

Oppression and Intra-ethnic Boundaries in the Negotiation of New American Ethnicities.”

Hung Thai, University of California, Berkeley. “‘Splitting Things in Half Is So White!’: Conceptions of Family Life and Friendship and the Formation of Ethnic Identity among Second Generation Vietnamese Americans.”

2. Session on Asian America

Xiangming Chen, University of Illinois-Chicago, “Making the Global and Local Seamless.”

Eun Min Kim, Ewha Woman’s University. “Globalization of South Korea’s Leading Chaebol (Big Conglomerates) in the Financial Crisis.”

David Meyer, Brown University. “Competition for Global Metropolis of Asia.”
Respondent: Alvin So

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REFERRED ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS
(Ed.s Note: Due to space limitation, the names of the presiders are not included.)

Organizer: Alvin Y. So, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

1) Civil Society, Social Movements, and Democratization in East Asia

Yiu-Chung Wong, Lingnan College
“Corporatism, Civil Society, and Democratization in Contemporary China.”

Carolyn L. Hsu, UC-San Diego,
“Market Socialism and Daily Life: Searching for the Emerging Foundations of Legitimacy in the People’s Republic of China.”

Jungyeon Lee, University of Hawaii.
“A New Wave of Social Movements in South Korea: Emergence and Development of Citizens’ Movement.”

Chulhee Chung, Chonbuk National

University. “Social Conditions of Popular Politics in South Korea.”

2) Unemployment and Social Support Network in China

Che Chengrong Duan, People University of China; and *Dudley L. Poston*, Texas A&M University. “Nonagricultural Unemployment in Beijing: A Multilevel Analysis.”

Johannes Han-yin Chang, National University of Singapore; and *Huimin Ding*, He-fei Industrial University. “Millions of Laid Off Workers in China: Dual Crisis and Coping.”

Jieli Li, Ohio University. “The Emergence of Social Security System in China: Problems and Prospects.”

Gina Lai, Hong Kong Baptist University. “Composition of Social Support Networks in Urban Shanghai.”

3) Identity Politics in Asian American Communities

Evelyn Ibatan Rodriguez, UC-Berkeley.
“From Fu Manchu and the Dead Charlie Chan: The Construction of Asian American Male Stereotypes and Identity.”

Dina Okamoto, University of Arizona.
“The Effect of Actual and Perceived Competition on Panethnic Collective Behavior among Asian Americans.”

Russell Jeung, UC-Berkeley. “Changing Churches: Comparing Ethnic-Specific and Asian American Pan-Ethnic Congregations.”

Joyce Chinen, University of Hawaii at West Oahu. “Local Color: The Race for the 1998 Governship in Hawai’I.”

4) Network and Transnationalization of Asian Immigrants

Ann D. Bagchi, University of Wisconsin
“Resources and Adaptation: The Network Ties of Indian and Filipino Professionals

Immigrating to the United States.”

Janet W. Salaff, University of Toronto.

“Is a New Transnational Middle Class Emerging? Middle-Class Chinese Immigrants from Three Sending Areas.”

Gloria Y. Tsai, University of Pennsylvania.

“Ethno-gender Identity as an Indicator of Immigrant’s Assimilation: The Case of Middle Class Taiwanese Immigrants.”

Kwang Chung Kim, Western Illinois University; and *Shin Kim*, University of Chicago. “The Extended Conjugal Family and Modified Filial Piety: Korean Immigrants’ Care for their Elderly Parents.”

5) Marital Crisis in East Asia

Renxin Yang, Northern Michigan University. “How are Middle-Aged Women Coping with Marital Crisis During China’s Economic Reform?”

Aya Ezawa, University of Illinois. “Transitions of Divorce and Single Motherhood in Japan.”

Chien-Chung Huang, Columbia University. “The Determinants of Divorced-and Separated-Mothers in Taiwan.”

6) An Institutional Analysis of Chinese Firm and Business Relationship

Sun-Ki Chai, University of Arizona.

“Confucian Culture, Rationality, and the Institution of the Chinese Family Firm.”

Soon Ang and *Mei Ling Tan*, Nanyang Technological University; *Yanjie Bian*, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. “Does Trust Mediate the Relationship between Guanxi and Performance of Business Ventures in China?”

Young-Jin Choi, University of Hawaii. “Institutional Environment and Internal Decision-Making in China’s Joint Venture Enterprises.”

Tak-Chuen Luk, Hong Kong Baptist

University. “Beyond Organized Dependency: The Politics of Bureaucratization and Informalization of South Wind between 1949-1996.”

7) Family Violence Among South Asians and South Asian Americans

Co-Organizer: *Bam Dev Sharda*, University of Utah

Shobha Srinivasan, UC-Davis. “Violence in the Family: Transgenerational Impact on Attitudes toward Women in India.”

Raghu N. Singh, Texas A & M University; and *Prabha Unnithan*, Colorado State Univ. “Wife Burning: Cultural Cues for Lethal Violence Against Women Among Asian Indians.”

Carol Sheikh, Florida International University. “Spousal Violence Among Asian Indian Families in the US: A Cross-Cultural reflection.”

Meera Srinivasan, Whittier College. “Intervention Strategies and Outreach: Some Prescriptions for Family Violence Among South Asians in the United States.”

8) Housework and Gender Attitudes in East Asia

Mitali Sen, University of Maryland.

“Electrifying the Household: Do Women Benefit? An Analysis of the Impact of Household Electrification on Women’s Work in Rural India.”

Ray-May Hsung, Tunghai University. “Economic Bargaining, Gender Ideology, and Spousal Support in Household Division of Labor among Married Factory Workers in Taiwan.”

Jiping Zuo, St. Cloud State University; and *Yanjie Bian*, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. “Gendered Resources, Housework Division, and Perceived Fairness: A Case Study in Urban

China.

Xiaoling Shu, UC-Davis. "Economic Development, Market Transition, and Gender-Role Attitudes in China."

9) Redefining Traditional Gender Role and Identity

Yvonne M. Lau, Loyola University of Chicago. "Asian American Women in Business: Negotiating Roles and Identities."

Yu-Hsia Lu, Academia Sinica, Taiwan. "The Boss -wives in Taiwanese Small Family Businesses."

Orlando P. Tizon, Loyola University Chicago. "Destroying a Marriage to Save a Family: Shifting Filipino American Gender relations."

Kristen Schultz, Cornell University. "War and Politics: War Experience and Political Activism among Okinawan Women."

10) Hong Kong After 1997

Gerald A. Postiglione, University of Hong Kong. "The Globalization of Hong Kong Academia: Within National Context."

Pun Ngai, University of Hong Kong; and *Kim Ming Lee*, City University of Hong Kong. "Glocalization: The Formation of Hong Kong as a Global City and Local Society."

Tai-Lok Lui and *Jimmy C.T. Wong*, The Chinese University of Hong Kong. "The Hong Kong Middle Class After the Economic Meltdown."

11) Changing Stratification and Labor Standards in China's Market Transition

Changcheng Zhou, Wuhan University. "Social Status and Stratification of Workers in State-Owned Enterprises in Chinese Transitional Society."

Michael Johnston, UCLA. "Changing Chinese Labor Standards: The Influence of

Foreign Direct Investment and Internal Migration."

Yi Zhou, The Chinese University of Hong Kong. "Intergenerational Status Differentiation in China's Structural Transition."

Xiaohong Zhou, Nanjing University. "The Social Psychology of Rural Chinese During Social Transformation."

12) Sociology and Public Policy in South Asia.

Co-Organizer: *Bam Dev Sharda*, University of Utah

Joseph W. Elder, University of Wisconsin. "Changing Themes in South Asian Sociology."

Satya Pattnayak, Villanova University. "Privatization, Foreign Investment, and State Policy in India: A Sectoral Analysis."

Surinder B. Adhikari, The University of Akron. "The Effects of Spousal Resources on Family Planning Decisions in Nepal."

Proshanta Nandi, University of Illinois at Springfield. "A Home for the Twilight Years."

13) Sexual Harassment and Deviants in Chinese Societies

Tsun-Yin Luo, Shin Hsin University. "Gendered Construction of Sexual Harassment in Taiwan."

Yang-Chih Fu and *Chin-Chun Yi*, Academia Sinica. "Tolerance Toward Sexual Deviants: Urban Effects in China and Taiwan."

Jie Zhang, SUNY College at Buffalo. "Gender, Rural/Urban Divide, and Age as Functions of Chinese Suicide Rate."

14) Understanding the Taiwanese State

Grace Yueh-Ying Chen, University of Georgia. "The State and the Societal Construction of Collective Memory: Taiwan's Two Pasts."

Shang-Luan Yan, Chung Cheng University. "The State's Foreign Maid Policy

in Taiwan: Intersection of Gender, Class, and Race.”

John Hartman, Columbia University; and *Wey Hsiao*, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts. “The Development of the Welfare State in Taiwan: A Time Series Analysis of Welfare Spending.”

15) The Divergent Experience of Chinese Students

Joel Andreas, UCLA. “Dissecting Student Factional Conflict During the Chinese Cultural Revolution: Political and Cultural Capital as Axes of Contention.”

Zhonghe Li, University of Massachusetts. “From Culture Clash Toward Culture Integration: A Theoretical Model to Understand Overseas Chinese Students’s Psychological Stress and Adaptation.”

MaryJo Benton Lee, South Dakota State University. “Constructing the Academic-Oriented Self: Minority Students and Academic Success in China.”

Zai Liang and *Leah Weiss*, Queens College/CUNY. “Household Registration, Gender, and Education of Migrant Children in Urban China.”

16) Science, Technology, and Asian/Asian Americans

Sita Reddy, University of Pennsylvania. “Asian Medicine, American Bodies: Ayurvedic Medicine’s Encounters with Biomedicine in the New Age.”

Zakir Hossain, Lock Haven University. “Emerging Pedagogy and the Internet: A Case Study of a Sociology Course E n t i t l e d “Japanese Culture and Society.”

Laita D. Jambhale and *K.V. Rao*, Bowling Green State University. “Organizational Effects on Quality of Performance Among Indian Academic scientists.”

17) The Political Economy of South Korea

Sangmin Lee, The University of Texas at Austin. “Tariff and Non-Tariff Trade Barriers in Korea: The Korean Imported Automobile Market.”

Eui Hang Shin and *Sangmoon Kim*, University of South Carolina. “Correlates of the Length of Service of Cabinet Members in Korea, 1948-1997.”

In-Jin Yoon, Korea University. “The State of Adjustment of North Korean Refugees in South Korean Society.”

18) South Asian American Families: Connections and Disjunctions

Bandana Purkayastha, University of Connecticut. “Maintaining Meaningful Connections: Indian Americans of the New Second Generation and Ties with the old Home.”

Mohan N. Shrestha, Bowling Green State University. “Napalese Americans and Their Socio-economic Profiles.”

K. V. Rao, Bowling Green State University. “Dating, Cohabitation, Marriage, Divorce and Childbearing Practices among Asian Indians in the United States.”

Neerja K. Aravamudan, Northwestern University. “Marriage Talk: How Indian Immigrants Use Culture to Explain Why They’ll Marry.”

SECTION ELECTIONS

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- Emily Noelle Ignacio, Loyola University Chicago
- Rebecca Chiyoko King, University of San Francisco
- Bandana Purkayastha, University of Connecticut
- Herman Smith, UM-St. Louis

Big thanks to Linda Vo for chairing the nominations process and to everyone for agreeing to run.

**REFLECTIONS ON
A CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING**

By: Sharon M. Lee, Department of Sociology, Portland State University.

For most of us, the publication of our research after many months (or years!) of hard work is our greatest reward. Occasionally, however, a publication attracts extra attention, and that's a bonus. This was the case with the publication of my population bulletin, *Asian Americans: Diverse and Growing*, in June, 1998 (vol. 53, no. 2, Population Reference Bureau, Washington, D.C.). The Congressional Asian/Pacific American Caucus and its chair, Representative Patsy Mink (D-Hawaii), asked the Population Reference Bureau (PRB) to brief its members, staff, and guests on the publication. In turn, PRB asked me to conduct the briefing. It was a rare opportunity to share my research with people outside of academe. The hour-long briefing took place on Capitol Hill on July 22, in a room with about 60 people. In this short essay, I'd like to share with you some of my reflections on this experience.

First, it was a great honor to be introduced by Congresswoman Patsy Mink. Reflecting her strong personal interest in the topic, she

actually stayed for the entire briefing (and, I confess that I did ask to have my picture taken with her). Second, the audience was clearly very interested in the topic and asked many questions during the question and answer period. I was particularly impressed by the discussions around two themes: identity and politics. The interest in political issues was not surprising, given where the briefing was. But I did not expect the numerous questions centered on identity. In the remainder of this essay, I'll summarize the discussion and my thoughts on why the issue seems to have generated particular interest for the audience.

Asian American Identity (Identities?)

The lively discussion on what it means to be Asian American was sparked by a question from a woman seated in the front row. She correctly pointed out that my comparisons of various Asian ethnic groups implied clear boundaries separating each group from the others. She asked: Is this a correct picture of Asian Americans? Furthermore, using her own family as an example (don't we all love the personal examples), she asked: Are my children Asian Americans, given that I am Filipino/White and my husband is Chinese/White/Hawaiian? I was not at all surprised that her questions then inspired many others to volunteer their own personal backgrounds as additional examples of the confusion and ambiguities of what it means to be Asian American. To people of multiple ethnic backgrounds, identifying as Asian American seemed to be highly situational and influenced by socialization agents and experiences. A middle-aged man who appeared to be Asian Indian then added a new twist to the discussion by asking if Asian Indians are seen by Chinese and Japanese Americans as "really" Asian American. Others suggested that because non-Asians don't

differentiate between people perceived as Asian that there is an Asian American identity that applies to all who "look" Asian.

I readily acknowledged that the meaning of Asian American identity is becoming more complex and uncertain, for several reasons. More groups are now included as Asian Americans (this is readily seen by comparing the number of national origin groups classified as Asian in recent censuses). Racial and ethnic intermarriage is increasing, particularly among U.S.-born people with Asian ancestries. While the majority of today's Asian Americans are foreign-born (first generation), the size of the second generation is growing fast, and second generation Asian Americans are more likely to marry outside their ethnic group. Increased intermarriage rates and the growing population of multi-racial and ethnic Americans have contributed to an important change in U.S. racial thinking, as seen in the decision to allow people (for the first time in U.S. census taking) to check more than one racial category in the 2000 census. The official recognition of multi-racial and ethnic Americans will reinforce questions about racial and ethnic identity for many people. Finally, how will multi-racial/ethnic people identify themselves? For example, will children with Asian and White parents identify as Asian, White, both, or something else? Given America's history of racial thinking, children of Asian and Black parents may see the identity issue very differently.

A Brief End Note

The shifts in population size, ethnic and generational composition, and marriage patterns have initiated remarkable consequences that will have continued long-term implications for questions about identity. How individuals see themselves in terms of racial or ethnic identity is usually considered a

subjective decision, but as sociologists will say, such subjective decisions are always conditioned by external forces. As I flew back to Portland after the briefing, I recalled the voices and questions heard in the dark-paneled briefing room. I wonder what the answers to these questions will be.

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Publications:

"Modernity in South Korea: An Alternative Narrative." *Thesis Eleven*, vol. 57 (May, 1999).

"The Middle Class and Democratization in East Asia: Taiwan and South Korea Compared" (with Michael H.H. Hsiao), in *Consolidating the Third Wave Democracies*, edited by Larry Diamond (Johns Hopkins Univ. Press, 1997).