



## CALL FOR PAPERS

The 2017 Sizihwan International Conference on Asia-Pacific Studies

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**Nov. 30-Dec. 2, 2017**

**Conference theme: “Challenges to Local Politics in the Asia-Pacific Region”**

**Keynote Speaker: Dr. Takeshi Kawanaka**

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### **ANNOUNCEMENT :**

Local politics in Asia-Pacific have never out of the scope of social sciences discourses, as the regional, national, and local politics in the region undergo concurrent challenges and new dynamics, which impact the political process and prospect of each other. Social sciences quest the role of national and international institutions in shaping local politics, and vice versa; the issues concerning local governments’ autonomy and governance; the controversies involving the competition over the voices and exits for local diversities in economy, ethnics, religion, identities, etc. Last, but not least, the problem of the challenges to local politics that challenge in return the politics in national and regional level.

The 2017 Sizihwan Conference on Asia-Pacific Studies aims to broaden and deepen these discourses involving local politics in countries across Asia and the Pacific Ocean. We welcome discussions of common research concerns about local politics in national and regional context, and of the local particularities to which the existing theories should respond. We hope scholars and researchers interrogate and analyze different political, economic, social, cultural phenomena and developments in relation to local politics, and share with the participants 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.

Paper proposals should be submitted in 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 the paper with no more than 250 words. For multi-authored papers, please

identify the presenting author(s). **Please submit paper proposals to [2017 Sizihwan Conference](#)**

**[Online Submission](#)**. For conference-related inquiries, please contact Ms. Nera Huang, the

conference manager, at [lovenera.huang@gmail.com](mailto:lovenera.huang@gmail.com) or [nsysuicaps@gmail.com](mailto:nsysuicaps@gmail.com)

#### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Abstract Submission Due: June 30, 2017**

**Notification of Acceptance: July 31, 2017**

**Full Paper Due: October 15, 2017** (If your paper is not received by the due day, your name will be removed from the conference agenda.)

**Conference Dates: November 30-December 2, 2017**

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

Hosts: Institute of China and Asia-Pacific Studies, National Sun Yat-sen University; Department of Political Science, the University of the Philippines, Diliman

Co-hosts: College of Social Science, National Policy Research Center, NSYSU

**Registration fee: Free**

**Notes:**

1. Paper presenters will receive honorarium.
2. Meal will be provided during the conference.
3. A half-day city tour will be provided.
4. Free to enjoy the pretty and attractive beach on the NSYSU campus.

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