# Regional Conference on Public Policy - Hong Kong

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# Regional Conference on Public Policy – Hong Kong Coping with Policy Complexity in the Globalized World

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The Conference addresses the many dimensions of policy complexity and its impact on public policy, reflecting the diverse efforts and experiences of different societies in coping with challenges brought about by globalization. Specifically, the Conference focuses on understanding policy complexity and its many manifestations, assessing critically the challenges posed to policy actors in the public, business and social sectors. It aims to investigate how policy actors in different societies have coped with the complexity through institutional, instrumental, and managerial innovations, and to explore how the diverse experiences might coalesce to form the basis for new knowledge and insights for the study and practice of public policy. The Steering Committee is particularly interested to address these issues from the perspective of East-West comparison.

This Conference will be organized in a series of clusters or tracks. In each of the clusters there will be a series of panels and activities taking place throughout the conference. This organization will enable the participants to engage in more extended discussions of those topics. The panels in the clusters will be open for anyone to attend, whether they are giving a paper in that cluster or not.

#### **Important Dates**

September 30, 2015: Submission deadline of panel proposals

October 30, 2015: Announcement of accepted panels

November 30, 2015: Submission deadline of paper proposals

December 30, 2015: Announcement of paper selection

#### **Call for Panel Proposals**

Scholars and experts are invited to submit panel proposals on themes pertaining to different aspects of policy complexity and their implications in the globalized world. The themes could focus on specific theoretical frameworks and issues (such as the theories of institutionalism), particular topical concerns (such as the role of the state) or specific policy domains (such as public health). We plan to have panels in, though not limited to, the following clusters:

- Theories of the policy process
- The environment
- Ageing society

- Conflict resolution
- Structural reform

All panel proposals should consist of electronic submissions with the following information:

- (1) the title of the panel;
- (2) name, affiliation and correspondence addresses of the prospective Chair or Co-chairs;
- (3) a description of the panel's theme and scope in no more than 500 words;
- (4) a brief description of the panel's format; and
- (5) a "call for papers" of no more than 300 words that can be posted on the Conference website when the panel is accepted.

Each panel may have a maximum of five papers. All submissions should be uploaded

to <a href="www.socsc.hku.hk/rcpphk">www.socsc.hku.hk/rcpphk</a>by September 30, 2015. The Steering Committee will review the panel proposals and select the most suitable ones. Upon evaluation, the committee may suggest that prospective Chairs consolidate and combine their panels.

## **Steering Committee**

#### Co-chairs

Professor Wai Fung (Danny) Lam Professor B Guy Peters Professor Shui Yan Tang

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### Members and Cluster Leaders

Professor Heung-suk Choi Professor Yijia Jing Professor Terry Lum

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(Conflict resolution) (Structural reform) (Ageing society)

Professor Aseem Prakash Professor Edella Schlager
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(The environment) (Theories of the policy process)

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