

# Overseas Young Chinese Forum<sup>®</sup>

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## Our Mission

*Overseas Young Chinese Forum (OYCF)* was established in 1999 to provide a forum for overseas young Chinese scholars, graduate students and professionals to exchange views on issues concerning China and to develop common aspirations. Over the years OYCF has evolved into an organization dedicated to promoting exchange of ideas, exploring solutions, sponsoring teaching, research and publication projects, and contributing to China's development. As an organization run by volunteers, OYCF advocates, cultivates and nourishes voluntarism, and seeks to attract those who share our concerns and commitment toward China.

## Organization Profile

OYCF is a non-profit organization based in the United States.

OYCF sponsors short term teaching trips by overseas scholars and professionals to universities in China. We started the program in 2000 with a two-year teaching program at Renmin University Law School. We expanded the program in January 2002 to include other fields of law, humanities and social sciences. Each year we award a number of teaching fellowships and administer the program. We have also completed a two-year joint teaching program at Beijing University with its Finance Law Center. We continue to raise funds for our teaching programs.

Since August 31, 1999, OYCF has been publishing an online journal titled *Perspectives*. We now publish the journal both in English and Chinese. The journal serves as another platform for discussions of current issues. Currently, *Perspectives* has more than 2,000 e-mail subscribers from more than ten countries in four continents and is available on our web site.

We organize an annual meeting for our members, and each year's meeting is devoted to one theme related to China's development. Since 1999, our annual meetings have focused on social and political philosophy of liberalism (1999), sustainability of economic development in China (2000), China in the 20<sup>th</sup> century (2001), the WTO, the Olympics and the

aftermath of 9/11 (2002), civil society (2003), China's women issues (2004), and China issues (2005), and social classes in transitional China (2006). In November 2006, OYCF published its first post-conference volume (for 2005 annual meeting) in Chinese in Hong Kong.

Since October 2002, OYCF, jointly with the 1990 Institute, has been sponsoring research projects that focus on economic and social issues related to China.

Jointly with the Shanghai Institute of Law and Economics (SILE) in China, OYCF is organizing the writing and publication in China of a series of books by overseas scholars and professionals focusing on the interplay of law and economics. Five books have been published in China so far and more are in the pipeline.

Finally, OYCF hosts regular roundtable discussions and salon gatherings through its local chapters and affiliates in Boston, New York, Washington, D.C., Ann Arbor, Stanford, Berkeley and Hong Kong.

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## **Annual Meeting**

OYCF organizes an annual meeting each spring. Usually held during the Memorial Day weekend, the event sees 70 to 80 members and guests from diverse backgrounds meet to exchange views on a variety of issues relating to China. Together, we explore various factors that drive current and future changes in China.

In 2005, OYCF started an effort to publish quality research from its annual meeting series in book form. The first such book has been published in Chinese in November 2006, titled *乡村中国：改革中的农村、农民和农业* (*China's Rural Society, Peasants and Agriculture in the Reform Era*). It contains sixteen high quality papers, most of which (except one) were presented at the 2005 annual meeting. OYCF already received a grant from the Ford Foundation to publish the post-conference volume for its 2006 annual meeting.

## **Highlights from Past Meetings**

**The 2006 Annual Meeting.** For the first time, we successfully co-sponsored our 2006 annual meeting on May 26-28 with the Center for Asian Studies, University of California, Irvine (UCI). The theme was on "Social Classes in Transitional China," and over 70 scholars, graduate students and professionals from North America and China attended the meeting. Several professors noted that the meeting was one of the best conferences on China they had attended.

**The 2005 Annual Meeting.** OYCF held its seventh annual meeting over the Memorial Day weekend (May 27-30, 2005) on the beautiful campus of University of Connecticut at Storrs. The meeting's theme was "The State of Rural China: Chinese Peasants, Agriculture and Rural Society in the Reform Era." More than 70 scholars, graduate students and professionals attended the meeting, and the speakers included a group of distinguished scholars from both the U.S. and China. The meeting focused on the multi-dimensional "three agrarian issues," assessed the political, social and economic challenges facing rural China today and explored solutions.

**The 2004 Annual Meeting.** OYCF held its sixth annual meeting on May 28-31, 2004 in Bryn Mawr near Philadelphia. Over 60 scholars, graduate students and professionals gathered to discuss "Gender and Women's Issues in China." Prior to the meeting, we issued a "Call for Papers" and received many excellent submissions. During the meeting, the speakers discussed theoretical and practical issues related to general equality and challenges facing Chinese women today.

**The 2003 Annual Meeting.** The fifth annual meeting was held in May 2003 in the sunny Bay Area in California. Around 70 people attended this meeting, the theme of which was "Understanding Civil Society." Through seven discussion panels, the participants discussed the conception of civil society and its development in various quarters of the contemporary China, including the rural area, private enterprises, NGOs, media, etc.

**The 2002 Annual Meeting.** The fourth annual meeting was held on May 25-27, 2002 in Bryn Mawr near Philadelphia. With 70 people in

attendance, the meeting's theme was "WTO, Olympics, and 9/11: A New China Facing a New World?" Through nine panels, the speakers discussed opportunities and challenges facing China and the Chinese people, including WTO issues, political changes, law and constitutionalism, U.S.-China relations, universal versus Chinese values and identity issues.

**The 2001 Annual Meeting.** The third annual meeting took place during May 26-28, 2001, near Newport, Rhode Island. The theme was "China in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century: A Review." Over 70 people attended the meeting and discussed various aspects of China's history (economic, political, social, and cultural) in the past century.

**The 2000 Annual Meeting.** OYCF held its second annual meeting during May 26-28, 2000 on *China's Sustainable Development: an Institutional Perspective*. Over 40 people gathered in Southbury, Connecticut, and explored relationships between China's sustainable development and education policy, environment, information technology, entrepreneurship, village elections, the rule of law, and institutional changes.

**The 1999 Annual Meeting.** The inaugural meeting of OYCF took place during April 23-25, 1999 in Concord, New Hampshire on "Liberalism and China." It was an appropriate forum for launching OYCF, as it summed up a liberalism discussion among a group of founding members in the spring of 1999. The meeting brought together 35 young Chinese students, scholars and professionals across the U.S.

Detailed notes of all annual meetings are available online at <http://www.oycf.org>.

## ***Perspectives*, OYCF's Journal**

*Perspectives* is an online journal published by OYCF. The journal, which began as a bimonthly publication in English, is now published both in Chinese and English on an alternate basis totaling eight issues each year. The goal of *Perspectives* is to facilitate the exchange of ideas, promote cross-disciplinary dialogue, and stimulate new thinking. While we focus on commentaries and essays relating to China's economic, cultural, political and social changes, we also publish articles introducing important ideas in the humanities and social sciences. Selected English articles from *Perspectives* were

translated into Chinese and published by *Open Times*, a Chinese journal published by Guangzhou Academy of Social Sciences in China. Since August 1999, OYCF has published 59 issues of *Perspectives* with a total of around 400 articles.

*Perspectives* now reaches more than 2,500 e-mail subscribers from over ten countries in four continents. In addition, *Perspectives* has attracted more readers through OYCF's web site at <http://www.oycf.org>. The journal has been well received both in China and internationally.

## **Selected Articles on *Perspectives***

### ▪ ***Debate***

#### **1. Chinese Village Elections**

a. *Self-Government in Chinese Villages: An Evaluation* (Jiquan XIANG)

b. *Myth and Reality: The Chinese Village Elections* (Ying SHANG)

#### **2. Chinese Intellectuals**

a. *Taking Rights Seriously in Beijing* (Ronald DWORKIN)

b. *Taking Academic Games Seriously* (Liufang FANG)

c. *Taking Dworkin Seriously* (Yanan PENG)

d. *Professor Dworkin and His China Trip* (Zhangrun XU)

### ▪ ***Political Theory and Practice***

1. *One Reform, Two Mechanisms: An Evaluation of Theoretical Disputes on Market Reforms* (Yu LIU)

2. *Two Kinds of Freedom and Democracy: Reflections on the Debate between "Liberals" and "Neo-Leftists" in China* (Jilin XU)

3. *The Universal Value of Democracy* (Amartya SEN)

4. *In Quest of Democracy* (Aung San Suu Kyi)

### ▪ ***Economics***

1. *Grass-Roots Democracy, Economic Development and Government Regulation* (Ran TAO, Mingxing LIU)

2. *Goal and Process* (Yingyi QIAN)

3. *China's Economic Reform: Past, Present and Future* (Jinglian WU)

4. *Grabbing Hand vs. Enabling Hand: A Comparison of China and Japan in Response to the West in late 19th Century* (Li-an ZHOU)

▪ **Law**

1. *Will Civil Liberties in Hong Kong Survive the Implementation of the Article 23?* (Albert H.Y. CHEN)
2. *Let One Hundred Flowers Bloom, One Hundred Schools Contend: Debating Rule of Law in China* (Randy PEERENBOOM)
3. *The Law-making Law: A Solution to the Problems in the Chinese Legislative System?* (Yahong LI)
4. *What is Law?* (Bo LI)
5. *A Comparative Study of the Chinese Patent Law Practice* (Yalei SUN)

▪ **Society and Culture**

1. *The Power of Ideas: China and the Modern Legitimacy* (Bobai LI)
2. *Black-White Relations: The American Dilemma* (Junfu ZHANG)
3. *Questions and Answers on Rethinking the May Fourth Movement* (Yuanhua WANG)
4. *Mourning Iris Chang* (William JIANG)
5. *Zhang Yimou and the Quiet Dialogue of Cinematic Violence: an Analysis of "Hero" and "House of Flying Daggers"* (Miguel A. SALAZAR)

▪ **International**

1. *Exporting Democracy to Iraq* (Paul D. CARRINGTON)
2. *Second Track in Multilateral Relations in Asia-Pacific Region* (Hu LI)
3. *Sino-U.S Relations in the Eyes of a Chinese Diplomat* (Yucheng LE)

▪ **WTO and China**

1. *On WTO's Dispute Resolution Mechanism* (Shuchao GAO)
2. *Financial Stability and Development in Post-WTO China* (Yingyi QIAN and Haizhou HUANG)
3. *Seeking Transparency in Antidumping Actions through Procedural Review: The GATT/WTO Jurisprudence and Its Implications for China* (Dongsheng ZANG)

## Teaching Programs

To facilitate the exchange of ideas and knowledge, and to enable overseas scholars and professionals to use their knowledge to contribute toward China's development, OYCF sponsors short term teaching trips by overseas scholars and professionals to universities or other comparable advanced educational institutions in

China. The subjects of the teaching program include various fields of law, humanities and social sciences.

The original teaching program started in 2000 with support from the the U.S.-China Legal Cooperation Fund and East Asian Legal Studies program at Harvard Law School, OYCF undertook a two-year teaching project and sponsored four teaching trips to the Law School of Renmin University of China in Beijing. In December 2002, OYCF received a second grant from the Fund, and jointly with the Financial Law Institute of Beijing University, sponsored four teaching trips between 2003 and 2005 to Beijing University Law School. During each trip, one or two OYCF members who are practising attorneys taught a three-week intensive course on American corporate and/or securities laws.

In 2002, with funding from the Ford Foundation and other institutional as well as individual donors, OYCF expanded its teaching program to cover other fields of law, humanities and social sciences. OYCF also opened the teaching program to the public, soliciting applications from all over the world. Since then, our teaching program attracted wide attention, and each year we receive and process a large number of high quality teaching proposals submitted from around the globe.

In June 2004, our teaching program received a major boost with a \$200,000 endowment from Professor Gregory Chow, a world renowned economics professor at Princeton University, to be used to cover five (5) teaching fellowships per year. In addition, in May 2005, we received additional funding from the Ford Foundation for another five-year period.

Since 2002, we have granted a total of more than 51 teaching fellowships, including 10 for academic year 2006-2007. The institutions that have benefited from our teaching programs included national as well as local universities, including Beijing University, Tsinghua University, Renmin University, Fudan University, Central China Normal University, Liaodong University, Hainan University, Xiamen University, Tibet University, and other universities.

We at OYCF are committed to continue our teaching program. We continue to seek financial support to expand our reach.

## Research Programs

In October 2002, OYCF joined hands with The 1990 Institute and established joint fellowships to sponsor research projects on economic and social issues facing China. Since then, the research program received wide support among overseas scholars. Each year we process a number of high quality applications, and the 1990 Institute determines the final award. So far the program has sponsored four major research projects totaling \$32,000 that study important China issues including rural taxation, local governance and income disparity (2003), long term care for elders (2004), village elections and taxation (2005) and labor training and poverty alleviation (2005). No award was made for year 2006, but the 1990 Institute has allocated funding for 2007, and OYCF will continue to work with The 1990 Institute to support China-related research in the future.

## Other Cooperative Projects

Jointly with the Shanghai Institute of Law and Economics (SILE), OYCF has undertaken to organize the writing and publication of a series of short Chinese books with a view towards popularizing various fields of law and economics in China. This book series will highlight the interplay between law and economics, and it will target general readers. Under this project, OYCF and SILE are planning to publish around 20 books on various fields of law and economics. Authors of the books are mainly members and associates of OYCF and SILE. The project is well under way, with five books already published in 2005 and one in 2006 on the economics of securities regulation and the economic analysis of law.

Over the past years, OYCF has also established strategic relationships with other Chinese institutions, including the Development Research Center of China's State Council and *Strategy and Management*, a magazine based in Beijing. OYCF also expanded its cooperation with some United States-based Chinese institutions, including Harvard China Review at Harvard University, ChinaRains at Stanford University, Berkeley China Review at UC Berkeley, Michigan China Fellows at University of Michigan, 3S at Duke University, the 1990 Institute based in San Francisco, Organization of

Chinese Americans - Chicago Chapter, and Chinese Association of Science and Technology – Washington DC Chapter.

## Speakers at OYCF and Its Affiliates

Since October 1997, OYCF and its affiliates have sponsored more than 100 local seminars and salon discussions among students, scholars, professionals and government officials on important economic, political, cultural and social issues relating to China. The following are some highlights of the speakers' topics.

### 1997

"Reform of State Owned Enterprises in China"

*Angang HU*, Chinese Academy of Science

"Intellectual Property Protection in China"

*Guoqiang LU*, Shanghai High People's Court

### 1998

"American Response to China's Growing Pains"

*Ezra VOGEL*, Harvard University

"Nurturing Entrepreneurship in China"

*Xiaokai YANG*, Monash University, Australia

"Challenges and Opportunities for Suzhou"

*Xinsheng ZHANG*, former Mayor, Suzhou

### 1999

"Rural Development in China"

*Mai LU*, Development Research Center

"China's Political Reform"

*Zhiyuan CUI*, MIT

### 2000

"Chinese Stock Market's Reshuffling"

*Guangshao TU*, China Securities Regulatory Commission

"China's Administrative Law"

*Hanhua ZHOU*, Academy of Social Science

### 2001

"Return of State-owned Banks"

*Yi WANG*, China Development Bank

"American Political System"

*Xiaobo LU*, Columbia University

### 2002

"China's Financial Stability and Policy after Its Entry to the WTO"

*Haizhou HUANG*, IMF

"Sino-US Relations after President Bush's Recent Visit to China"

*Minxin PEI*, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

## 2003

“Private Education in China”

*Jing LIN*, University of Maryland

“Current Challenges in China’s Economic Reform”

*Jinglian WU*, Development Research Center, State Council

“Another Look at Democracy: Overcoming Rankism in America”

*Robert W. FULLER*, Oberlin College

“Reforms in China after the 16th Congress of the Chinese Communist Party”

*Siyuan CAO*, Director-General, Beijing Siyuan Merger and Bankruptcy Consultancy

## 2004

“Political Corruption and Social Response: An examination of the case of Liu Yong and Baoma”

*Zhiyong XU*, visiting scholar at Yale, Beijing University

“Rural Development in China: New Challenges Posed by WTO Accession”

*Zhong TANG*, Renmin University, China

“What kind of rising power is China? The domestic roots of Chinese foreign policy”

*Susan SHIRK*, former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State; UC San Diego

## 2005

“Modern Conservatism in America”

*Ying MA*, *American Enterprise Institute*

“China’s Attorney System”

*Xiaobing GONG*, visiting fellow, Columbia University Law School

“China Banking Reform and Trend”

*Weiua MA*, *Chairman, China Merchants Bank*

“Sino-Japan Relations”

*Zhenhai QIU*, senior commentator, Phoenix TV

## 2006

“US News Media Industry and Its Report on China”

*Michael MARSHALL*, Editor-in-Chief, United Press International

“Hong Kong’s Current Political and Legal Environment”

*Elsie LEUNG* (梁爱诗), Former Secretary of Justice of Hong Kong

“Song, Ziwen - His Time and His Legacy”

*Jingping WU* (吴景平), Director and Professor, History Department, Center for Asia Pacific Studies, Fudan University

## 2006 Operating Expenses

|                                  |                    |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Seventh Annual Meeting:          | \$13,318.09        |
| Donation to other organizations: | 1,300.00           |
| Teaching trip reimbursement:     | 16,250.00          |
| Paper collection publication:    | 2,710.00           |
| Miscellaneous:                   | 1,275.69           |
| <b>Total:</b>                    | <b>\$34,853.78</b> |

## 2006 Receipts

### Foundations

|                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Ford Fund:         | \$13,000.00        |
| Yihong Xia Fund:   | 9,035.00           |
| Investment Income: | 38,453.39          |
| <b>Total:</b>      | <b>\$60,488.39</b> |

### General

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| General Donations:      | \$22,190.43        |
| Membership/Meeting Fee: | 1,931.02           |
| Interest Income:        | 1,586.19           |
| Admin. Fee Income:      | 1,282.89           |
| Other Income:           | 790.81             |
| <b>Total:</b>           | <b>\$27,781.34</b> |

## Contribution and Membership

OYCF is a not-for-profit organization and has obtained the tax exemption status from the Internal Revenue Service. Contributions to OYCF are tax deductible and will be acknowledged at its annual meeting as well as in its annual report and other publications. The donations, except those specifically designated for teaching grant, are primarily used to subsidize OYCF’s annual meeting. The remaining is used to cover administrative expenses including web maintenance, mailing and funding expenses. All directors and officers of OYCF work on a voluntary basis. The following is the contribution and membership schedule:

|                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
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| \$5,000:           | Major donor         |
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| \$500:             | Patron              |
| \$200:             | Supporter           |
| \$100:             | Contributor         |
| \$25:              | Professional member |
| \$15:              | Student member      |

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 \$100         \$300  
 \$500         \$1,000  
 \$2,500       \$5,000  
 \$10,000  
 Other Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution towards a *specific* budget item(s)

Please specify the budget item(s):

- \$100             \$300  
 \$500             \$1,000  
 \$2,500         \$5,000  
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