

**ALBERT SHANKER INSTITUTE
LABOR LAW REFORM IN CHINA:
WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS FOR WORKER RIGHTS?
FOR POLITICAL LIBERALIZATION?**

January 15-16, 2008
Hyatt Regency Washington
400 New Jersey Avenue, NW
Washington, DC

Tuesday, January 15th

Columbia-A Room

6:00 p.m. *Reception*

6:30 p.m. *Dinner*

WELCOME

Edward J. McElroy

President, Albert Shanker Institute & American Federation of Teachers

CHINA'S VALUES CRISIS:

THE TENSION BETWEEN IDEOLOGY AND REALITY

Perry Link

Professor of East Asian Studies, Princeton University

Discussion

Wednesday, January 16th

Valley Forge Room

8:30 a.m. *Continental Breakfast*

9:00 a.m. **ANTICIPATING THE NEW LABOR LAW:
WHAT CAN CHINESE WORKERS EXPECT?**

Mary Gallagher

Assistant Professor, Center for Chinese Studies, University of Michigan

Respondents:

Earl Brown

Director, Greater China Program, Solidarity Center, AFL-CIO

Li Qiang,

Executive Director, China Labor Watch

Moderator:

Leo Casey

Vice President, Academic High Schools, United Federation of Teachers

9:45 a.m. *Discussion*

10:30 a.m. *Break*

10:45 a.m. **PROSPECTS FOR THE LEGAL DEFENSE OF WORKERS:
STRATEGY, RISKS, COSTS, AND BENEFITS**

Han Dongfang
Director, China Labour Bulletin

Respondents:

Pat Dyson
Senior Counsel for Labor Affairs, Congressional-Executive Commission on China

Sharon Hom
Executive Director, Human Rights in China

Moderator:

Eugenia Kemble
Executive Director, Albert Shanker Institute

11:30 a.m. *Discussion*

12:15 p.m. *Lunch*

1:00 p.m. **LABOR LAW REFORM AND THE BIG PICTURE:
THE ROAD TO FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION AND POLITICAL CHANGE?**

Panel:

Tim Beaty
Director, Global Strategies, United Brotherhood of Teamsters

Herb Magidson
Shanker Board Member; Former Vice President, American Federation of Teachers

Lee Cheuk Yan (invited)
Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions

Moderator:

Nat LaCour
Secretary Treasurer, American Federation of Teachers

1:45 pm *Discussion*

2:30 p.m. **WRAP UP**
Edward J. McElroy
President, Albert Shanker Institute & American Federation of Teachers

3:30 **Adjourn**