T09P19 / Good Governance in Asia

Topic : T09 / Governance, Policy networks and Multi-level Governance
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GENERAL OBJECTIVES, RESEARCH QUESTIONS AND SCIENTIFIC RELEVANCE

Almost 20 years since UNDP's seminal policy paper, the principles of good governance have inevitably permeated the public policy discourse. Literature in public policy often describes good governance as a combination of strong democracy, people's participation in the development process, and presence of strong legislature. But while the conceptualization of good governance remains highly contested, it continues to be relevant to most governments in Asia. According to Indian Prime Minister Mr. Modi, "[m]ere good governance is not enough, it has to be pro-people and pro-active. Good governance should pull people at the centre of the development process." Programs intended to promote good governance have been transformed to suit diversity of political, economic, administrative and social constrains faced by Asian countries and have found its way in many sectors.

Against this backdrop, governance with its normative standards of being 'good' have been the subject of a lively debate in sectors like environment, health and education, with varying degrees of sophistication. This panel aims to gather academics and scholars working on the issue of good governance on these sectors. It seeks to contribute to advancing the understanding of how governments in Asia have continued to advance the concept of good governance in these areas. The panel discussions would be a timely contribution towards documenting the evolution of the conceptualization of good governance in Asia, as well as how it is contested and reconfigured to suit the Asian context.

CALL FOR PAPERS

This panel on 'Good Governance in Asia' aims to gather academics and researchers working on the issue of good governance in Asia with particular emphasis on the sectors of environment, health and education. The panel welcomes research papers dealing with how the principles of good governance has been advanced, contested or reconfigured in Asia. The focus will primarily be on environmental, health or education sectors but scholarly work other sectors are also welcome. Prospective papers might look into examples of best practices, variations in good governance programs, reasons for failure and future prospective strategies within the Asian context. Paper proposals should be up to 500 words long and include the following information: proposed title, name of author(s), institutional affiliation, email address, research objectives, and theoretical justification for the work, methodology, and expected outcomes. Full papers may be considered for publication in a special issue of the Asian Journal of Public Affairs (AJPA) in March 2018.

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Session 1

Wednesday, June 28th 14:00 to 16:00 (Block B 3 - 7)

Discussants

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Kidjie Saguin (University of Melbourne)

What Does "Good Governance" Mean? An Analysis of Higher Education Reform and Policy Instruments in Taiwan

Chuo-Chun Hsieh (National Dong Hwa University)

Good governance, higher education, and the challenges of regional integration

Pilar Preciousa Berse (Waseda University (PhD Cand.)/ Ateneo de Manila University (Instructor))

Network Public Opinion Management in Universities under the Objective of Good Governance

SHANSHAN SHEN (NORTHEAST NORMAL UNIVERSITY)

A Review of PPP Experiment: A Good Governance Perspective

Zurina Md Nen (Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM))
JASMINE AHMAD (UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI MARA (UiTM))