Journal of China in Comparative Perspective
《中国比较研究》

Notes for contributors

Statement of aims

Journal of China in Comparative Perspective (*JCCP*) publishes original multi-disciplinary and interdisciplinary comparative research on China on a wide range of topics in the social and human sciences. It encourages debate, cooperation and co-authorship on the same issue or theme from different disciplines (including politics, economics, international relations, history, sociology, anthropology and cultural psychology and methodology). Its aim is to bring out the best in scholarship, transcending traditional academic boundaries in an innovative manner.

We encourage contributors to put China and the Chinese into comparative perspective as far as they can. *JCCP* is not simply about China – there are already several excellent China journals. It will be about looking at China from a comparative viewpoint as a player in broader patterns of development, ideas, movements, networks, and systems. Comparison includes using China as a case study to examine a generally applicable theory, or drawing analytical conclusions from comparative data about China and some other country or context. The comparison may be regional or global, historical or contemporary, and it may involve a comparison of perceptions: China's perceptions of others and others' perceptions of China in the context of China's encounter with the outside world in the political, economic, military or cultural sense.

We also accept articles that draw contrasts between China and non-China, Chinese people and non-Chinese people, or academic debates and dialogues between Chinese and non-Chinese.

In addition to research articles, research reports and commentaries, *JCCP* also publishes periodic symposia on selected topics, in-depth review articles on particular areas of scholarship and reviews of books of unusual quality and significance for the study of China in comparative perspective. Certain issues of *JCCP* may focus on a particular subject, and we welcome suggestions for themes.

JCCP is a strictly non-partisan publication and does not support or discriminate against any political, ideological or religious viewpoint. In accordance with standard academic practice, articles submitted for publication in *JCCP* are subjected to a rigorous process of blind peer review. Although it was conceived as an academic journal, the editorial policy is to ensure that articles that appear therein are of interest beyond the academic arena to policymakers as well as readers with a general interest in China-related themes.

Submissions

JCCP invites submissions of original, previously unpublished articles in English, Chinese or both languages. Please read our guidelines, which you will find under the following headings.

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Important: Please check requirements as set out in the sections listed before submission. Articles that do not meet our requirements will be returned without consideration.

Dual-language elements

- We strongly encourage our contributors to submit articles in both English and Chinese versions because we produce separate English and Chinese editions of *JCCP*.
- If this is impossible, articles can be submitted in either English or Chinese without translation.
- In such cases, we ask authors to provide a one-page Summary of approximately 500 characters in Chinese for articles written in English or of 500 words in English for articles written in Chinese.
- It is the contributors' responsibility to ensure that the quality of the translated version meets our standards. If we find it to be 60 per cent unsatisfactory, we will be unable to send it to our reviewers straight away and will require an improved translation to be provided. *JCCP* offers a translation service at lower than market rates.

Articles and themes

- Articles submitted should be consistent with the aims of *JCCP*. Please read our statement of aims carefully before submitting.

- We also welcome proposals for whole issues of *JCCP* focused on a common theme. If accepted, the proposers of successful subjects for theme-based issues are invited to act as Guest Editors of *JCCP*. Note that each contribution to a specially edited themed issue will have to pass through the normal reviewing process.

Book reviews

- We have compiled a list of more than 170 titles for review. The list can be accessed here: **www.journal.gci-uk.org/booklist**
- We also welcome reviews of books and other related published materials not on this list and of interest to readers of *JCCP*.
- If you would like to write a book review or a review essay, please complete the book(s) request form on the *JCCP* website at:
  www.journal.gci-uk.org/bookreviews
  We can then arrange for the book(s) to be posted to you at the address you specify on the online form.
- The Guidance for contributors presented in this document applies to both book reviews and review essays.
- **Important:** please place a short bio (100 – 150 words) at the end of your book review or review essay since there is no need to submit a separate cover page.

General submission guidelines

- The preferred length for an article is 6-8,000 English words, or 10-12,000 Chinese characters.. If your proposed article exceeds this limit, please correspond with editors via email: **journal@gci-uk.org**
- Please submit your article as an attached file by email. Please save files in Microsoft Word, or as a text file.
- Manuscripts should be typed and double-spaced throughout.
- Refereeing is anonymous, so please exclude your name from the title. Authors' names, titles and affiliations, with complete mailing addresses, email addresses and telephone number, should appear on a separate cover page.

Reviewing procedures

- All articles submitted are blind-read by two editors, who decide whether they are in principle suitable for publication in *JCCP*.
- If yes, the manuscript is then sent to a member of the Editorial Board and at least two recommended assessors from the International Advisory Board for further review. The manuscript will then be returned to the contributor(s) with comments for revision and recommendations for final submission.

- The whole reviewing procedure should in normal circumstances take no longer than three months. We expect any required or recommended revisions to the submitted manuscript to be completed within four weeks. We reserve the right to decide whether the revisions have been sufficient to warrant publication.
- The editors will not consider manuscripts that are under consideration by other publishers. Once submitted to *JCCP*, it is assumed that articles will not be sent to other publishers until a decision has been made about inclusion.

Title page and affiliation

The title page of the article should be separate from the main body and should include:
- The full name(s) of the author(s) in both English and Chinese
- Academic or other personal affiliation
- Contact details of corresponding author

Abstract, keywords and summary

- Please supply an Abstract of no more than 150 words.
- Please supply five Keywords or phrases for the final version of your article in both English and Chinese.
- In addition, submissions in English need a Summary of 500 characters in Chinese after the Abstract. Submissions in Chinese need a Summary of 500 words in English after the Abstract, to set out the aims and content of the article, which are to be elaborated in the main text.

Word limits

- Research reports: up to 5,000 English words; 8,000 Chinese characters
- Commentaries or short articles: up to 3,000 words; 5,000 Chinese characters
- Review essays: 2,000–4,000 English words; 3,000–5,000 Chinese characters
- Book reviews: 1,000–2,000 English words; 2,000–3,000 Chinese characters
- Letters and news: up to 500 English words; 800 Chinese characters.

Presentation and copy-editing

We are not able to provide copy-editing services: please ensure that all manuscripts sent to us are ready for typesetting:
- Microsoft Word file
- Font: Times New Roman
- Font size: text 12; notes 10

- Line spacing: double lines (including notes and list of references)
- Right-hand margins should not be justified
- Please use 'sentence case' for the main title, subtitle, subheadings, and for titles of tables, figures and illustrations.
- Footnotes (no endnotes).

Referencing

We accept three styles:

- Author-Date style (also known as Harvard style). Most social scientists are used to Author-Date, so please use it if you wish.
- Footnote style. If your article tends to the textual and incorporates size-able quotes, the footnote format may be more suitable. *JCCP* prefers that authors give quotes in English translation in the main text; however, footnotes have the benefit of allowing the quote in the original language to be viewed at the same time.
- A combination of Author-Date style and Footnote style.
- For English articles please download our guidelines from:
  www.journal.gci-uk.org/English-guidelines
- For Chinese articles please download the style of the Chinese Social Science Publishing House from:
  www.journal.gci-uk.org/Chinese-guidlines

Tables, figures and illustrations

- Tables and figures should be provided separately from the submission of the main text (e.g. as email attachments). Authors should indicate their preferred location for each Table or Figure with a note in the main text, e.g. 'Figure 1 around here'.
- Line diagrams should be in a format suitable for immediate reproduction and without any need for redrawing.
- Illustrations should be high resolution.
- Photographs should be black and white and presented using a wide range of contrast.
- All tables, figures and illustrations should be accompanied by a brief caption or title.
- The text above and below, and preferably in, tables and figures should be in the same font as the main text, where possible, but smaller.
- Please check consistency of rendering of words and phrases between figures and tables and the main text, e.g. use the same spacing between numbers and units of measurement, spell words in the same way, use consistent capitalization.

- The title and caption of a figure should be positioned below the figure, in this format:

  Figure 1: Inheritance tree for family K. [full stop at the end]
- Figures with several parts to them may be captioned thus:

  Figure 1: Spin-polarized lasing at room temperature. (a) Angle-resolved luminescence images at lasing threshold. (b) Energy vs in-plane momentum. [notice punctuation]
- The title of a table should be positioned above the table, in this format:

  Table 1: The inheritance of family K [no stop at the end]

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Notes on rendering Chinese names

- Normally a Chinese surname (or family name) is composed of one single Chinese character (e.g. Zhao, Qian, Sun or Li) or occasionally two Chinese characters (e.g. Ouyang).
- In common usage, Chinese names are written surname (typically shorter) first, followed by first names (typically longer because they are composed of two Chinese characters, e.g. Wang Laowu, sometimes with '-' in the middle).
- In practice, overseas Chinese always put their surnames last in accordance with English name order, e.g. Laowu Wang.
- In some cases, Chinese first names are composed of a single character, e.g. Zhang San , or ZHANG San.
- In *JCCP*, if you see a surname in front of first names you can assume that person is mainland Chinese. All Chinese names are written in pinyin form, which is not italicized, as is the case for names of places, e.g. Beijing or Shanghai.
- There are exceptions, as individuals sometimes present their English names in their own way, which is acceptable.
- Ways of desplaying Chinese characters after English [e.g. different names of the same author: Fei Xiaotong/Fei Hsiao-Tung 费孝通; phrase: all under Heaven (*tianxia* 天下)].

Email addresses for submissions

- **journal@gci-uk.org** for submissions and general matters
- **books@gci-uk.org** for book reviews and related matters

Examples of topics and themes for *JCCP*

The coverage of *JCCP* is very broad. For your reference, we list 30 themes below. Most of them were initiated by Professor Stephan Feuchtwang in 2006 as the core of the MSc course in China in Comparative Perspective, LSE. The list has been updated over the last 10 years:

1. World systems and views of *tianxia* 天下
2. Occidentalism and Orientalism
3. Civilizations and culture
4. Religions and beliefs
5. Empire and bureaucracy
6. Long-term historical and political–economic comparisons
7. Industrial revolution
8. Demographic transitions
9. Race, nations and states
10. Revolution and Cold War
11. Socialism and post-socialism
12. The countryside and rural areas
13. The city and town
14. Migration and immigration
15. Family and gender
16. Medicine and healthcare
17. Economy and finance
18. Science and technology
19. Schooling and education
20. Sports and the arts
21. Rule of law and rule of *li* 礼治
22. Media and communication
23. Environment and climate change
24. Defence and military affairs
25. Political parties and governments
26. Democracy and social governance
27. Foreign affairs and international relations
28. Civil society and the global society
29. Area studies and China studies
30. Social science theory, methodology and the Chinese way of thinking