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China as a Source of Certainty in an Uncertain World

by Zheng Yongnian

The world in 2023 is marked by uncertainty. The Gaza Strip is in a humanitarian crisis, and the war in Ukraine continues. Economic performances in major Asian and European economies have shown sluggishness. The peace and order that the world has taken for granted for decades is in turmoil. Despite these challenges, China has demonstrated itself as a source of certainty and stability, navigating multiple fronts with resilience.

On the economic front, China is showing signs of a robust recovery, with a 5.2% gross domestic product (GDP) growth in 2023. As the COVID lockdown ended, sectors that stagnated between 2020 and 2022 began to flourish again. At the opening of the annual gathering of the National People's Congress (NPC) on March 5, 2024, China announced an economic expansion target of around 5% for 2024, emphasising the needs to "push ahead with transforming the growth model, making structural adjustments, improving quality, and enhancing performance." China today is in the midst of an economic transition. The Chinese middle class, which has exceeded 400 million, has played a vital role in propelling China's transition to a consumer economy. Although China's current economic growth is below its potential rate, predictions about China's economic collapse have proved completely wide of the mark.

China has also remained resilient on the foreign policy front. A number of events are notable. First, China brokered a peace deal between Iran and Saudi Arabia, playing a greater role in the Middle East peace process. Second, China and Vietnam pledged to forge stronger political ties for the common goal of ensuring regional security. Third, when China-U.S. relations were marred by a flurry of high-profile visits by U.S. officials to Taiwan Province, China handled the crisis responsibly through a two-pronged strategy of exercising strategic patience toward Washington and tactical impatience against Taipei. China's responsible management of the crisis allowed the bilateral relations to restabilize. This is evidenced by the San Francisco Summit between Chinese President Xi Jinping and American President Joe Biden in November 2023. Exchanges between officials of the two sides have led to bilateral agreements on climate, economic cooperation, countering narcotics, and regional maritime

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matters, etc. The renewed great power management promises greater stability for both the bilateral relations and the international community.

Looking forward to 2024, the world is bracing for a whirlwind of unforeseeable events: the presidential campaign of Donald Trump, the change of Russia's internal politics, and military conflicts in Ukraine and Gaza, etc. Each of these events holds the potential for long-term and large-scale impacts, reshaping the global geopolitical landscape in ways we may not even anticipate—and they are all happening at once. Amid such a turbulent time, China needs to continue to stay resilient. It must search for its own path to modernization, maintain a responsible foreign policy that provides as much international public goods to the world as possible, and offer solutions to problems and crises confronting the human community. As a research organization and part of the intellectual community, IPP will continue to remain at the forefront of global affairs, delivering high quality policy and academic research that may contribute to a more nuanced and well-informed understanding of China and its relationship with the world.

Zheng Yongnian is Chairman of Academic Committee, Institute of Public Policy, South China University of Technology and Presidential Chair Professor and Founding Director of the Institute of International Affairs, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen.

Highlights

The 10th IPP International Conference

On September 23-24, 2023, we held the 10th IPP International Conference on Multiple Modernities and a New World Order. The conference gathered scholars and policymakers from diverse cultural and professional backgrounds to engage in a reflexive and interdisciplinary discussion on the concept of multiple modernities, the transformation of world order, and the revitalization of global cooperation.

The conference included six panels and one roundtable discussion:

- Panel 1: Rethinking Multiple Modernities
- Panel 2: Asian Pathways to Modernization
- Panel 3: Chinese Modernization
- Panel 4: North-South Divide and Inclusive Development
- Roundtable Discussion: Compressed Modernity in China and the Future of Urban Development
- Panel 5: Emerging Technologies and the Modern World
- Panel 6: The Future of the World Order

Notably, the conference featured two keynote speeches, one by Barry Buzan, Emeritus Professor of International Relations, London School of Economics and Political Science, and the other by Thomas Pogge, Leitner Professor of Philosophy and Professor of Political Science at the Department of Philosophy, Yale University.

Keynote Speech 1: Multiple Modernities in Civilizational Perspective: A Research Agenda for the Global Civilization Initiative, by Professor Barry Buzan



Barry Buzan, Emeritus Professor of International Relations, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

Professor Barry Buzan looked at the contemporary international order, and the so-far uneven outcomes of modernization in terms of the varied ability of societies to extract wealth and power from the revolutions of modernity. He opened up a research agenda for the Global Civilization Initiative in terms of the opportunities and problems of understanding and practicing international relations in civilizational terms.

Keynote Speech 2: From Monopoly Rents to Impact Funds, by Professor Thomas Pogge



Thomas Pogge (online), Leitner Professor of Philosophy and Professor of Political Science at the Department of Philosophy, Yale University

Professor Thomas Pogge argued that the health impact fund would enable developing countries to have substantially greater access to important innovations and much greater freedom to engage in innovation work of their own.

Panel 1: Rethinking Multiple Modernities



Zheng Yongnian, Chairman of Academic Committee, Institute of Public Policy, South China University of Technology and Presidential Chair Professor and Founding Director of the Institute of International Affairs, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen



Alfred Tat-Kei Ho, Head and Professor of the Department of Public and International Affairs, City University of Hong Kong



Zhao Xudong, Director of the Institute of Anthropology and Professor of the College of Sociology and Population, Renmin University of China

Panel 2: Asian Pathways to Modernization



Selçuk Çolakoglu, Associate Professor at the Department of Globalization and Development, Beijing Normal University-Hong Kong Baptist University United International College (UIC)



Qian Jiwei, Senior Research Fellow at the East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore



Chang Kyung-Sup, SNU Distinguished Professor and Professor of Sociology, Seoul National University

Panel 3: Chinese Modernization



Xiao Geng, Professor of Practice, Director of Institute of Policy and Practice, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen



Wang Jiangyu, Director of the Centre for Chinese and Comparative Law and Professor at the School of Law, City University of Hong Kong



Liu Jia, Associate Research Professor, Institute of Public Policy, South China University of Technology



He Baogang (online), Alfred Deakin Professor and Personal Chair in International Relations, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Deakin University



Jacob Dreyer, Senior Editor for Politics and Economics at Palgrave Macmillan

Panel 4: North-South Divide and Inclusive Development



Gordon Mathews (online), Professor at the Department of Anthropology, Chinese University of Hong Kong

Roundtable Discussion: Compressed Modernity in China and the Future of Urban Development



Lu Ming (online), Distinguished Professor of Economics and Research Fellow of the China Institute of Urban Governance, Shanghai Jiao Tong University



Wu Ruijian, Deputy Director of the Policy Research and Innovation Office, Guangzhou Nansha Economic and Technological Development Zone

Panel 5: Emerging Technologies and the Modern World





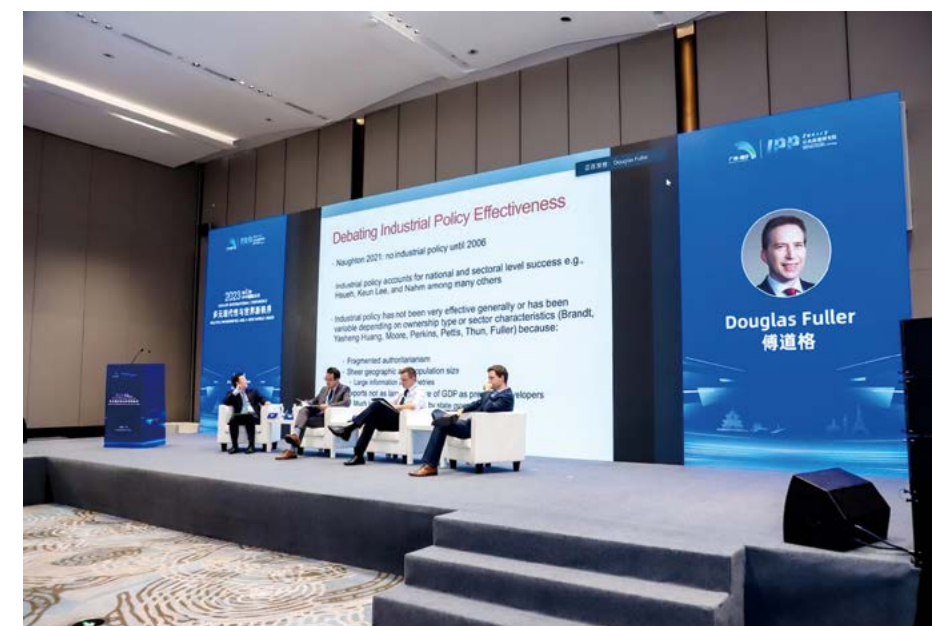
Zeng Jinghan, Professor of China and International Studies at Lancaster University, Academic Director of China Engagement, and Director of Lancaster University Confucius Institute



Stephane Heim, Associate Professor of Sociology, Kyoto University



Anton Malkin, Assistant Professor of International Political Economy, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen



Douglas Fuller (online), Associate Professor at the Department of International Economics, Government and Business, Copenhagen Business School

Panel 6: The Future of World Order





Shi Yinhong, Professor of International Relations, Chairman of Academic Committee of the School of International Studies, and Director of the Center on American Studies, Renmin University of China



Kanti Bajpai, Vice Dean (Research and Development) and Wilmar Professor of Asian Studies, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore



Li Mingjiang (online), Associate Professor and Provost's Chair in International Relations, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University, Singapore



Mark Beeson (online), Professor of International Politics, University of Western Australia



Group photo of the guest speakers



Q&A Session

The conference has facilitated an interdisciplinary discussion among scholars from around the world. Our guest speakers exchanged valuable ideas and insights on the subject of multiple modernities. Professor Barry Buzan commended the conference as “a landmark of China’s academic discussion and has established a new standard for international academic conferences in China.”

Other international guests said that the depth of the discussion exceeded their expectations and that they felt honored to have participated. Professor Chang Kyung-Sup noted that it was a remarkable experience hearing the insights of the world’s brightest and most innovative minds.

The attending officials said that the conference showcased professionalism and delivered high-quality academic presentations. They unanimously acknowledged that the conference has been “a feast of ideas, characterized by candid conversations and free exchange of academic opinions.”

IPP Forum

As a leading research institute for public policy in the South China, IPP holds research forums for experts from various sectors to expand its footprint in China and beyond.

Looking Beyond: The Chinese Modernization

On April 28, 2023, the IPP Forum on Looking Beyond: Chinese Modernization was held in Nansha, Guangzhou.

The forum gathered leading experts from Beijing and the Guangdong-Hong Kong -Macao Greater Bay Area to explore possible pathways to Chinese modernization.

Prof. Zheng Yongnian, Chairman of IPP Academic Committee, argued that the key for China to overcome the middle-income trap and to achieve high-quality growth lies in technological advancements.

Wang Jun, Former Director of the Guangdong Academy of Social Sciences, commented that China is witnessing an industrial transformation. At this critical juncture, China needs to develop an open and innovative industrial system by investing in new public facilities and infrastructure.

Prof. Wang Hongyu, Director of the Center for Economics and Foreign Policy Studies at the University of International Business and Economics, underlined in his presentation that the world’s major powers are currently engaged in an “infrastructure race” in an effort to shape the international order to their favor. He suggested that China should leverage its investment and financing edges to shore up its position in global development.



IPP signing an agreement with the Nansha District Government for a new research project on Chinese modernization and regional development



Zheng Yongnian, Chairman of Academic Committee, Institute of Public Policy, South China University of Technology and Presidential Chair Professor and Founding Director of the Institute of International Affairs, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen



Audience at the conference hall

Emerging Global Developments: China's Digital Economic Strategy

On June 19, 2023, the IPP Forum on Emerging Global Developments: China's Digital Economy Strategy was held in Nansha, Guangzhou.

The forum brought together experts and policymakers from a variety of backgrounds to explore China's digital economic strategy and to envisage the future of the Global Traceability Center for Digital Economy Public Infrastructure in Nansha.

"A crucial factor contributing to the technological gap between Chinese tech companies and their U.S. counterparts is the lack of inter-connectivity among Chinese tech companies," said Prof. Zheng Yongnian.

Prof. Lian Ping highlighted in his presentation that certain regions in China still lag behind in digital maturity despite significant progresses.



Audience at the conference hall



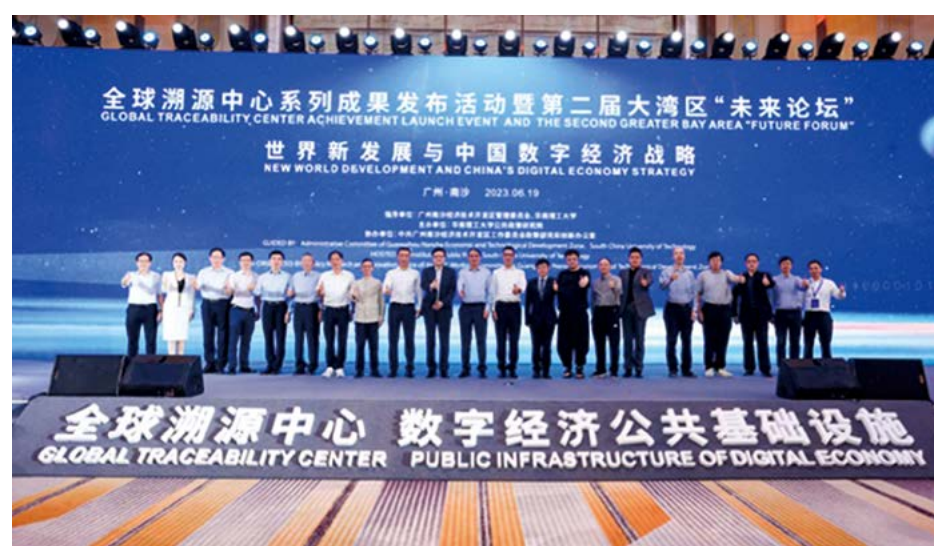
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Lian Ping, Chair of the China Chief Economists Forum



Roundtable discussion



Group photo of the guest speakers

Coordinated Urban and Rural Development and Common Prosperity

On December 16, 2023, the IPP Forum on Coordinated Urban and Rural Development and Common Prosperity was held in Nansha, Guangzhou.

One of the major obstacles hindering Guangdong's high-quality growth is the imbalanced development between urban and rural regions. In February 2023, the Guangdong Provincial Government, in pursuit of the objectives stated in the 20th CPC National Congress, initiated a provincewide project to improve regional development coordination.

Experts from the public and private sectors, civil society, and academia – including Gu Yikang, Member of the Advisory Committee for High-Quality Development and Common Prosperity in Zhejiang, and Tang Lixia, Deputy Director of Social Services at China Agricultural University – discussed challenges in achieving common prosperity and rural revitalization.



Audience at the conference hall



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Gu Yikang, Member of the Advisory Committee for High-Quality Development and Common Prosperity in Zhejiang



Dr. Lin Huihuang presenting the findings of a research project by the Center for National Governance and Social Policy Research



Tang Lixia, Deputy Director of Social Services at China Agricultural University



Group photo of the guest speakers

Frontier Research

The Center for Research on Institutional Opening-up

The mission of the Center for Research on Institutional Opening-up is to explore the impact of digital transformation and innovation and foster a broader public participation in the digital economy. The center is committed to the idea of “inclusive and high-quality digital economic development,” with a focus on empowering the real economy through digitalization.

Project 1: Fostering High-Quality Digital Economic Development in Guangdong



Dr. Jiang Yuhao (in the middle) on a field visit to Nansha, Guangzhou



IPP members on a field visit to Huizhou, a city in central-east Guangdong



IPP members visiting the Guangdong Artificial Intelligence and Digital Economy Laboratory



Dr. Jiang Yuhao giving a presentation titled “Facilitating Market Integration within the Greater Bay Area through Digitalization”

Project 2: Shaping the Future of Industrial Development in Nansha, Guangzhou



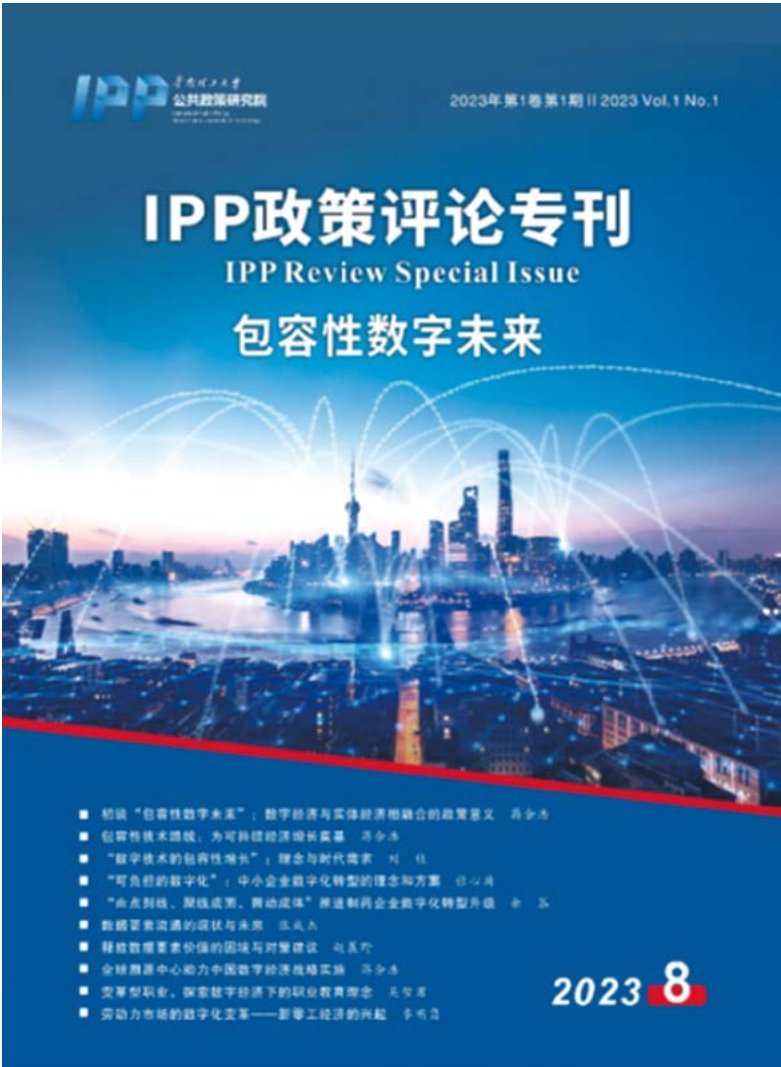
IPP members interviewing with representatives from the public and private sectors in Nansha, Guangzhou



IPP members visiting the South China Technology Commercialization Center

IPP Review Special Issue: Inclusive Digital Future

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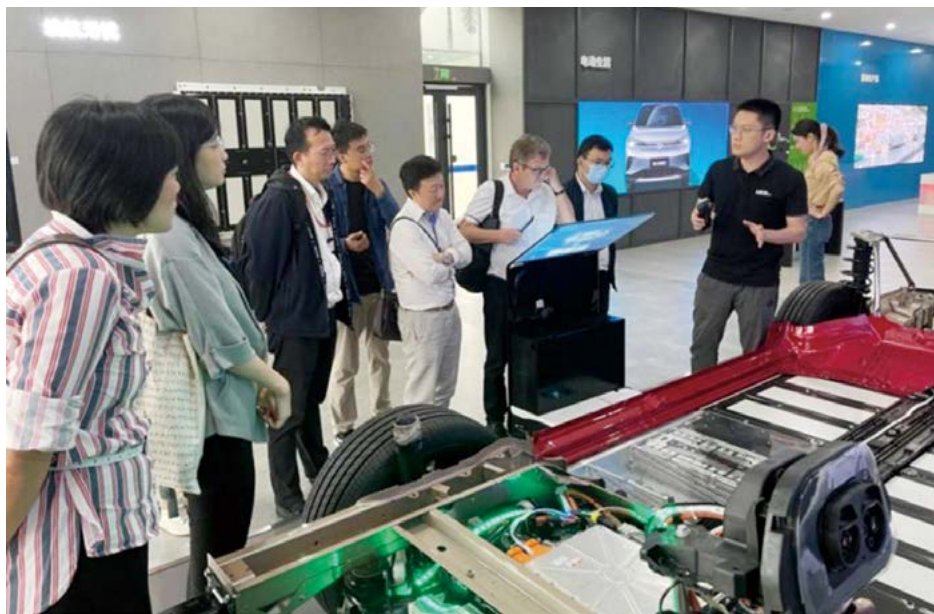
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The Center for Economic and Technological Policy Research

Equipped with a broad array of smart and networked technologies, new energy vehicles have today emerged as one of the largest industries worldwide. With the world’s leading industrial powers fiercely battling for dominance over this vital sector, a growing number of countries are prioritizing their resources toward battery manufacturing, automotive research and development, and autonomous driving. New energy vehicles, gradually seen by China as a new productive force, are in fact the embodiment of the materialistic aspect of the Chinese modernization.

The Center for Economic and Technological Policy Research focuses its research on how China’s new energy vehicle industry has evolved by illustrating the priorities set out by the Chinese government and relevant Chinese practices and exploring future trends in this sector. We also examine the past and recent trends in the global new energy vehicle industry as well as the opportunities and challenges that China will need to address.

Methodologically, we incorporate international experience into our research with a specific focus on the research and development aspects of new energy vehicles. For the research aspect, we conduct extensive interviews and field visits in order to assess the practices developed by the global new energy vehicle industry from both corporate management and policy-making perspectives. To further explore China’s new energy vehicle industry, we place China’s experience in the global context by thoroughly comparing it with that of the world’s leading industrial powers: Germany, the United States, Japan, and South Korea. For the development aspect, we are currently in the process of creating a set of new policy analysis tools that will facilitate the development of a world-class new energy vehicle industry in China. This will be achieved through cross-validation of Chinese and international theories and practices concerning new energy vehicles development. The insights and knowledge derived from our ongoing research will enable us to forge collaborative partnerships with stakeholders in the public and private sectors.



IPP members visiting the FAW-Volkswagen Foshan Branch



IPP members visiting the FAW-Volkswagen’s ID. Experience Center



IPP holding a workshop with representatives from the Huadu District Government, the School of Mechanical and Automotive Engineering at the South China University of Technology (SCUT), and the Automotive Alumni Association at SCUT



IPP holding a focus group discussion with representatives from the Guangzhou Municipal Party School and the private sector on the trend of new energy vehicle consumption in Guangzhou

2023 New Funded Research Projects (by Dr. Yu Li)

- National Social Science Fund of China (NSSFC) project: *Impact Evaluation of Innovation in Organized Research at Research Universities in the Era of Big Science*
- Guangdong Philosophy and Social Science Foundation: *Research on the Path Construction and Promotion Strategies for Research Universities to Implement Organized Research in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area*
- Guangdong Provincial Education Science Planning (Higher Education Special Project): *“The Third Mission” of Universities: Characteristics, Motivating Factors, and Impact Effects of Academic Entrepreneurship in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area*

The Center for National Governance and Social Policy Research

The Center for National Governance and Social Policy Research is dedicated to examining the evolution of China’s governance system and social policy since the reform and opening-up in 1978. Using a multidisciplinary framework, the Center conducts in-depth empirical research on key areas of China’s social policy, including but not limited to education, healthcare, housing, elderly care, disability protection, gender equality, grassroots governance, and urban renewal. The Center is intended to provide valuable insights and knowledge that can inform policy analysis and decision-making.

The Center boasts a team of exceptionally talented experts from diverse professional backgrounds and with a broad scope of expertise in the public policy field. In recent years, the Center has published more than 50 journal articles in prestigious Chinese and international journals and completed dozens of policy analysis papers, several of which have been accepted by Chinese governments at both the local and national levels.



IPP Forum: Coordinated Urban and Rural Development and Common Prosperity held by the Center for National Governance and Social Policy Research

The Center for Foreign Policy Research

The Center for Foreign Policy Research has been acknowledged by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China as a Key Collaborative Partner for Policy Research between 2022 and 2024. The center focuses its research on three pivotal areas: China-U.S. relations, the potential impact of the Belt and Road Initiative, and China’s neighbouring diplomacy.

Dr. Guo Hai conducts research on the humanitarian crisis in the Gaza Strip, the consequences of a prolonged war in Ukraine, and the impending perils of an economic security dilemma between China and the G7. Dr. Zhu Yanling is engaged in a research project aimed at re-assessing the progress of the Belt and Road Initiative over the past decade. We have a new member joining our team this year—Chen Jiahui. She is currently working on an innovative project comparing the differences in Artificial Intelligence regulation between the United States, the European Union, and China. The year of 2023 was another year of great accomplishments. We completed over 20 policy analysis papers and published a journal article and an edited book.

We also seek to expand our outreach by organizing international conferences on carefully selected topics. One notable example of our efforts is the 10th IPP International Conference on Multiple Modernities and a New World Order, held in September 2023 in Guangzhou, China, where globally renowned International Relations scholars, including Barry Buzan, Kanti Prasad Bajpai, and Mark Beeson, shared their knowledge and insights on the subject of multiple modernities and relevant implications for the world order.

We have set out a number of research priorities for 2024: (1) potential geopolitical risks that could affect China and the rest of the world; (2) the 2024 U.S. presidential election and its global implications; (3) new insights into the history and development of China’s foreign policy; and (4) academic workshops and conferences.



Dr. Guo Hai (on the right in the projector screen) giving a presentation titled “The Rhetoric and Reality of an Economic NATO” at the Baichuan Forum held at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen, on November 28, 2023



Dr. Stephane Heim (on the left), Professor of Sociology of Kyoto University, interviewed by Dr. Zhu Yanling at the 10th IPP International Conference on September 23, 2023



Prof. Zhang Yun (on the right) from Niigata University presenting his latest monograph, *Unpacking the Dynamics of Japan-China Mutual Distrust*, at IPP on November 15, 2023

Academic Events

Apart from international conferences and forums, IPP holds academic lectures and workshops on a regular basis to enhance interdisciplinary exchanges among scholars and policymakers, where researchers share their findings and receive peer feedback.



Title: Life Course, Life Transitions, and Psychological Evolution in Changing Times

Presenters: Professor Zhou Xiaohong, Professor of Nanjing University, and Hu Jie, Associate Professor of Southeast University



Title: Social Trust in China: An Analysis from the Relationship Dimension
Presenter: Zhai Xuewei, Professor of Nanjing University



Title: Challenges to the International Order and China's Foreign Policy
Presenter: Yang Jiemin, Director of the Shanghai Institutes for International Studies (SIIS)



Title: China-U.S. Relations Following the Xi-Biden Summit in San Francisco
Presenter: Yang Jiemin, Director of the Shanghai Institutes for International Studies



Title: Marriage Values and the Personal Safety Protection Order System
Presenter: He Xin, Professor of the Faculty of Law, the University of Hong Kong



Title: Understanding the Mutual Distrust Between China and Japan: Reasons and Causes
Presenter: Zhang Yun, Associate Professor of Niiqata University

New Publications

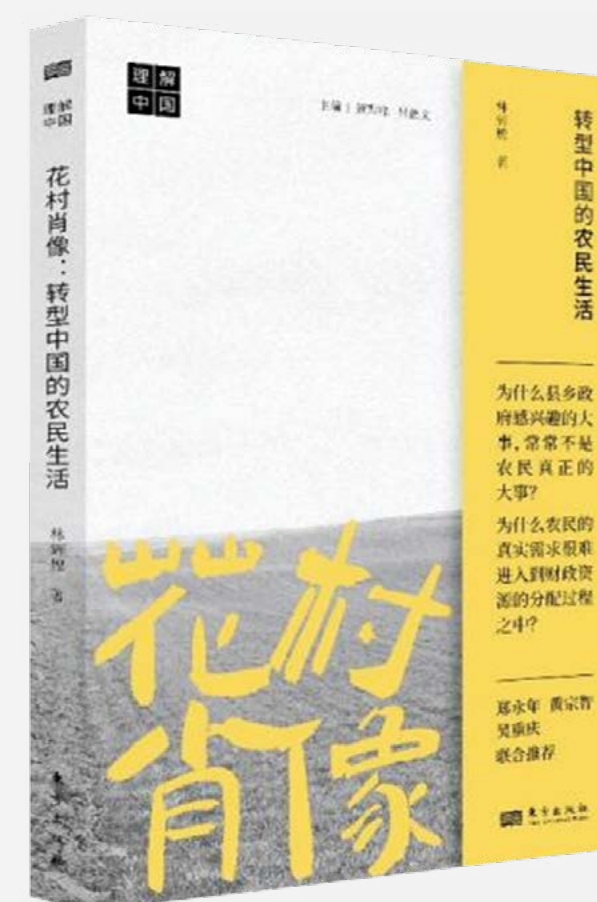
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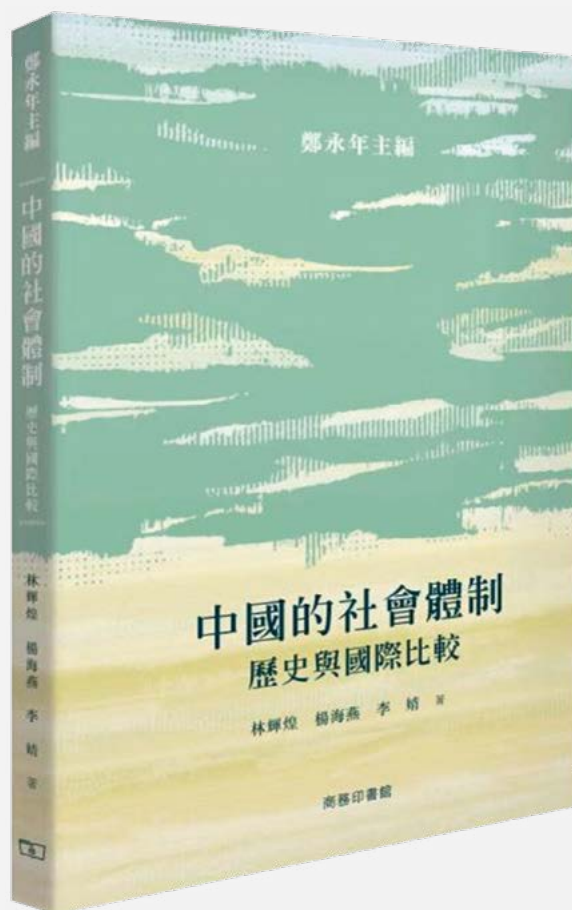
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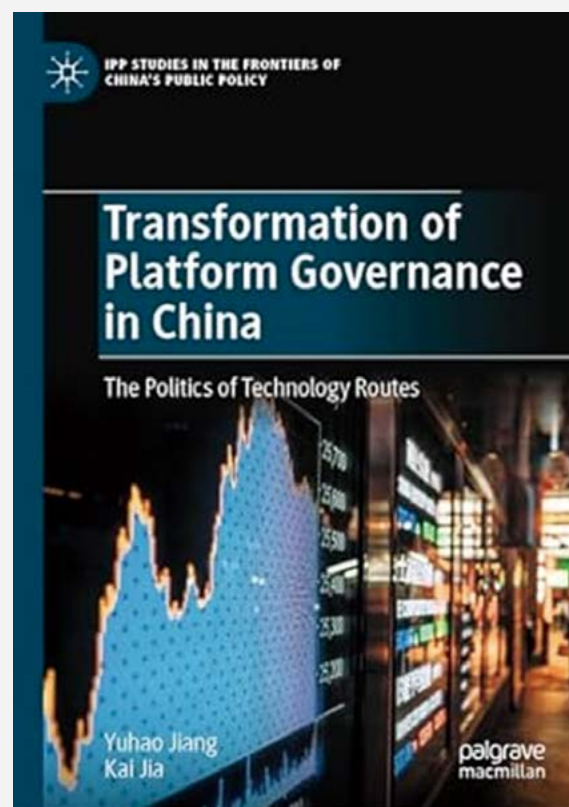
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Careers at IPP

We seek ambitious, enthusiastic, and self-motivated individuals from around the world to join our amazing team. We have a wide range of positions available at various levels as well as supporting roles such as research assistants and interns.

Job Opening #1: Executive Dean

We are currently searching for a committed expert with well-rounded leadership skills, academic achievements and management experience as the Executive Dean to elevate our organization to greater heights.

Key Responsibilities:

- Supervising and coordinating day-to-day operations
- Developing and implementing long- and short-term strategic objectives
- Managing research projects and flagship initiatives (e.g. knowledge innovation and public policy research)
- Identifying and recruiting talents to foster team development
- Creating and communicating clear strategies for achieving IPP's mission and extending its impact
- Other duties as assigned

Qualifications:

- A PhD degree in social sciences
- At least one academic degree acquired from a non-Chinese university
- Full professorship (or equivalent)
- Preferably strong leadership experience in think tanks or public policy institutes

**Preference may be given to candidates with public policy experience.*

Benefits:

Competitive salaries are offered in accordance with the salary of equivalent positions at top-ranking universities. All details are discussed individually. Those who meet the criteria for the South China University of Technology's talent introduction policy shall apply for relevant benefits offered by the University. They include career positions, housing subsidies, research startup funds, postgraduate student enrollment permission, access to public rental housing, and more. Additionally, suitable candidates may enjoy benefits such as social insurance, free medical care, housing provident fund, and assistance with children's education. In addition, the individual income tax preferential policy for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area grants public subsidies to suitable candidates in Guangzhou. For these candidates, if the amount of personal income tax paid in Guangzhou exceeds 15% of their taxable income, the excess portion will be subsidized by the government. This subsidy is exempt from personal income tax and includes assistance with obtaining the Guangdong Talent Green Card, among other benefits.

Application Instructions:

If you are interested in applying for this position, please submit the following materials to Anna Zhou at hr@ipp.org.cn. Please include your full name and the position you are applying for in your email subject line. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

- Curriculum vitae
- Cover letter
- 3 publications in full length (i.e. journal articles, books, or research reports)
- A recent photo

**IPP provides travel reimbursement to candidates selected for an interview.*

Should you have any questions, please email us at zhouying@ipp.org.cn.
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Job Opening #2: Postdoctoral Researcher

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