2025 AUA Asia Pacific Public Policy Network (AP-PPN) Conference on Public Policy

Call for Papers

Hosted by: The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST)
Dates: May 22-23, 2025
Location: HKUST, Hong Kong, SAR
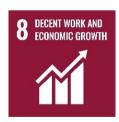**Conference Website:** asiapacificppn.org
Mode: In-person only

The Asia Pacific Public Policy Network (AP-PPN) is proud to announce its upcoming conference dedicated to advancing the discourse on public policy in the dynamic and diverse Asian landscape. This conference, hosted by the Division of Public Policy (PPOL) at HKUST, seeks to gather leading scholars, practitioners, and policymakers from around the globe to explore critical issues that shape our societies and governance systems.

Conference Theme: The 2025 AP-PPN Conference will explore the future directions of public policy, focusing on how **Artificial Intelligence and Data Science** can enhance or aid in governance, how to address emerging **Public Health** issues, and how to promote responsible and sustainable urban development and housing by examining the challenges and opportunities posed by the rapidly changing policy environments in **Asia and its Future Habitat**.

As we navigate the complexities of governance in the 21st century, it is imperative to address how these themes influence public policy and the societal challenges we face. We invite contributions that examine innovative solutions, best practices, and collaborative approaches that can enhance governance and improve public welfare across Asia.

Participation: We encourage submissions from full-time faculty members, researchers, and postgraduate students affiliated with reputable academic or research institutions. This is a unique opportunity for AUA members and non-member participants alike to contribute to the global dialogue on public policy.

Call for Papers and Panels: We invite you to submit original research papers, working papers, or conceptual pieces and panels that *align with the conference themes*. Papers may address, but are not limited to, the following topics:

- **Harnessing AI and Data Science for Predictive Governance**: Exploring how predictive analytics can shape proactive public policies.
- **AI-Driven Solutions for Public Health Crises:** Case studies and frameworks for integrating AI in managing pandemics and other health emergencies.
- **Smart Cities and Sustainable Urban Development:** The role of AI in planning and implementing sustainable urban infrastructures.
- **Ethical Implications of AI in Public Policy:** Balancing innovation with ethical considerations in policymaking.
- **Public Health Surveillance Using Big Data:** Leveraging data science to monitor and respond to emerging public health threats.
- **Data-Driven Decision Making in Public Sector Governance:** Improving policy outcomes through advanced data analytics.
- **AI in Affordable Housing Strategies:** Innovative approaches to address housing challenges using artificial intelligence.
- **Challenges and Opportunities of Digital Governance in Asia:** Examining the digital divide and strategies for inclusive governance.
- **Collaborative AI Models for Policy Development:** Multi-stakeholder approaches to integrating AI in public policy formulation.
- **Sustainable Urban Mobility Solutions:** Utilizing AI and data science to enhance transportation systems in rapidly growing cities

Submission Guidelines:

- Please submit your abstracts and panel proposals by completing this SUBMISSION FORM

- Abstracts should be no longer than 300 words and must clearly outline the research question, methodology, and expected contributions to the field.

- For panel proposals, please submit a separate form for every paper in the panel. You will be prompted to give the panel information as necessary. Panels should consist of no more than 5 papers.

- Final papers should adhere to the formatting guidelines that will be provided on our conference website asiapacificppn.org in January 2025.20 January

- The deadline for abstract submissions is **December 31, 2024**. Notifications of acceptance will be sent by **January 24, 2025**.

- Final papers are due on **April 25, 2025**.

Participation from AUA Universities: The AP-PPN Conference and HKUST are particularly committed to fostering collaboration among AUA member universities. We anticipate participation from AUA members and from other esteemed institutions worldwide. This conference aims to enhance collaboration and exchange of ideas, creating a vibrant network of scholars and practitioners dedicated to advancing public policy research and practice. With that objective in mind, participants from AUA member universities will benefit from waived registration fees. They and all other participants will also have access to limited travel stipends based on demonstrable need.

Join Us and become part of this important dialogue that will influence the direction of public policy across Asia and beyond. We look forward to your contributions and to welcoming you to Hong Kong in May 2025.

For more information, please reach out to us at apppn2025@ust.hk

Together, let us innovate, collaborate, and transform public policy for a better and more sustainable future.

We eagerly await your submissions and hope to see you at the 2025 AUA - AP-PPN Conference at HKUST!