



Political Change in China

中国政治发展与变化

March 6-7, 2009

**Vivian and David Campbell Conference Facility
Munk Centre for International Studies
University of Toronto**

Day 1 Friday, March 6

8:45 Opening Remarks

9 to 10:30 | The Party and Political Change I

Chairperson: Gordon Houlden (Director, China Institute, University of Alberta)

Charles Burton (Brock University)

“Internal Party Debate on Reform of China's Political Institutions”

Jeremy Paltiel (Carleton University)

“How the Party Markets Itself to China”

Alfred Chan (University of Western Ontario)

“The 17th Party Congress and Leadership Change”

Discussant: Bernie Frolic (York University, Asian Institute)

10:30 to 10:45 | Break

10:45 to noon | The Party and Political Change II

Chairperson: Richard Stubbs (McMaster University)

Gregory Chin (York University)

“The Chinese Developmental (Party)-State Identified”

Cui Zhiyuan (Tsinghua University)

“Chinese Perspectives on Political Reform”

Discussant: Joseph Wong (Director, Asian Institute, university of Toronto)

Noon to 1:15 | Local and Regional Institutions and Issues

Chairperson: Eric Walsh (North Asia Division, DFAIT)

Lynette Ong (University of Toronto and Harvard University)

"The Communist Party and Local Financial Reform"

Sonny Lo (University of Waterloo)

"Political Reform in the Hong Kong SAR: The Clash of Two Perspectives"

Discussant: Susan Henders (Director, York Centre for Asian Research)

1:15 to 2:30 | Lunch Break

2:40 to 4 | Emerging Civil Society I

Chairperson: TBA

Qing Miao (Institute of Sociology, CASS) [read by Bernie Frolic]

"Grassroots Civil Society in China"

Dan Koldyk (Oxford University)

"Homeowner Politics in China"

Discussant: Steve Trott (University of Toronto)

4:15 to 5:15 | A Lens on China

Ryan Pyle (Canadian photographer based in Shanghai)

5:15 to 6:15 | Reception and Launch of Ryan Pyle's China Photo Exhibition

Location: Munk Center, South House Lounge

Day 2 Saturday, March 7

9 to 10:15 | Human Rights and Law

Chairperson: Gerald Wright

Pitman Potter (University of British Columbia)

"Law and Human Rights: Selective Adaptation and Official and Non-Official Discourses"

Sun Zhe (Tsinghua University)

"China's Human Rights Agenda"

Discussant: Razmik Panossian (International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development)

10:15 to 10:30 | Break

10:30 to Noon | Ideas and Intellectuals

Chairperson: TBA

Rowena He (University of Toronto and Harvard University)
“Chinese Exiles and Their Political Role”

Daniel Bell (Tsinghua University)
“Confucius and Political Culture”

Discussant: Jeremy Paltiel (Carleton University)

12:00 to 1:30 | Lunch Break

1:45 to 3:15 | Emerging Civil Society II

Chairperson: TBA

Marie Eve Reny (University of Toronto)
“Central Government Responses to Local Protests”

David Ownby (University of Montréal)
“Religious Revival and the Rule of Law”

Discussant: Feng Xu (University of Victoria)

3:15 to 3:45 | Break

3: 45 to 5 | The Current Situation and Future Directions

Bernie Frolic (York University)

Victor Falkenheim (University of Toronto)

5pm | Concluding Remarks