

Xiaogang Wu, Professor of Social Sciences and Public Policy, the Director of HKUST Center for Applied Social and Economic Research (CASER), has been elected as the 16th President of the North American Chinese Sociologists Association (NACSA) for a two-year term (2018-2019). The members also have voted for the renaming of NACSA to the International Chinese Sociological Association (ICSA). Prof. Wu will also be the Inaugural President of the ICSA.

The NACSA, a nonprofit association registered in California, aims to promote social scientific research on Chinese societies, cultures, and populations in the world. The association functions to foster scholarly exchanges and to facilitate a continuing dialogue among sociologists of Chinese and non-Chinese descent in North America, Pacific Asia, and elsewhere in the global community. To achieve this goal, the NACSA organizes annual conferences, publishes newsletters, and carry out cooperative activities, including professional exchanges, joint research, information networks, and scholarly visits. NACSA members come from the US, Canada, Mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau, and Singapore, and elsewhere.

Prof. WU's received his PhD in sociology from UCLA and has been a faculty member of Social Science Division at HKUST since 2003. He is the third president elected from the faculty of Social Science Division, HKUST. Previously, Prof. Alvin So and Prof. Yanjie Bian had served as the NACSA president, respectively, in 1997-1998 and 2002-2003. Prof. Nan Lin (Oscar L. Tang Family Professor Emeritus of Sociology, Duke University) was the Inaugural President of the NACSA from 1981 to 1990.

With the rapid economic development and government's huge investment in higher education, more and more scholars in Asia, especially in mainland China, have been participating in the NACSA activities. In response to this trend in globalization of social scientific research on the greater China, NACSA is renamed AS ICSA. ICSA will continue to the association's missions, to organize symposiums and annual conferences, to re-enforce the connections between scholars in North American and scholars in the Greater China, expand the association's influence and further integrate us in this intellectual community to benefit young scholars and graduate students.

(Information of the NACSA is obtained from the association's website

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(Professor Xiaogang Wu with NACSA Founding President, Prof. Nan Lin of Duke University in Guangzhou, Dec 2017)