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Negatives have been transferred to Pictorial Collections of The Bancroft Library.
Acquisition Information
The Franz Schurmann papers were gifted to the Bancroft Library by Franz Schurmann in 1995.
Accruals
No additions are expected.
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Processed by Lara Michels in 2013.
Biographical Information
Franz Schurmann, born in 1926 in Astoria, Queens, was an American sociologist and historian (though he referred to himself as an explorer-journalist). An expert on China during the Cold War, Schurmann taught in both the Departments of History and Sociology at the University of California, Berkeley for thirty-eight years. He also served for some time as the head of the Center for Chinese Studies. Schurmann was fluent in as many as twelve languages (partly the product of the fact that his father spoke five). He served in World War II, during which he met Stephen Brecht, the son of Bertolt Brecht. The two would remain friends and Schurmann was known to spend graduate school summers at Brecht's house in Southern California. Schurmann received his Ph.D. in Asian Studies from Harvard University after the war. One of his first major projects was to spend two years in Afghanistan during the late 1950s documenting a tribe thought to be descended
Schurmann's major work was his book Ideology and Organization in Communist China, which was first published in 1966 at the start of Mao's Cultural Revolution. Schurmann was an opponent of the Vietnam War and founded the Berkeley Faculty Peace Committee in 1964. He toured parts of Vietnam in 1968 with fellow activist Mary McCarthy. Schurmann also was instrumental in starting the Pacific News Service in 1970 in order to bring more journalism about Asia to the United States.

**Scope and Content of Collection**

The collection includes correspondence; writings; research files; professional and personal materials; and audio-visual. The correspondence mostly dates from 1960 to 1970 and documents both personal and professional activities. Schurmann's writing files include drafts of some of his books as well as manuscript versions of talks, lectures, and unpublished essays, mostly on Chinese topics but also on issues relating to the Vietnam War. Among Schurmann's personal and professional materials are pages from journals or self-reflections kept by Schurmann during the 1960s, which document, in detail, his personal life as well as his thoughts on his work process and on places and events. Of particular note are Schurmann's journals of his trips to Vietnam and Cuba with political activist Mary McCarthy in 1968 as well as his journals from Paris in 1962 (in which he comments extensively on contemporary events such as the Cuban Missile Crisis). There are also cassette tapes mainly relating to Vietnam and Cuba and five reel-to-reel audio tapes, at least one of which derives from Schurmann's work in Afghanistan in the late 1950s. The final series consists of Schurmann's personal professional files which had been retained by the Center for Chinese Studies and were transferred to The Bancroft Library in 2014.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Vietnam War, 1961-1975--Peace
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Schurmann, Franz, 1926-2010
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**Correspondence. Series 1: 1960-1970, 1987 undated**

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Preliminary draft of a volume to be entitled Nomads of the World, 1956-1957

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Leadership and Organization in Communist China (book manuscript), circa 1968

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Ideology and Organization in Communist China (book manuscript), circa 1968

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Storm Over America-Storm Over China (manuscript), 18 June 1969

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Book System and Organization in Communist China (manuscript fragments) undated

Family and Property in China with Particular Reference to the Southern Sung (book manuscript), 1955

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Some Propositions on the Political Economy of the Socialist Countries (manuscript of text prepared for the Conference on Soviet and Chinese Communism: Similarities and Difference; held in Lake Tahoe), >1965

carton 2, folder 14
Communist China Today: The Great Leap Forward (manuscript of talk given before the Graduate Sociology Club at UC Berkeley), 1958

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Organizational Contrasts between Communist China and the Soviet Union (manuscript), undated
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Economic Policy and Political Power in Communist China (manuscript), undated

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Monarch and Religion (manuscript), undated

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On Imperialism (manuscript), 31 July 1967

carton 2, folder 22
Mao Tse-Tung (manuscript of talk delivered at the Center for Chinese Studies Seminar on 8 February 1965), 1965

carton 2, folder 23
Industrial Management in the People's Republic of China (manuscript of paper prepared for The First Research Conference on the Social Science Research Council Committee on the Economy of China in Berkeley), 1963

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Assorted writings, circa 1957-1970

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A Brief Essay on Comparative Analysis of the Soviet Union and China (manuscript), undated

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Draft of Chronology of Selected Events in 1957 Relevant to the Great Leap Forward (manuscript), 1964

carton 2, folder 27
Comparative Politics of Russia and China, 1965

carton 2, folder 28
The Prospects for Free Society in the Developing Countries (manuscript of essay to be read in advance of the meeting of the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions), 1962

carton 2, folder 29
State Over Society (manuscript), undated

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Organizational Contrast Between Communist China and the Soviet Union (manuscript), 1961

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Functional Autonomy and Absolute Authority (Organizational Theory and Practice in Communist China Lecture, Social Science Research Colloquium), 1962

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On Monarchy and Bureaucracy in China (manuscript for 1959 Conference on Political Power in Traditional China),

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Socialism in Vietnam and Cuba (manuscript), 1969

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Communist China - Freedom and Constraint in Decision-Making (manuscript), undated

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An Essay on Domestic Factors Influencing Decision-Making in Communist China (manuscript for Council on Foreign Relations, The United States and China in World Affairs), 1964

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A Proposition on the Separation of Policy and Operations in China (manuscript for University Seminar on Modern East Asia: China and University Seminar on International Communism, Columbia University), 1967

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Assorted writings on Vietnam and the Vietnam War, circa 1967

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The Revolution and the People: China (manuscripts of scrips for filmstrips), undated

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The Act and Process of Revolution (manuscript of talk before the Graduate Sociology Club), 1965

carton 3, folder 8
Analysis of the monograph, undated

carton 3, folder 9
Centralization and Decentralization in Communist China (assorted notes and fragments),

carton 3, folder 10
China - Hong Kong: Impressions over the Year (manuscript), 1961

carton 3, folder 11
China - The Possibilities of Peace and Disarmament (manuscript/notes), undated

carton 3, folder 12
The Chinese Attitude Toward Nuclear War and Wars of Liberation (manuscript/notes), undated

carton 3, folder 13
The Chinese N.E.P. - Transition or Beginning? (manuscript of advance copy of article in the China Quarterly), 1963

carton 3, folder 14
Communism in China (manuscript of lecture), undated

carton 3, folder 15
Comparative Politics of Russia and China (unrevised manuscript of paper delivered at American Political Science Association meeting), 1965

carton 3, folder 16
Creeping Escalation - From a Little War to a Big War, undated

carton 3, folder 17
Crisis in Vietnam, circa 1967

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Foriegn Politics of Richard Nixon (manuscript drafts of chapters), undated

carton 3, folder 21
Functional Autonomy and Absolute Authority (manuscript draft of paper presented for the Organizational Theory and Practice in China Lecture, Social Science Research Colloquium), 1962
carton 3, folder 22  Review of Ping-ti Ho’s Studies on the Polulation of China, 1959
carton 3, folder 23  Assorted book reviews, 1957-1960
carton 3, folder 24  The Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution (manuscript of talk before Political Science Club), undated
carton 3, folder 25  Human Volition and Organizational Demand, 1963
carton 3, folder 26  Early Industrialization of China and Japan, undated
carton 3, folder 27  Intellectual Status and Social Stratification in China, undated
carton 3, folder 28  Letter from Hong Kong - Observations on Recent Internal Developments in China, 1961
carton 3, folder 29  Letter from Hong Kong - Some Comments on the Sino-Soviet Dialogue, 1960
carton 3, folder 30  Mass Level Organization in Communist China (manuscript for the Third International Sovietological Conference in Japan), 1960
carton 3, folder 31  The New Left and its Critique, 1966
carton 3, folder 32  Notes and comments on the state of the Chinese economy, circa 1963
carton 3, folder 33  Notes on the conflict of the territorial and functional principles of organization, undated
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carton 3, folder 41  On why I should be concerned about Vietnam and A Dream (two manuscripts), 1966
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carton 3, folder 44  Organization and Tensions in Communist China, undated
carton 3, folder 45  Organisation und flexibilität der KP in der Sowjetunion und in China, undated
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carton 3, folder 47  Oriental Despotism (manuscript of talk given before the Kroeber Anthropological Society), 1958
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carton 3, folder 57  Sociology and Asian Studies (manuscript of talk before the Graduate Sociology Club), 1956
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carton 3, folder 59  Some Comments on Reading Allen Whiting’s Moscow and Peking: Suspended Dialogue?, undated
carton 3, folder 60  Soviet Society and Chinese Society - Contrasts and Comparisons, 1960
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carton 3, folder 62  Why they Fear the New Left, circa 1966
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Scope and Contents
Includes files on the following courses taught by Schurmann at UC Berkeley: History 19B, History 100, History 102, History 117, History 184, History 189, History 191, History 280, History 291, Sociology 117, Sociology 120, Sociology 135, Sociology 141, Sociology 142, Sociology 145, Sociology 184, Sociology 237, Sociology 241.

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- Asian Survey,
- Camelot (Project Camelot),
- Congress of American Professors,
- Center for Chinese Studies,
- China and Japan,
- China seminar,
- Chinese economy project,
- Committee on Republican China,
- Comparative Communism Project,
- Comparative Development Group,
- Cuba,
- Economic problems,
- Gould House,
- Hanoi,
- Hong Kong research base,
- Ideas,
- Institutes,
- Interviews (mainly with Chinese men and women),
- Lydia Hirsch: Analytical Subject and Name Index of Economic Structure of the Yuan Dynasty,
- Mao poetry,
- National Science Foundation,
- On Action,
- Organization in Commerce,
- Pao-Kung,
- Papers from 1959 Conference on Political Power in Traditional China,
- Party in factories,
- Planning and policy,
- Pre-Liberation Industry,
- Premiums,
- Principles of industrial management,
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- Production costs,
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Scope and Contents

This series includes biographical and bibliographical materials, some materials relating to Schurmann's professional activities at UC Berkeley and elsewhere, and pages from journals or self-reflections (called Selbstbeschauung by Schurmann) kept by Schurmann during the 1960s. These journal pages document, in detail, Schurmann's personal life as well as his thoughts on his work process and on places and events. Of particular note are Schurmann's journals of his trips to Vietnam and Cuba with political activist Mary McCarthy in 1968 as well as his journals from Paris in 1962 (in which he comments extensively on contemporary events such as the Cuban Missile Crisis). All of Schurmann's journals are in carton 6.


Physical Description: box 2; cardfile box 1

box 2  Five unidentified reel-to-reel audio tapes (may be related to Schurmann’s work in Afghanistan in the late 1950s),

**Cardfile-box 1**

**Cassette audio-tapes,**

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Titles on tapes: Hoa-binh; Prof. Ton That Tung’s Message; Music, Poetry (Hanoi) Ecole de Beaux Arts, Mar. 23, 1968; Hu’ng Yen Province, Mar. 25, 1968; March 28; Col. Ha Van Liau 23/03/68; Isla des Pinos; Fidel; Cuba CDR; untitled

**Files from the Center for Chinese Studies Series 6 1958-1968**

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This series consists of Schurmann’s personal professional files which had been retained by the Center for Chinese Studies and were transferred to The Bancroft Library in 2014. Included are topical files, files on conferences and lectures and correspondence files.

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China Reader 1966-1967
Education and World Affairs 1963-1966
Ideology and Organization in Communist China 1967
International Arts and Science Press 1966
Manuscripts and Reviews 1963-1966

Peace Organizations 1966
Politics of Escalation 1966-1967
Students 1964-1967

U.C. Press 1964-1966
Travel 1963-1968
Vietnam 1965-1966
Subcommittee on Research on Chinese Society- 10th Seminar 1964
Conferences and Lectures 1964-1966

Correspondence 1958-1968