Memorandum

Date: April 27, 2017  
To: Deans of SPEA and GISB, IUB  
From: Joyce Y. Man, Director of RCCPB  
Subject: Term Report, Jan. 1, 2015 to April 27, 2017

I am writing to give you a summary report on the Center’s research activities and progresses since I served as the director of RCCPB at the beginning of 2015. Your advice and guidance will be highly valued and appreciated as always. Joyce

Research Initiatives

China’s Public Policy Initiative  
(Ongoing)  
The Center’s public policy initiative examines the public policy of China with the aim of evaluating the macro-health of the country’s public finances. The core initiative includes research on China’s tax burden, economic growth, and municipal debt. As a resource for initiative researchers, the Center has purchased access to the WIND database of Chinese economic and financial data.

China Philanthropy Initiative  
(Fall 2013 – Fall 2015)  
The China Philanthropy Initiative was initiated by founding director Scott Kennedy, and continued via subcontract with CSIS during his leave. In the period covered by this report, Center staff assisted in the administration of the grant and execution of events leading up to the final publications associated with the initiative.

Initiative on the Economic, Institutional and Ritual Practices of Muslims in China  
(Fall 2017) In Development  
The Center is developing a single semester initiative with the Islamic Studies program that is
slated to include a launch event on the Bloomington campus, followed by paired Beijing – Bloomington symposia. The objective of the Initiative is to explore the intersection of economy, religion, ritual, law and policy among Chinese Muslims (primarily, Hui) and connect Chinese and international scholars researching Muslim communities in China with students and faculty at Indiana University.

**Events**

**2015**

**Lecture:** “China Economic Growth, Urbanization and Potential Risks,” given by Joyce Man to students of Media School at IUB, Feb. 16, 2015

**Film Screening:** “China’s Environment”
March 24 - IUB
Cosponsored with the Chinese Flagship and EASC. Screening of the film Under the Dome accompanied by short lecture from Diane Henshel, SPEA.

**Activity Support:** IU Beijing Gateway Office Spring Events
March 15-23, IU China Gateway, Beijing, China.
RCCPB assistant director Roy Hooper traveled to China to assist Gateway staff in “China in the Middle East” conference, IU international admissions yield events, and IU President McRobbie’s visit.

**Colloquium:** “China’s Anti-Monopoly Law Enforcement: A Quest for Transparency, Consistency, & Fairness”
April 10 – IUB
Zhang Xingxiang, RCCPB Practitioner-in-Residence, delivers talk on lawmaking in China at Maurer School

**Conference Panel “China, Russia and the World Forum”**
April 15 --IUB
Panel discussion co-sponsored with REEI and EASC

**Colloquium:** “Urban Housing: the Big Picture in China”
April 17 - IUB
Gregory Ingram, Former President of the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, delivers Chinese housing talk

**Symposium:** “Land Public Finance, Local Debt, and Economic Growth Symposium”
July 17 – IU China Gateway, Beijing, China
Presentation of academic papers and roundtable discussion on above topics by over 40 Chinese and international scholars and Chinese policy-makers (by invitation only).
**Roundtable: “Public Policy Analysis Roundtable”**  
July 25 – IU China Gateway  
IU-China public policy community gather to discuss public policy and management research and teaching. Cosponsored by the IU China Gateway.

**Conference Panel on “Infrastructure Investment and Economic Development in China”** at Western Economic Association 90th Annual Conference, June 28-July 2, 2015, was organized by RCCPB and a paper on “Land Finance, Urban Infrastructure Investment and Economic Development in China” was presented by Joyce Man.

**Colloquium: “Examining China from Global Perspectives: An Axiomatic Recalibration”**  
October 2 – IUB  
Fu Jun, Dean and Professor of School of Government at Peking University, explains China’s growth model and importance of institutions

**Special Event: “CHINA Town Hall: Chinese Foreign Direct Investment”**  
October 5 – IUB  
Annual NCUSCR CHINA Town Hall with local panelists and nationally webcast panel. Cosponsored with the EASC.

**Roundtable: “China Philanthropy Initiative Meeting”**  
November 6 - IU China Gateway  
Final meeting of Philanthropy Initiative scholars to discuss research. Cosponsored with the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy.

**Colloquium: “China’s Ethnic Policy”**  
December 1 - IUB  
Kai Guan, Fulbright Visiting Scholar at Harvard’s Fairbank Center, discusses the US ethnic politics model and China. Co-Sponsored with IAUNRC.

**2016**

**Colloquium: “Dynamic Dilemmas: Chinese Strategic Intentions in Northeast Asia,”**  
April 4 - IUB  
Oriana Mastro, Georgetown University, spoke on China’s military and the country’s relations with East Asian neighbors. Hosted by the SGIS as part of the “East Asia and the World” talk series, cosponsored by the RCCPB.

**Colloquium: “The Economic-Security Nexus in Northeast Asia,”**  
April 22 - IUB  
T.J. Pempel, Columbia, spoke on TPP and the relationship between economic and military power as part of the “East Asia and the World” talk series. Hosted by SGIS, cosponsored by the RCCPB.
Symposium: “Symposium on China’s Fiscal Reform, Urban Policy and Economic Development”
July 20 - IU China Gateway
Over a dozen academic papers were presented by scholars from Peking University, Tsinghua University, and other Chinese institutions gathered at the IU Beijing Gateway office to discuss public policy research and methods relating to China’s fiscal and land policy. Presentations included work from Center-affiliated scholars and a PhD student, Michael DeDad.

Special Event: “CHINA Town Hall: Local Connections, National Reflections,”
October 18 - IUB
Thirty-five faculty, students, staff and members of the public gathered to hear a lecture from RCCPB Senior Associate John Yasuda on China’s domestic political climate; and to view a national webcast conversation with Henry Kissinger from the National Committee on US-China Relations. Cosponsored with the East Asian Studies Center.

Symposium: “Ostrom Symposium on the Study of the Commons, Governance and Collective Action in China”
December 7 - IU China Gateway, Beijing, China
Thirty-five faculty from Chinese Universities with connections to the IU Ostrom Workshop gathered to commemorate the Ostroms and discuss the applicability of their theoretical frameworks to Chinese issues. Hosted as part of IU’s Bicentennial Events with support from OVPIA, the symposium was convened by RCCPB and IU President Michael McRobbie delivered opening remarks at the symposium during his visit to Beijing.

2017

Colloquium: “Property tax, local government finance and fiscal reform in China”
January 5 – IUB
RCCBP hosted a campus visit by a delegation from the Central University of Finance and Economics in China led by Professor Qian Ren, Associated Dean of School of Public Finance and Taxation. An academic talk was delivered to RCCPB research teams and some SPEA faculty members.

Lecture: “Urbanization and Economic Growth in China,” given by Joyce Man to students at Media School, Feb. 7 --IUB

Colloquium: “Social Transformation and Non-Profit Organizations in China,”
February 10 – IUB
Fifteen students, faculty and staff gathered to hear RCCPB Visiting Scholar Chu Songyan deliver an overview of the non-profit sector in China, including recent policy developments and their grassroots impact.

Activity Support to SPEA International Partnership Activities:
Faculty and staff of RCCPB provided academic, logistic and translation support to SPEA when Dean Graham visited Chinese partners to explore institutional relationship during Feb. 19 and 25 and helped organized
Alumni Event: “SPEA Beijing Alumni Gathering”
February 23, 2017 – IU China Gateway
China-based SPEA alumni gathered at IU China Gateway Office to engage in conversations with SPEA Dean John Graham on academic programs and career development and explore the potential for future SPEA alumni-focused activity in China. Sixteen attendees had graduated with degrees from SPEA, and one attendee was a former visiting scholar with the school.

Colloquium: “Grand Strategy and American Power in the Asia Pacific,”
April 25 – IUB
Michael Green, Senior Vice President for Asia and Japan Chair at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, will deliver a talk on the historical tension between US exercise of power in the Pacific and the country’s ties with China and Japan. Part of the SGIS “East Asia and the World Series,” cosponsored by the RCCPB.

Colloquium: “Economic, Institutional and Ritual Life of Hui Muslims in China (Placeholder Title)
September 25 – IUB
Matthew Erie, Oxford University, will discuss aspects of economic life for Hui Muslims in China to initiate the “Initiative on the Economic, Institutional and Ritual Practices of Muslims in China.” Cosponsored by the SGIS and Islamic Studies Program.

Publications


Visiting Scholars

Zhang Xingxiang, RCCPB Practitioner-in-Residence
Formerly of Yingda International Leasing (05/01/2014 – 06/30/2015)
Supported by RCCPB & CIBER

Li Sheng, Associate Professor
Central University of Finance and Economics (03/16/2016 – 12/15/2016)
Supported by China Scholarship Council

Chu Songyan, Professor
Chinese Academy of Governance (08/30/2016 – 02/30/2017)
Supported by China Scholarship Council

Qiu Qian, PhD Candidate
China University of Political Science and Law (08/30/2016 – 09/01/2017)
Supported by China Scholarship Council

Chao Heng, Postdoc
Peking University (12/19/2016 – 04/30/2017)
Supported by China Scholarship Council

Student Activities

- Shared Research Assistantship
  Kate Yang (SPEA Sponsored, 100% effort on RCCPB Projects)
  Academic Year 2016 – 17

- Program Assistant
  Sun Xiaohan (Law School Sponsored)
  Academic Year 2016 – 17, 2017 – 18

- Hourly Research Assistance
  Michael DeDad (PhD Student, Economics), Spring 2016, & Academic Year 2016 – 2017
  Kate Yang (PhD Student, SPEA), Summer 2016
  Yu Zhang (PhD Student, SPEA), Summer 2016

- Webmaster
  Wu Hsiao-wen (MS Student, Informatics), Fall 2014 – Spring 2016
Administrative Activities and Projects

Strategic Review (2015)
Full strategic review of the Center’s operations and positioning was conducted following the transition in Center leadership.

Website Redesign (January 2016)
The Center’s website was redesigned, and relaunched in 2016. Format was modernized and web development overhead reduced.