

POSTSCRIPT

Arif Dirlik – The Passing of a Great Mind

While we were preparing the publication of this third and final issue of Volume 3 of *Contemporary Chinese Political Economy and Strategic Relations: An International Journal* (December 2017), a sad news reached us. Arif Dirlik, who has been with us as an advisory board member of an earlier journal since 2012 and of this journal since 2015, has passed away on 1st December. A great friend, colleague and founding member of this journal, Arif has been a great pillar of support for the journal's mission of providing constant critical analysis of the political economy of contemporary China, both her domestic sociopolitical and socioeconomic development and her international strategic relations, as well as the intricate *innenpolitik-außenpolitik* nexus, without fear or favour. Just as Rebecca E. Karl succinctly describes in her essay "In memoriam: Arif Dirlik (1940-2017)", Arif has long been inspiring us to be *fearlessly radical and radically fearless* in staying true to the principles and holding dear to the ideals forming the cornerstone of the journal since its founding in 2015 and over 2010-2014 of the earlier journal. In his various valuable contributions to this journal and the earlier journal, from 2012's "Social justice, democracy and the politics of development: The People's Republic of China in global perspective" (with Roxann Prazniak)¹ to 2014's sharply titled "Forget Tiananmen, you don't want to hurt the Chinese people's feelings – and miss out on the business of the new 'New China'!"² to 2016's "The

mouse that roared: The democratic movement in Hong Kong”³, Arif, who was formerly Knight Professor of Social Science and Professor of History and Cultural Anthropology at the University of Oregon and Professor of History and Cultural Anthropology at Duke University before his retirement,⁴ has never minced his words in his sharp assessment of Communist Party-ruled China’s sociopolitical situation, mode of governance, State-civil societal relationship, political dissent, and treatment of dissidents. As one of the most important critics writing at the nexus of globalisation, postcolonial theory, historiography, Asia-Pacific Studies, and capital critique, whose works have been translated into Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Turkish, Bulgarian, French, German, Portuguese, and Spanish,⁵ Arif is pivotal in maintaining the focused direction of the earlier journal (2010-2014) and the present journal (since 2015) and the publication of the special-focus issues of *State, governance and civil societal response in contemporary China: Critical issues in the 21st Century* (2012)⁶, *June Fourth at 25: The quarter-century legacy of Tiananmen* (2014)⁷ and *From Handover to Occupy Campaign: Democracy, identity and the Umbrella Movement of Hong Kong* (2016)⁸ which was followed up in the following year by *Hong Kong twenty years after the Handover: Quo vadis?* (2017)⁹. Arif’s passing is a great irreplaceable loss of the world academia. He is dearly missed.

Like over the previous years, it is this spirit, this vision, that has carried us through the three issues of 2017, from the special issue of *Norms and institutions in the shaping of identity and governance: Mainland China and Taiwan in the regional environment* (Vol. 3, No. 1, April/May, pp. 1-521), to the issue focusing on *Hong Kong twenty years after the Handover: Quo vadis?* (Vol. 3, No. 2, July/August, pp. 523-999), and now to the present issue (Vol. 3, No. 3. December, pp. 1001-1472).

China and the World: Global Footprint and World Power Rivalry

This third and closing issue of Volume 3 of *Contemporary Chinese Political Economy and Strategic Relations: An International Journal* (2017), as in previous years, again represents a collection of research articles covering some of the most pertinent aspects of the state and changes in the political economy and strategic relations of contemporary China. Coming under three sections are eleven full-length research articles. The first five – “The new normal in Russia and China: Between past embedded structures and future global dominance” by Solomon I. Cohen, “Neo-mercantilist policy and China’s rise as a global power” by Fu-Lai Tony Yu, “Are the conflicts between the U.S. and China manageable?” by Jinghao Zhou, “China’s strategic engagement with Sri Lanka: Implications for India” by S.Y. Surendra Kumar, and “The tale of the dragon and the elephant: A review on the implications of Sino-Indian border disputes to political order in Asia” by Reymund B. Flores – under the section *Global Dominance and World Power Rivalry* look critically into the global rivalry between the United States of America, the post-Cold War sole remaining superpower, and the star-performer among would-be superpowers, China; between China and India, two of Asia’s oldest civilisations striving for regional and global dominance; and between China and Russia, the ex-superpower struggling to regain its lost Cold War-era world status. These are followed by three papers under the section *Global Footprint and International Recognition* – “The economic dimension in China’s foreign relations: Reflections for China studies in the Philippines” by Tina S. Clemente, “China’s aid and oil-for-infrastructure in Nigeria: Resource-driven or development motive?” by Gold Kafilah Lola *et al.*, and “China in the First World War: A forgotten army in search of international recognition” by Roy Anthony Rogers and Nur Rafeeda Daut – that respectively analyse China’s foreign relations

from the perspective of her South China Sea/West Philippine Sea rival claimant the Philippines, explore China's ulterior motive behind her foreign aid and FDI in Nigeria, and China's little-known involvement in the First World War and its effect on the country's diplomacy and foreign policy today.

Taiwan and Cross-Strait Relations

Moving our focus from mainland China under one-party dictatorship to the vibrant liberal democracy of Taiwan, three papers are included under the section *Perspective on Taiwan and Cross-Strait Relations* – “Comparing the cross-Strait economic policies of KMT and DPP, 2008-2016: Implications for the future politics of Taiwan” by Adrian Chi-yung Chiu and Kam-yee Law, “Making cross-Strait relations: A constructivist view” by Sebastian Hambach, and “The universities become more while students are getting less? A System analysis of the Taiwanese higher education crisis” by Su-mei Sung – with the first two articles analysing the linkages between the development of the island state's cross-Strait policy and her electoral and party politics, and the third paper exploring the country's current higher education crisis.

Chinese Overseas in Southeast Asia

After the full-length research articles, this journal issue also contains an empirical Research Notes section on Chinese in Southeast Asia, with Hara Fujio's “Malayan Chinese who were deported to China” investigating the background and personal details of those ethnic Chinese deported to China during the Communist Party of Malaya (CPM)'s insurgency against British colonial government and later the nascent Federation of Malaya government between 1948 and 1963, and

what happened to them after they arrived in China, and Melodina S. Cruz's "An exploration of Chineseness in Mindanao, Philippines: The case of Zamboanga City" providing a pilot inquiry on the preservation of Chineseness among the Chinese minority in the spatial peripheries of the Philippines, focusing on the little-studied Chinese community in Zamboanga City in Mindanao which is better known for its political troubles and ethnoregional insurgency.

Acknowledgements

The present issue of *Contemporary Chinese Political Economy and Strategic Relations: An International Journal*, the third and final issue (December) of this year thus significantly completes the 2017 volume beginning with the April/May special issue (Vol. 3, No. 1), *Norms and institutions in the shaping of identity and governance: Mainland China and Taiwan in the regional environment*, and followed by the July/August *Focus* issue (Vol. 3, No. 2), *Hong Kong twenty years after the Handover: Quo vadis?* The present issue, Vol. 3, No. 3, hence brings the journal's third volume to a close by directing its focus one more time onto some of the most critical areas of the state and changes in the political economy and strategic relations of today's mainland China and Taiwan which the journal was exploring in this year's first issue in April/May. Before ending this postscript, we would like to thank all the contributing authors and the anonymous reviewers for their invaluable efforts in making the publication of the three issues of this third volume (2017) possible. For the present issue of Volume 3, Number 3, we are also grateful to our proof-reader, Mr Zhang Yemo (張夜墨), for his crucial assistance in checking the final galley proofs and CRCs, and as always to Miss Wu Chien-yi (吳千宜) for the journal's website

construction and maintenance. The responsibility for any errors and inadequacies that remain is of course fully mine.

Dedication

This journal issue was prepared in fond memory of Arif Dirlik (1940 – 2017), our dear friend, colleague, contributor and advisory board member, whom we all missed, and to whom it is dedicated.

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1. Arif Dirlik and Roxann Prazniak, “Social justice, democracy and the politics of development: The People’s Republic of China in global perspective” (pp. 285-313), *IJCS* 3(3), December 2012. Also as Chapter 1: “Social Justice, democracy and the politics of development: The People’s Republic of China in global perspective” (pp. 31-59) in Emile Kok-Kheng Yeoh (ed.) (2013), *China: Developmental Model, state-civil societal interplay and foreign relations – ICS tenth anniversary commemorative anthology*, Kuala Lumpur: Institute of China Studies, University of Malaya, 745 pp. + xxi <<https://www.dropbox.com/s/ty2j9w901gnjmv6/ICS-10Anniv-book-250913-with-cover-horiz-plates3-7-xxi-aligned-736-7Scopus.pdf>>

2. Arif Dirlik, “June Fourth at 25: Forget Tiananmen, you don’t want to hurt the Chinese people’s feelings – and miss out on the business of the new ‘New China’!” (pp. 295-329), *IJCS* 5(2), June/August 2014.
3. Arif Dirlik, “The mouse that roared: The democratic movement in Hong Kong” (pp. 665-681), *CCPS* 2(2), August/September 2016.
4. Arif was also formerly a Distinguished Visiting Fellow at the Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies, University of British Columbia, has held honorary appointments at China Center for Comparative Politics and Economics, Central Compilation and Translation Bureau, Beijing, the Center for the Study of Marxist Social Theory, Nanjing University, Northwest Nationalities University, Lanzhou, PRC, and has taught at the Chinese University of Hong Kong.
5. Arif has published over fifteen books and numerous articles. His 1997 book *The postcolonial aura: Third World criticism in the age of global capitalism* (Westview) is a trenchant analysis and critique of postcolonial theory, and an assessment of its adequacy to the contemporary situation. *After the revolution: Waking to global capitalism* (Wesleyan, 1994) posed a similar set of challenges to Marxist theory, calling for a new set of oppositional practices and modes of critique that respond to the situation of a newly hegemonic global capitalism and the demise of the socialist states. Arif’s other books include *Places and politics in the age of global capital* edited with Roxann Prazniak (Rowman and Littlefield, 2001), *Postmodernity’s histories: The past as legacy and project* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2000), *What is in a rim? Critical perspectives on the Pacific region idea* (Westview, 1993), and *Anarchism in the Chinese Revolution* (University of California, 1991). His various other recent book-length publications include *Selected works of Arif Dirlik* (2010, in Turkish), *Pedagogies of the global: Knowledge in the Human Interest* (Routledge, September 2006), *Global modernity: Modernity in the age of global capitalism* (Routledge, December 2006), and three edited volumes,

Snapshots of intellectual life in contemporary China (Duke University Press, July 2008, special issue of *boundary 2: an international journal of literature and culture*), *The formation and indigenization of the disciplines in China: Sociology and anthropology* (The Chinese University Press, Hong Kong, 2012) and *The end of the peasant? Global capitalism and the future of agrarian society* (Routledge, November 2015). His other publications in English include *Revolution and history: Origins of Marxist historiography in China, 1919-1937* (University of California Press, 1978), *The Origins of Chinese Communism* (Oxford University Press, January 19, 1989), *Marxism in the Chinese Revolution* (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, June 2005), *Schools into fields and factories: Anarchists, the Guomindang, and the National Labor University in Shanghai, 1927-1932* (Duke University Press, August 1991), and *Culture and history in postrevolutionary China: The perspective of global modernity* (The Chinese University Press., Hong Kong, March 2012).

6. *State, governance and civil societal response in contemporary China: Critical issues in the 21st Century* (*International Journal of China Studies*, Vol. 3, No. 3, December 2012, pp. 229-532 – special issue edited by Emile Kok-Kheng Yeoh). <<https://www.dropbox.com/s/mrliqaizycaq3pe/IJCS-V3N3-combined-text-cover-hi-res-280413-p417-sets.pdf>>
7. *June Fourth at 25: The quarter-century legacy of Tiananmen* (*International Journal of China Studies*, Vol. 5, No. 2, June/August 2014, pp. 197-563 – special issue edited by Emile Kok-Kheng Yeoh). <<https://www.dropbox.com/s/1x335y8yf504anr/IJCS-V5N2-combined-text-cover.pdf>>
8. *From Handover to Occupy Campaign: Democracy, identity and the Umbrella Movement of Hong Kong* (*Contemporary Chinese Political Economy and Strategic Relations: An International Journal (CCPS)*, Vol. 2, No. 2, August/September 2016, pp. 635-984 – focus issue edited by Joseph Yu-shek Cheng and Emile Kok-Kheng Yeoh). <<http://icaps.nsysu.edu.tw/ezfiles/122/1122/img/2375/165090456.pdf>> <<https://www.dropbox.com/s/1x335y8yf504anr/IJCS-V5N2-combined-text-cover.pdf>>

com/s/laezk1sfx85mr93/CCPS-V2N2-full-issue.pdf>

9. *Hong Kong twenty years after the Handover: Quo vadis? (Contemporary Chinese Political Economy and Strategic Relations: An International Journal (CCPS), Vol. 3, No. 2, July/August 2017, pp. 523-999 – focus issue edited by Joseph Yu-shek Cheng and Emile Kok-Kheng Yeoh). <[http://icaps.nsysu.edu.tw/ezfiles/122/1122/img/2374/CCPS3\(2\)-full-issue\(2\).pdf](http://icaps.nsysu.edu.tw/ezfiles/122/1122/img/2374/CCPS3(2)-full-issue(2).pdf)> <<https://www.dropbox.com/s/4d4hackrq0dz743/CCPS-V3N2-full-issue.pdf>>*

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environment (edited special issue, CCPS, 2017, 521 pp. + xviii), *From Handover to Occupy Campaign: Democracy, identity and the Umbrella Movement of Hong Kong* (edited focus issue, CCPS, 2016, 350 pp. + xviii), *China amidst competing dynamics in the Asia-Pacific: National identity, economic integration and political governance* (edited special issue, CCPS, 2016, 633 pp. + xv), *Crossing the Chinese frontier: Nation, community, identity and mobility* (edited special issue, CCPS, 2015, 410 pp. + xv), “Rising China as a regional power and its new assertiveness in the South China Sea” (book chapter, Palgrave Macmillan, 2014), *China – State, public policy and society* (guest edited special issue, *The Copenhagen Journal of Asian Studies*, 2014, 140 pp.), *June Fourth at 25: The quarter-century legacy of Tiananmen* (edited special issue, *IJCS*, 2014, 367 pp. + xv), “Poverty reduction, welfare provision and social security challenges in China” (book chapter, Routledge, 2014), *Taiwan: Democracy, cross-Strait relations and regional security* (edited focus issue, *IJCS*, 2014, 195 pp. + x), “Evolving agencies amid rapid social change: Political leadership and State-civil society relations in China” (book chapter, Palgrave Macmillan, 2013), “中國—東南亞關係：中國能源安全政策的區域安全戰略分析” [China-ASEAN relations: analysis on regional security strategy of China’s energy security policy] (book chapter, Wu-Nan, Taipei, 2014), *China: Developmental model, State-civil societal interplay and foreign relations* (edited monograph, 745 pp. + xxi, ICS, 2013), “Fiscal reform, decentralization and poverty alleviation in the context of China’s 12th Five-Year Plan” (*Journal of Asian Public Policy*, Routledge, 2012) and “The role of China in Asia-Pacific trade framework in the context of APEC” (book chapter, World Scientific, 2011). His latest research projects include the Equitable Society Research Cluster UMRG Programme on Public Administration and Governance (2016-2018, principal investigator), Malaysian Ministry of Higher Education / University of Malaya High-Impact Research (HIR) Grant project “The

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