

Dear Sir or Ms,

We are a social scientist in Hong Kong and a media studies specialist in Macau who are doing a study of the spring 2008 demonstrations by Chinese in North America and Europe about the Tibet question. Our study is funded by an institute of the Annenberg School of Communication at the University of Southern California.

We would like to write an academic article based mainly on interviews with demonstration organizers and participants. The demonstrations were something new and important in the history of Chinese overseas. It was the first time that there were large demonstrations by Chinese overseas about the Tibet question and the first time that widespread skepticism was expressed by overseas Chinese about how the Western media portray China. We believe that many people will be interested in what those who organized or attended the demonstrations have to say about them.

In April, we will travel to Europe to interview those who organized or participated in the spring 2008 demonstrations. May we see you then? We promise to only take a bit of your time.

Thank you for any help that we may receive on this matter. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

尊敬的 XX 先生/女士,

您好!

我们是来自香港和澳门的学者（来自香港的社会科学研究者 Barry Sautman，和来自澳门的传媒研究者李颖），目前正从事一项有关 2008 年上半年北美和欧洲海外华人华侨为奥运和西藏问题走上街头游行等活动这一现象的研究。我们的研究得益于美国南加州大学安那勃格传播学院的资助。我们从新闻报道和互联网上得知您和您的组织参与了当时的游行等活动，随后又通过网络搜索找到了您的联络方式。

我们有意要通过采访组织和参与为奥运和西藏问题游行等活动的华人华侨，以了解更多情况，最终完成一篇学术论文。我们为这次的游行等活动在海外华人华侨的历史上是有重要意义的。此前，从有如此大量的华人华侨涌上街头，表达他们对西藏问题的看法。也是第一次，他们公开表达了西方媒体有关中国的报导普遍持有的怀疑态度。我们信学术界内外都有很多人想知道那些游行等活动的组织者和参与者们是怎样想的，有什么经验教训可以分享。

2009 年 4 月初，我们会到欧洲行实地考察和采访。请问您能有时间和我们见面吗？我们诺我们会占用您一点点的时间。

如果您能抽出时间和我们见面谈谈，我们不胜感激。如果您不能帮忙，您给我们提供其他相关的人的信息以便我们联络吗？我们分盼望能收到您的答复！

敬佳祉！

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