Call for Papers
63rd Annual Conference of the American Association for Chinese Studies
Institutional Host: University of Denver, Denver, Colorado
October 15-17, 2021

The American Association for Chinese Studies (AACS) annual conference program committee would like to invite proposals for panels, roundtables, and individual papers on issues concerning China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macao, other Chinese communities, and the Chinese diaspora for the 63rd Annual Conference, hosted by University of Denver in Denver, Colorado, October 15-17, 2021. The theme of the conference is "Crises and Challenges: Pandemic, Populism, and US-China Power Rivalry" to be examined and explored in various perspectives of culture, diplomacy, economy, education, health, history, literature, society, and international affairs. The AACS meeting seeks to offer a forum for interdisciplinary exchanges and policy dialogues. It intends to construct a balanced program with panels on diverse issues of significance for scholarly pursuit and knowledge advancement.

The AACS is an interdisciplinary association devoted to the study of subjects related to China and Taiwan (http://aacs.ccny.cuny.edu/homepage.htm). Submissions from all disciplines are welcome. Membership in AACS is required for participation in the annual conference, and non-members are welcome to submit proposals, join the Association, and participate in the annual conference. We encourage submissions from graduate students, junior and senior scholars, and domestic and overseas participants.

Due to the extraordinary circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, the AACS Conference decided to change its usual in-person meeting in 2020 and encouraged each panel to convene a virtual session based on its panelists’ consensual decision. While the Program Committee will query all conference panelists accepted for the 2020 program of their intention to participate in the 2021 conference and give them preferential consideration, the Committee will manage to incorporate as many new proposals as possible into the 2021 Conference program. At present, the AACS plans for a traditional in-person annual meeting. However, the AACS will constantly monitor and assess the status of the COVID-19 pandemic and disease prevention mechanisms to ensure the health, wellbeing, and safety of conference participants by making appropriate adjustments of the conference format. Updates of conference adjustments will be issued around the time of the annual conference as more information and resources continue to develop.

The program committee prefers proposals for panels (a chair, 2-3 papers, and a discussant) and roundtables (a chair and 3-4 other participants) concerning special events or topics of broad significance. We also encourage individual paper proposals on various themes.

Panel proposals and individual submissions should include contact information, paper topics, and brief abstracts (not exceeding 250 words) as specified in the proposal form attached to the end of CFP. Panel proposals should specify the names and roles of panel/roundtable participants. Please send your proposal by e-mail to:

<aacssubmissions@gmail.com>

All proposals should include complete contact information (address, telephone number, and e-mail) for all participants. The deadline for panel and individual proposals is April 15, 2021. Scholars submitting proposals by the deadline will be notified of their inclusion in the program by May 31, 2021.

The AACS views panelist registration and attendance as a serious professional obligation. Panelists must register for the AACS 2020 conference before September 15, 2021 or be excluded from the printed program.

Limited travel grants will be available for doctoral students and junior scholars. Preference will be given to first time participants for paper presentation.

The Conference will also organize a post-conference tour to the Rocky Mountain to maximize your visit to Denver.

2021 AACS Conference Program Committee: Doris Chang (Wichita State University); Chien-chung Huang (Rutgers University); Wei-chin Lee (Wake Forest University), Co-Chair; Yu-Shan Wu (Academia Sinica), Co-Chair; Yao-Yuan Yeh (University of St. Thomas)
Panels will normally comprise a chair, three paper givers, and a discussant. The same person can serve as chair and discussant, or chair and paper presenters. Round table panels will have a chair, four presenters, and no discussant, since we want to leave time for questions from the audience.

**Chair**: Name  
Title  
Affiliation  
Email address  
Abstract of Paper

**Paper One**  
Name  
Title  
Affiliation  
Email address  
Abstract of Paper

**Paper Two**  
Name  
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Abstract of Paper

**Paper Three**  
Name  
Title  
Affiliation  
Email address  
Abstract of Paper

**Discussant**  
Name  
Title  
Affiliation  
Email address

- or -

**Paper Four**  
Name  
Title  
Affiliation  
Email address  
Abstract of Paper

Each paper proposed is to be accompanied by a summary, in English, not to exceed 250 words.

Chairs are responsible for reminding presenters to send their papers to other panel participants and discussants in time for them to be read before the conference.

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**Please make sure that you can secure funding prior to submission**, since it causes problems for all when people have to cancel. A modest amount of funding is available on a competitive basis to cover travel expenses for graduate students who are working on dissertations.
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Please note that every effort will be made to place individual panel submissions with papers on similar topics, but that this will not always be possible.

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