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The 2016 Sizihwan International Conference on Asia-Pacific Studies November 10-12, 2016

Conference theme: “Norms and Institutions in the Asia-Pacific”

**Keynote Speaker: Carolina G. Hernandez (Emeritus Professor,
Department of Political Science, University of the Philippines)**

ANNOUNCEMENT :

Norms and institutions play a vital role in establishing and consolidating more open and plural societies, economies, and polities. In some ways, norms are the *sine qua non* for institutions. The concept of institutions is here broadly understood to include rules, organizations, and regularized practices that are all animated by a set of operative norms. At the same time, institutions serve as the platform for enforcing norms and sustaining values. It is difficult to imagine norms existing independent of institutions. One cannot exist without the other.

The 2016 Sizihwan Conference on Asia-Pacific Studies chooses normative and institutional development in the region as the conference theme. Norms and institutions are an integral part of Asia. The Asia-Pacific region is the site of varied institutions that build and enhance trust and cooperation as well as norms that foster greater connectivity across borders. At the same time, there are also challenges found in the region that can pose obstacles to the promotion of trust-enhancing institutions and norms. What is the trajectory for Asia insofar as norms and institutions are concerned? How can certain behaviors and practices be located or situated? The conference hopes to interrogate and analyze different social, political, cultural, and economic situations and developments in relation to norms and institutions. It also aims to provide participants with a deeper and comprehensive understanding of the complexities and nuances of such as these are found in the Asia-Pacific region.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION :

English is the working language for the conference, and we accept only papers written in English. We welcome paper proposals and panel proposals, although priority will be

given to panel proposals. A panel proposal should include three paper proposals, one chair, and one discussant, although a panelist may take more than one role in one panel. Paper proposals should be submitted in the WORD format, and contain the title of the paper, name and affiliation of the author(s), contact information (address, telephone, and e-mail), and an abstract of no more than 250 words. For multi-authored papers, please identify the presenting author(s). Please send paper proposals, panel proposals, or conference-related inquiries to Ms. Nera Huang, the conference manager, at nsysuicaps@gmail.com, or lovenera.huang@gmail.com.

Important Dates

Deadline of abstract submission: May 15, 2016.

Notification of accepted papers: May 31, 2016.

Deadline of full paper submission: October 15, 2016. (If your paper is not received by the deadline, your name will be removed from the conference agenda.)

Conference Dates: November 10-12, 2016.

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 Sun Yat-sen Research Center for Social Sciences

Registration fee: Free.

***Please fill in the Registration & Abstract Submission Form at:
<http://goo.gl/forms/zxcVH0zKhs>***

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. Free to enjoy the pretty and attractive beach on the NSYSU campus.**

Please feel free to contact us

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