

CALL FOR PAPERS

The 2015 International Conference on Asia-Pacific Studies

November 12-14, 2015

“Identity and Integration: Competing Dynamics in Asia-Pacific”

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ANNOUNCEMENT :

Beginning in the 1990s, states, societies, and peoples in the Asia-Pacific have been brought under the influence of two competing strands of forces: the pushing force of integration, and the pulling force of identity. The competition of the two ideational forces has manifested in the region's political evolution, economic development, and strategic configuration. On the one hand, the significant growth of cross-border movement of capital, individuals, merchandises, and ideas within the region has called for closer policy coordination and institutional cooperation among state governments, leading to the increasingly vocal demand for the establishment and effective operation of regional integration mechanisms in key issue-areas, such as trade and finance. In the meanwhile, however, the Asia-Pacific region has witnessed the popularization of countervailing demands for demarcation and distinction based upon national, racial, ethnic, and class identities. Two contrasting and competing courses of regional dynamics have juxtaposed each other, reflecting the inherent complexity of Asia-Pacific in almost every major dimension.

The 2015 International Conference on Asia-Pacific Studies decides to discuss the consequential dynamics of identity and integration in the region. Interested scholars are encouraged to submit research papers to the preparatory committee of the 2015 Conference. Comparative studies, such as those focusing on one issue in multiple countries, or one country with a number of issues, are especially encouraged.

Build upon solid foundations and positive feedbacks from the 2012, 2013, and 2014 Conferences, the Institute of China and Asia-Pacific Studies at National Sun Yat-sen University, together with the Department of Political Science at the University of the Philippines, sincerely welcome scholars and specialists to share relevant work with us in this intellectually exciting event.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION :

English will be the only working language in the conference, and papers must be written in English. Paper abstracts must be submitted as Word documents and contain the title of the submission, name and affiliation of the author(s), contact information (including education, academic experience/affiliation, full address, telephone, and e-mail) and the appropriate field (i.e., Political Science, Economics, International Relations, Regional Studies, etc). If more than two authors are listed, please identify the author who will make the presentation at the conference.

If you are interested in participating, please e-mail your abstract to Ms. Penny Lin at zool93@staff.nsysu.edu.tw

Important Dates

Deadline of abstract submission: May 17, 2015.

Notification of accepted papers: May 31, 2015.

Deadline of full paper submission: October 16, 2015. (If your paper is not received by the deadline, your name will be removed from the conference agenda.)

Conference Dates: November 12-14, 2015.

Conference Location: National Sun Yat-sen University, Kaohsiung, Taiwan

Organizers: Institute of China and Asia-Pacific Studies, NSYSU; Department of Political Science, the University of the Philippines.

Co-organizers: NSYSU College of Social Science, NSYSU Center for Japanese Studies, NSYSU Sun Yat-sen Research Center for Social Sciences

Registration fee: Free.

Notes:

- 1. Paper presenters will receive an honorarium, depending on the funds raised.**
- 2. Free local food will be provided during the conference.**
- 3. A free half-day city tour will be arranged.**
- 4. Election campaign observation is possible during the conference.**

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