

Announcement for a Conference on  
"Science and Technology in the Making of Modern China"

"Science and Technology in the Making of Modern China" (2009 Hixon Forum on Science, Technology and Society) will be held at Harvey Mudd College, Claremont, CA, USA, February 27-28, 2009. The specific times and places are: February 27, Friday, 9am-12pm—Green Room in the Platt Campus Center; 1:30-5:30pm and February 28, Saturday, 9am-5:30pm—Beckman Auditorium in the Olin Science Center, Harvey Mudd College, 301 Platt Blvd., Claremont, CA 91711. It's free and open to the public. For updated information and the conference program, please visit [www.hmc.edu/hixonforum](http://www.hmc.edu/hixonforum).

The 2009 Hixon conference at Harvey Mudd College draws together an international group of scholars to explore and showcase to the broader public the history of science and technology in modern China. On the agenda are the complications of transnational exchange; the interactions of scientific practices with their broader social and political context; and the policy issues that connect transnational exchange and internal developments.

Speakers include:

Grace Shen (York U.; "A host of nations: Cosmopolitanism, international science and the Geological Society of China")

Danian Hu (CUNY; "Academic heroism in wartime China: Science in the Christian universities at Chengdu")

Li Zhang (Chinese Academy of Sciences; "The social and political status of scientists under Mao: The case of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, 1949-1966")

Sigrid Schmalzer (U. Mass. Amherst; "Enemies and friends, natural and political: Integrated pest control in Socialist China, corporate America, and beyond")

Cong Cao (CUNY Levinson Institute; "Whither China's talent pool?")

Rich Appelbaum (UCSB; "China's (not so hidden) developmental state: Becoming a leading nanotechnology innovator in the 21st century"),

Fa-ti Fan (SUNY Binghamton; "The People's Science': Earthquake Prediction, Everyday Knowledge, and Mass Politics in Communist China")

Tai Ming Cheung (UCSD; "The development of modern Chinese military/dual-use science and technology")

Ou Bao (Tsinghua U.; "Soviet scientists in Chinese universities in the 1950s: The case of Tsinghua")

Jiuchen Zhang (Chinese Academy of Sciences; “Sino-Soviet cooperation in natural resources surveys: Interactions between the two academies”)

Richard P. Suttmeier (U. of Oregon; “From Cold War science diplomacy to partnering in a networked world: 30 years of Sino-U.S. relations in science and technology”)

Zuoyue Wang (Harvey Mudd; “Cultural nationalism and modernization: Chinese American scientists in China”)

with commentaries by R. Bin Wong (UCLA), Kenneth Pomeranz (UC Irvine), Rudi Volti (Pitzer), David Arase (Pomona), Alexei Kojevnikov (U. British Columbia), and Jessica Wang (U. British Columbia).

The conference is organized under the auspices of the Hixon Forum for Responsive Science and Engineering at Harvey Mudd College, and is co-sponsored by HMC’s Department of Humanities and Social Sciences; the Intercollegiate Program for the Study of Science, Technology, and Society at the Claremont Colleges; the Pacific Basin Institute at Pomona College; the Center for Chinese Studies at UCLA; the Historical Society for Twentieth Century China; and individual members of the Chinese-American community.