



## 6th Asian Political and International Studies Association (APISA) Congress 2012

*Call for Papers and Panels Proposals*

### **Policy and Politics in Changing Asia**

30 November – 1 December 2012 (Friday & Saturday)

Hong Kong, China

*Conveners:*

Department of Asian and International Studies, and The Southeast Asia Research Centre  
City University of Hong Kong

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Faculty of Arts and Sciences, and Centre for Governance and Citizenship  
The Hong Kong Institute of Education

#### **Theme**

The broad theme is intended to allow discussion of domestic as well as regional and international changes in Asia from different perspectives and emphasizing different aspects of change. Papers theorizing on the origins and consequences of the changes are especially welcome, as are papers comparing one or more countries in Asia and elsewhere.

The Congress will focus on, but not limited to, two key developments in Asia: (1) Economic and Social Policy Changes, and (2) Democratization.

The Asian economic crisis of 1997-1998 unleashed unprecedented policy and political changes in Asia. With many governments' capacity to manage their economy discredited and the pernicious effects of the lack of social protection system exposed, governments adopted transformative policy changes. Economic spheres were opened up to more private participation and competition at the same time as social protection was expanded. The policy reforms seem to have served the region well, as it survived the global financial crisis of 2008-2009 almost unscathed. The Congress invites papers on transformative economic and social policy changes in Asia and their lasting effects.

Similarly, democratization in Asia has entered a new phase. Recent developments in the region have drawn attention to the progress of democratic transitions in the region as well as the fragility of the process. Several countries appear on the brink of democratization, sometimes quite unexpectedly (e.g. Bhutan, Kyrgyzstan, and Myanmar) while others seem to be oscillating between authoritarianism and democracy (e.g. Pakistan and Thailand). Still other examples point to the rise of increasingly competitive political systems with elements of authoritarianism (e.g. Singapore). Proposals for theoretical and empirical panels and papers on case studies or comparative analysis of recent trends in democratization in Asia are welcome.

**Proposals Submission:** Please send your panels and papers proposals (500-1000 words) to [cgc@ied.edu.hk](mailto:cgc@ied.edu.hk) not later than **30 June 2012**.

**Registration Fee:** Registration fee and cost of conference lunches and dinner will be waived for those presenting papers at the Congress.

**Visa Requirement:** For overseas participants, please refer to the Hong Kong Immigration Department's website and check if you need to apply for a Visit Visa or Entry Permit: [http://www.immd.gov.hk/ehtml/hkvisas\\_4.htm](http://www.immd.gov.hk/ehtml/hkvisas_4.htm)