will and how can the liberal order be sustained?
- China and Global (Economic) Governance: How will China change the rules?
- China and the *Thucydides Trap*: Power transition or order transition?
- China and Asian Regional Order: A hierarchical system or not?

The final product of this project is an edited volume published by a leading publisher. This project is generously sponsored by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation (16-1512-150509-IPS).
Program

Wednesday 17 January, 2018

Venue: Catalina Room, Royal on the Park Hotel

8.30 – 9.00 am  Registration

9.00 – 9.20 am  Welcome remarks by Professor Ned Pankhurst, Senior Deputy Vice Chancellor, Griffith University

Welcome and project introduction by Dr Huiyun Feng, Co-Chief Investigator, Griffith University

9.20 – 9.30 am  Group photo / break

Panel 1  China and International Order: Theory and History

9.30 – 11.00 am  Chair: Haig Patapan, Griffith University

- Kai He and Huiyun Feng, Griffith University
  “Rethinking China and International Order: A Conceptual Analysis”

- Yuan-kang Wang, Western Michigan University
  “International Order and Change in Chinese History”

- Fangyin Zhou, Guangdong Foreign Studies University
  “Rethinking Ancient China’s Perspective on International Order: Based on the study of Song and Ming Dynasty”

Discussant: Andrew Phillips, University of Queensland

11.00 – 11.30 am  Morning Tea

Panel 2  The United States, China and the Future of Liberal Order

11.30 am – 1.00 pm  Chair: Colin Mackerras, Griffith University

- Shiping Tang, Fudan University
  “The Future of International Order(s)”

- Bradley Thayer, Oxford University
  “China and the Future of Multilateral Institutions” (with John Friend)

- Xinbo Wu, Fudan University
  “China: In search of a Liberal Partnership Order”

Discussant: Etel Solingen, UC Irvine

1.00 – 2.00 pm  Lunch
Panel 3  
**China and Regional Order**

2.00 – 3.30 pm  
Chair: **Andrew O’Neil**, Griffith University

- **Mingjing Li**, RSIS, Nanyang Technological University  
  “China’s Belt & Road Initiative: How Will It Change the Regional Order in Southeast Asia”

- **T.V. Paul**, McGill University  
  “China’s Rise and the Emerging Regional Order in the Indo-Pacific Region”

- **Xuefeng Sun**, Tsinghua University and **Ruonan Liu**, University of International Business and Economics  
  “A Partial Hierarchical Approach to East Asian Security Order”

Discussant: **William Tow**, Australian National University

3.30 – 4.00 pm  
Afternoon Tea

Panel 4  
**China and Global Governance**

4.00 – 5.30 pm  
Chair: **Bates Gill**, Macquarie University

- **Xiaoyu Pu**, University of Navada, Reno  
  “Is China a New Global Leader? Rethinking China and Global Governance”

- **Xiao Ren**, Fudan University  
  “China and Global Economic Governance: Shaped and/or Shaping?”

- **Cameron Thies**, Arizona State University  
  “The Future of Chinese Leadership in the Global Economy”

Discussant: **Jeffrey Wilson**, Murdoch University

6.30 pm Dinner
Thursday 18 January, 2018

Venue: Catalina Room, Royal on the Park Hotel

8.30 – 9.00 am  Arrival tea and coffee

Panel 5  
Norm, Culture, and International Order

9.00 – 10.30 am  Chair: Etel Solingen, UC Irvine

- Mark Beeson, Western Australian University  
  “Ideas, Institutions and Interests: What’s at Stake in the ‘Decline of the West’?”

- Chih-yu Shih, National Taiwan University  
  “Bound to Relate: Tianxia as Mutual Soft Power?”

- Jisheng Sun, China Foreign Affairs University  
  “Chinese Culture, Norms and its Influence on the Evolution of the International Order”

Discussant: Baogang He, Deakin University

10:30 – 11.00 am  Morning Tea

Panel 6  
China, the United States, and the “Thucydides Trap”

11.00 – 12.30 pm  Chair: Stephen Walker, Arizona State University

- Steve Chan, University of Colorado, Boulder  
  “China and the Thucydides Trap”

- Feng Liu, Nankai University  
  “Power Transition in Asia and the Redefinition of the China-U.S. Great Power Relationship”

- David Welch, University of Waterloo  
  “China, the United States, and the Thucydides Trap.”

Discussant: Bates Gill, Macquarie University

12.30 – 1.00 pm  Concluding Remarks

Kai He, Griffith University and Stephen Walker, Arizona State University

1.00 – 2.00 pm  Lunch
Opening Speakers

**Professor Ned Pankhurst**  
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**Griffith University**

Previous to this appointment Ned was Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research) and Provost Gold Coast and prior to that, Pro Vice Chancellor (Science, Environment, Engineering and Technology), having joined Griffith in September 2006 from James Cook University where he had held the position of Pro Vice Chancellor of Science, Engineering and Information Technology since early 2004. After completing his PhD studies on freshwater eels, Professor Pankhurst spent three years at the University of Alberta (Department of Zoology) in Edmonton, Canada, as a Killam Postdoctoral Fellow, developing his expertise in fish endocrinology. In 1985 he took up a two year Fellowship with New Zealand Fisheries Research Centre in Wellington New Zealand, following which he was appointed to a lectureship (and three years later a senior lectureship) in Marine Biology at the Leigh Marine Laboratory of the University of Auckland, New Zealand. At Leigh, he developed a program of field endocrinology and behaviour of marine fishes, largely based on animals in their natural habitat. In early 1994, he took up a position of Associate Professor in the School of Aquaculture at the University of Tasmania, was awarded a Personal Chair in 1996 and then Head of School from 1998 to 2003. His work in Tasmania centred on using the understanding of fish reproductive physiology to manipulate and optimise reproduction of fish in aquaculture.

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Session speakers and chairs

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Before joining UWA, he taught at Murdoch, Griffith, Queensland, York (UK) and Birmingham, where he was also head of department. His work is centred on the politics, economics and security of the broadly conceived Asia-Pacific region. He is the founding editor of Critical Studies of the Asia Pacific.

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University of Colorado

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Professor Bates Gill  
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Previously he held positions at the Australian National University and the University of Sydney (2012-2017), was Director of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)(2007-2012), held the Freeman Chair in China Studies at CSIS in Washington, D.C (2002-2007), and served as a Senior Fellow in Foreign Policy Studies and inaugural Director of the Centre for Northeast Asian Policy Studies at the Brookings Institution (1998-2002).

Bates is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and an Associate Fellow with the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House) and serves on the board of the Rajaratnam School of International Studies and on the International Council of Advisors.
for the Shanghai Institutes of International Studies. He is also on the Editorial Board of *China Quarterly*, *Journal of Contemporary China*, and *Security Challenges*. His most recent book is *China Matters: Getting it Right for Australia* (Latrobe University Press/Black Inc., 2017), co-authored with Linda Jakobson.

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**Professor Baogang He**  
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Baogang has become widely known for his work in Chinese democratization and politics, in particular the deliberative politics in China. He has published 6 single-authored books, 63 international refereed journal articles resulting in total Google citation count of 3012 (as of 5 October 2016) and Hirsch index of 27. His co-authored paper on authoritarian deliberation is now on the top 1% of the most cited article in the Social Science Citation Index. His publications are found in top journals including *British Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Political Theory*, and *Perspectives on Politics*. In addition, he published 3 books, 15 book chapters and 63 journal papers in Chinese.

With an impressive track record of attracting 20 grants amounting to a total amount of $2 million in research funding, Baogang has actively collaborated in several key international research projects. He has also held several honorary appointments and research fellowships at renowned universities including Stanford University, University of Cambridge, Columbia University, Leiden and Sussex University.
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Feng’s research interests focus on international relations theory and international security, with a specific interest on the evolution of realist thought, balance of power theory, alliance politics, great-power politics after the Cold War, and East Asian security. Feng has been a visiting scholar at University of Groningen (2014) and University of California, San Diego (2014-2015). He is the author or co-editor of seven books, including U.S. Military Intervention and International Order (2016), International System and Domestic Politics (2015), China’s Rise and World Order (2011), and The Logic of Balancing: Structural Pressure, Hegemonic Legitimacy and Great-Power Behavior (2010). He has authored more than 60 journal articles, essays, and book chapters.

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Emeritus Professor Colin Mackerras AO
Griffith University

Colin began his association with Griffith University in 1974 as Foundation Professor in Modern Asian Studies. On retirement in 2004 he was appointed a professor emeritus of the University. He was elected a fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities in 1999 and in the same year was given an Australia–China Council Award for ‘outstanding contributions and achievements by individuals from Australia and China’ in the area of culture in Australia–China relations. In 2003 he was awarded a Centenary Medal by the Governor-General of Australia. In June 2007 he was appointed as an Officer in the General Division of the Order of Australia.

He first visited China in 1964, teaching there for two years, and has revisited the country over 60 times since then. His many research areas include Chinese modern history, theatre, ethnic minorities, past and present, Western images of China and Australia–China relations, and he has written widely on all of these. His many authored books include China’s Minority Cultures: Identities and Integration Since 1912, Longman Australia, Melbourne, St Martin’s Press, New York, 1995; China’s Ethnic Minorities and Globalisation, Routledge Curzon, 2003; China in Transformation, 1900–1949, 2nd Edition, Pearson Education, 2008; and China in My Eyes, Western Images of the People’s Republic of China, Renmin University Press, Beijing, 2013. In edition he has edited numerous books and written many refereed journal articles and book chapters.

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Andrew is a Professor of Political Science in the Griffith Business School. Prior to being appointed Dean in April 2016, he was Head of the School of Government and International Relations (2014–2016) and Director of the Griffith Asia Institute (2010–2014). Before coming to Griffith in 2010, Andrew was Associate Head (Research) in the Faculty of Social Sciences at Flinders University, and prior to entering academia he worked as a Commonwealth public servant with Australia’s Department of Defence. Andrew’s research expertise focuses on the intersection of strategic, political, and economic change in the Asia-Pacific with particular emphasis on the security dimension of international relations.

He is a frequent media commentator on these topics. Working in teams, Andrew is the recipient of Australian Research Council (Discovery and Linkage Project) funding, and has also received
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He is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia and has received a number of awards, including the Mosher Award by the American Society for Public Administration, the Mayer Prize by the Australian Political Studies Association, an Australian Prime Ministers Centre Fellowship, and most recently a Senior Fulbright Scholarship at the Centre for Public Leadership, Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

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Chih-yu has devoted the past 30 years to researching on the cultural and political agency of human society at various levels and gathered his evidence from ethnic communities, politicians, people under poverty, and so on. He practices multi-sited methodology reified through individualized combination and recombination of cultural, geological, and institutional resources. Chih-yu is currently teaching anthropology of knowledge and international relations theory.

Chih-yu has coached basketball for 18 years, with 10 national titles and 10 runner-ups under his belt, has been himself an evergreen leaguer in the inter-mural basketball in Taiwan since 2012, with one second runner-up in the national competition on his record and two champions in the regional competitions.
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