

International conference “The Question of China’s Leadership in a New World Order” and the 30th Annual Meeting of the Association of Chinese Professors of Social Sciences in the United States (ACPSS) were successfully held at Pacific Lutheran University in Washington State, USA, October 10-12.

The Association of Chinese Professors of Social Sciences in the United States (ACPSS) held its 30th international conference at Pacific Lutheran University in Washington State from October 10-12, 2025. This year’s conference featured the theme “The Question of China’s Leadership in a New World Order” and drew over 30 scholars from both the U.S. and China to present research papers and participate in theme-related roundtable discussions across 10 panels.



Figure 1: group picture

Pacific Lutheran University (PLU), founded in 1890 in Parkland, Washington, is a private liberal arts institution affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Integrating academic excellence with global engagement and service, PLU offers more than 40 undergraduate majors and several graduate programs. The university emphasizes inquiry, leadership, and care, fostering

a close-knit learning community known for its strong commitment to social responsibility and international education.



Figure 2. Pacific Lutheran University

The global geopolitical landscape is undergoing profound transformation. Political shifts in the United States have reshaped international alliances, making China–U.S. relations a decisive factor in world affairs. As the U.S. retreats from some global institutions, China’s leadership role has grown—bringing both opportunities and challenges. This conference invites scholars from multiple disciplines to discuss how China can sustain strategic stability, strengthen its international leadership, and build new partnerships amid an evolving global order.

At the opening ceremony of the conference, Professor Daliang Wang, President of the ACPSS and Chair of the Department of World Languages and Literatures at High Point University, delivered the welcome address. On behalf of the association and all participants, he expressed heartfelt gratitude to the host institution, especially to Professor Zhu Xi, Professor Zhou Jun and their colleagues from PLU and the Confucius Institute, for their active support and invaluable assistance in making this year’s annual meeting a success.



Figure 3. Opening Ceremony

On October 11, the conference convened multiple parallel discussion panels, bringing together more than thirty scholars from across the United States and China representing various fields in the humanities and social sciences. Held in a hybrid format, the event featured over thirty

presentations showcasing the latest research on Chinese history, culture, society, and international relations. The papers cover topics such as the cross-cultural transmission of Chinese classics in the West, reflections on leadership and philosophy, the development of Chinese martial arts in the United States, and cultural comparisons between China and America. Other presenters examined translation, Chinese intellectuals abroad, and global education exchange.

In sociology and political science, papers addressed China’s social transformation, gender and justice, and ethnic relations. Education sessions explored language instruction and intercultural competence, while studies in history and international relations analyzed hydraulic politics, the evolution of modern legal concepts, and post–Cold War U.S.–China relations. The atmosphere was lively and collegial, marked by active interdisciplinary dialogue and mutual learning—reflecting an open and intellectually vibrant scholarship engagement.



Figure 4. Conference pictures

The business meeting following the conference provided updates on the association’s latest developments and tentatively confirmed Temple University as the host institution for next year’s conference.

More conference pictures are attached below:







