

2026 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting

September 3-6, 2026 | Boston, Massachusetts

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Schedule at a Glance *(updated August 2026)*

Date	Time (EDT)	Panel	Location
Thursday Sep. 3	2:00-3:30 p.m.	Rethinking Authority and Compliance in Chinese Politics	Sheraton, Fairfax B
Thursday Sep. 3	4:00-5:30 p.m.	Rethinking China and Great Power Competition	Sheraton, Stuart
Friday Sep. 4	8:00-9:30 a.m.	Perception and Strategy in U.S.-China Relations	Sheraton, Stuart
Friday Sep. 4	10:00-11:30 a.m.	Chinese Politics in Transition: Honoring Joseph Fewsmith	Hynes, Room 206
Friday Sep. 4	12:00-1:30 p.m.	Interdependence and Economic Statecraft in Contemporary China	Sheraton, Stuart
Friday Sep. 4	2:00-3:30 p.m.	China and the Global South: Infrastructure, Digital Expansion, and Statecraft	Hynes, 204
Friday Sep. 4	4:00-5:30 p.m.	Digital Governance, Legislation, and Regime Adaptation in China	Sheraton, Stuart
Sunday Sep. 6	8:00-9:30 a.m.	China and Emerging Security Challenges in the Indo-Pacific	Hynes, 206
Sunday Sep. 6	10:00-11:30 a.m.	China and Global Climate Governance	Hynes, 206

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Thursday, September 3

1. 2:00-3:30 p.m. EDT | Rethinking Authority and Compliance in Chinese Politics

Chair	Rongbin Han - University of Georgia
Discussant(s)	Rongbin Han - University of Georgia

Papers

Paper title	Author(s) and affiliation(s)
Linguistic Diversity and Inter-Group Violence	Yu Zeng - Shanghai Jiao Tong University (co-authored)
Obedience without Belief: Policy Reversals Erode Trust under Autocracy	Chen Xiang - Shanghai Jiao Tong University (co-authored)
Rethinking Centralization in China: Norm Internalization and Local Compliance	Ruixin Ji - Zhejiang University (co-authored)

2. 4:00-5:30 p.m. EDT | Rethinking China and Great Power Competition

Chair	Taiyi Sun - Christopher Newport University
Discussant(s)	M. Taylor Fravel - Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Papers

Paper title	Author(s) and affiliation(s)
The Construction of Sino-US Strategic Competition: An LLM-Advanced Analysis	Titus C. Chen - National Chengchi University; Shihyi Albert Chiu - Tunghai University
US-China Strategic Nuclear Relations: Dynamics, Trends, and Implications	Baohui Zhang - Lingnan University
The Thrifty Use of a Luxury Weapon: Revisiting China's Cold War Nuclear Policy	Hongyu Zhang - University of North Carolina at Wilmington
Bounded Securitization: Security Governance under Great-Power Rivalry	Xiaoyu Pu - University of Nevada, Reno

Friday, September 4

3. 8:00-9:30 a.m. EDT | Perception and Strategy in U.S.-China Relations

Chair	Xiaoyu Pu - University of Nevada, Reno
Discussant(s)	Robert S. Ross - Boston College; Zhiqun Zhu - Bucknell University

Papers

Paper title	Author(s) and affiliation(s)
Contested Ground: The Strategic Logic of China's Leader Visits	Chong Chen - Tsinghua University (co-authored)
Not about China, Yet about China: How Americans' Perceptions of China Changed	Lucie Lu - NC State University (co-authored)
Comparing Diplomatic Tone and Topic Salience in China-U.S. Press Conferences	Keyu Alexander Chen Glanz - Georgia State University
Coalition-Building under Coercion: China's United Front in Trump 2.0	Bowen Yao - Nanyang Technological University

4. 10:00-11:30 a.m. EDT | Chinese Politics in Transition: Honoring Joseph Fewsmith

Chair	Min Ye - Boston University
Discussant(s)	Min Ye - Boston University; Suisheng Zhao - University of Denver

Papers

Paper title	Author(s) and affiliation(s)
All-China Women's Federation Discourses on Birth Planning and Domestic Violence	Si Wu - Boston University
Bureaucratic Professionalism Factor for E-Government in Developing Contexts	Zijie Shao; Miriam Verzellino; Shuhe Wang - Communication University of China
Interactive Moral Engineering under Authoritarian Rule	Taiyi Sun - Christopher Newport University
Mobilization without Trust: Elite Politics in China's Semiconductor Push	Hao Chen - Harvard Kennedy School

5. 12:00-1:30 p.m. EDT | Interdependence and Economic Statecraft in Contemporary China

Chair	Thomas Narins - University at Albany, State University of New York
Discussant(s)	Pascale Massot - University of Ottawa; Ka Zeng - University of Massachusetts Amherst

Papers

Paper title	Author(s) and affiliation(s)
Influencing the Autocrat: Informational Role of Firms in Chinese OFDI	Isabel Cai - Harvard University
When Infrastructure Matters in Digital Interdependence	Xiaoxiao Shen; Kellee S. Tsai - Northeastern University
Financialized Statecraft: Tech-Capital Stacking and Extra-Territoriality	Xiaojing Qin ; Karl Yan - Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen
The Domestic Politics of China's Exchange Rate Policy	Xingqiang (Alex) He - Centre for International Governance Innovation
Strange Bedfellows: Foreign Participation in China's Industrial Standard-Setting	Jian Xu and Chitao Yu - National University of Singapore; Haosen Ge - Princeton University

6. 2:00-3:30 p.m. EDT | China and the Global South: Infrastructure, Digital Expansion, and Statecraft

Chair	Karl Yan - Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen
Discussant(s)	Xingqiang (Alex) He - Centre for International Governance Innovation

Papers

Paper title	Author(s) and affiliation(s)
Admiration in the Dark: Knowledge, Interest, and China's Global Infrastructure	Xiaonan Wang - Baruch College, CUNY (co-authored)
Delegated Statecraft: China's Bio Firms in Southeast Asia	Xue Gong - Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
Digital China in Southeast Asia: Civil Society Organizations and Smart Cities	Thomas Narins - University at Albany, State University of New York
The 'Global South' and China's Pursuit of Global Leadership	Enze Han; Haozhe Zhang - University of Hong Kong

7. 4:00-5:30 p.m. EDT | Digital Governance, Legislation, and Regime Adaptation in China

Chair	Manfred Elfstrom - University of British Columbia, Okanagan
Discussant(s)	Manfred Elfstrom - University of British Columbia, Okanagan; Christopher Heurlin - Bowdoin College

Papers

Paper title	Author(s) and affiliation(s)
Bill Sponsorship and Legislative Scrutiny: Theory and Evidence from China	Jiying Jiang - University of Macau; Tianrui Li
How Bureaucrats Mediate Technology's Impact on State Power: Evidence from China	Katharin Tai - Massachusetts Institute of Technology (co-authored)
Party Organizers: Provincial Organizational Department Heads from 1949 to 2025	Jiangnan Zhu; Frank Yifei Zhu - University of Hong Kong
China's Digital Charm Offensive and Authoritarian Legitimation	Rongbin Han - University of Georgia
Algorithmic Resistance of the 'Platform Precariat' in China: Forms and Causes	Jie Chen - Chinese University of Hong Kong-Shenzhen (co-authored)

Sunday, September 6

8. 8:00-9:30 a.m. EDT | China and Emerging Security Challenges in the Indo-Pacific

Chair	Mihaela Papa - Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Discussant(s)	Baohui Zhang - Lingnan University; Mihaela Papa - Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Papers

Paper title	Author(s) and affiliation(s)
China's Technological Rise and the Power-Dependence Paradox	Lincoln Hines - Georgia Institute of Technology
Contemporary China-U.S. International Institutional Competition	Songruowen Ma – University of Oxford
Economic Interdependence and China's Use of Grand Strategic Means	Ketian Zhang - George Mason University
The China Challenge in Critical Minerals: The Case for Asymmetric Resilience	Pascale Massot - University of Ottawa

9. 10:00-11:30 a.m. EDT | China and Global Climate Governance (Sunday)

Chair	Zhiqun Zhu - Bucknell University
Discussant(s)	Zhiqun Zhu - Bucknell University; Manfred Elfstrom - University of British Columbia, Okanagan

Papers

Paper title	Author(s) and affiliation(s)
China's Climate Diplomacy: Evolution, Trends, and Prospects	Scott Moore - University of Pennsylvania
Coal and Collective Action in Appalachia and North China	Manfred Elfstrom - University of British Columbia, Okanagan
Deliver or Upgrade? The Political Economy of Chinese Green Expansion in ASEAN	Binyi Yang - Nanyang Technological University
How Do Climate Pledges Signal Credibility? Evidence from China	Yike Chen - Zhejiang University; one unregistered coauthor