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The Fourth International Conference on Social Policy and Governance Innovation: Innovation in Social Service Delivery

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CALL FOR PAPERS

The Department of Asian and Policy Studies of the Education University of Hong Kong (previously known as the Hong Kong Institute of Education), the Asia Pacific Institute of Ageing Studies of Lingnan University, and the School of Public Administration of South China University of Technology are convening a two-day conference on social policy and governance innovation to be held on November 24 and 25, 2016 in Hong Kong. As a continuation of the conference series held in Hong Kong and Guangzhou in rotation, this fourth conference aims to provide a venue for academic discussion and scholarly exchange on social policy and governance in Asia and beyond.

In light of the economic volatility in Asia due to China's economic slowdown and the possibility of retrenchment, there are growing needs for innovative methods to improve the efficiency and quality of social service delivery, to meet the rising expectations of the citizenry. The applications of public-private-partnerships, co-production and Internet technologies in long-term care, health care, public housing and social work have been vigorously changing the conventional perceptions on how social services should be delivered. Recent years have seen the emergence of many similar new initiatives in Asia.

Themed as innovation in social service delivery, this conference is particularly interested in fresh studies that examine the use of innovative methods in social service delivery. We welcome papers of both empirical as well as theoretical approaches. Comparative and quantitative analyses are particularly encouraged.

The *Journal of Asian Public Policy* is the supporting journal of this conference. High-quality conference papers will be considered for publication upon mutual agreement. (For more details about the journal, please visit <http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rapp20/current>). A special issue may be published if there is sufficient number of good-quality papers. The special issue may also be published as a book.

Keynote speakers include:

Alfred Cheung-ming CHAN, SBS, JP, Chairperson, the Equal Opportunities Commission, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (TBC)

Clay Wescott, President, the International Public Management Network; Senior editor, *International Public Management Review*

David Levi-Faur, Head, the Federmann School of Public Policy, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Founding editor, *Regulation & Governance*

There will be special panels dedicated for doctoral students who are at the stage of dissertation-writing. Senior scholars will be invited to serve as discussants to help improve their research.

The conference will be held on the serene Tai Po campus of the Education University of Hong Kong on the first day and Lingnan University on the second day, with conference dinner held at Lingnan Club in the Hong Kong Island. Participants will get the opportunity to experience both the outskirts and centre of Hong Kong. The organizers will provide free hotel accommodation for non-local participants of up to three nights as well as meals. No registration fees will be charged.

Those wishing to present in the conference should submit a 250-300 word abstract to aps@eduhk.hk by September 30, 2016. Information enclosed with your abstract should include: title of paper, author name(s); institutional affiliation and email address. Selection results will be announced by October 15, 2016.

Should you have any queries, please contact the workshop secretariat at +852-2948-7460 or aps@eduhk.hk.

