P09 / Comparative Policy and Governance for Sustainable Development in Asia

Topic : COMPARATIVE PUBLIC POLICY

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GENERAL OBJECTIVES, RESEARCH QUESTIONS AND SCIENTIFIC RELEVANCE

One of the major objectives of this panel is to bring together scholars and practitioners from diverse public policy fields and countries to explore various policy and management issues in Asian countries from a comparative perspective. Given Asia's global share in terms of population, GDP, energy consumption, and CO2 emissions, it is clear that resolving Asia's policy challenges is crucial for building a sustainable future. Asian countries face a wide range of complex policy and management challenges, many of which require innovative solutions tailored to their specific contexts.

Furthermore, each country in Asia faces unique challenges. For example, more than 29.3% of Japan's population is aged 65 years and above, the highest proportion in the world. This places a heavy policy and financial burden on the Japanese government to cover rising costs related to healthcare, pensions, and long-term care, while its financial and administrative capacity is shrinking due to a declining working-age population.

China also confronts significant issues. Its economic growth has been heavily reliant on exports and investment, but a shrinking labor force, declining birthrate, and aging population pose major challenges to its industrial structure, consumer market, and social security systems. Environmental and resource concerns also loom large: rapid economic development has led to environmental degradation, inefficient resource use, and severe air and soil pollution, all of which threaten China's sustainable development.

Many experts and practitioners have studied Asian policy issues from a comparative perspective. Sharing these comparative policy studies is valuable not only for the academic community but also for the development of the Asian region and the world at large. In particular, focusing on sustainable development policy across different Asian contexts is critical for advancing solutions to global challenges. In addition, we aim to contribute to developing future research issues by deepening the discussion on the specificity or universality of sustainability concept, governance theory, and democracy that arise from the historical and socio-cultural background of the region.

The panel aims to offer a valuable opportunity to discuss various policy and management issues in Asian countries from a comparative perspective. We welcome conceptual, methodological, and empirical contributions that address policy and management issues in Asian countries at the managerial, organizational, institutional, and specific policy levels, with a special focus on comparative research into sustainable development policies. Case studies that adopt a comparative approach are also encouraged. This panel is hosted and organized by the Public Policy Studies Association Japan (PPSAJ).

CALL FOR PAPERS

The purpose of this panel is to explore various policy and management challenges related to sustainable development in Asian countries from a comparative perspective. The panel invites both theoretical and empirical papers that examine these challenges in diverse Asian contexts. The objective is to extract valuable academic insights and practical implications from Asia's experiences with sustainability-related policy and management issues, viewed through a comparative lens.

Questions the papers could address include, but are not limited to, the following: (i) What are the impacts of socio-economic conditions on governance, policy, and management challenges, particularly those related to sustainability? (ii) How do institutional arrangements enable or constrain the effectiveness of policies aimed at promoting sustainable development? (iii) How can governments enhance policy performance under uncertainty and resource constraints, while addressing sustainability concerns? (iv) How can governments manage policy and management issues that transcend national boundaries, especially in relation to environmental sustainability?

Overall, by sharing insights into these questions based on Asian experiences in addressing sustainability challenges across different policy and management contexts, this panel aims to extract practical lessons and academic implications for broader governance and policy issues. The panel will place special emphasis on understanding how sustainable development goals can be integrated into governance structures and policy frameworks in the Asian region.

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Session 1

Wednesday, July 2nd 13:45 to 15:45 (C1)

Contrasting Policy Pathways: A Comparative Analysis of EV Policy Design and Variations in Indonesia and Thailand

Chunhua Ye (National University of Singapore)

Yixian Sun (University of Bath)

Yiyun Xia (LKY School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore)

National Green Tribunal: Maneuvering the Environmental Justice Paradigm in India

Shailendra Kumar (Magadh University)

Resolving the Paradox in Global Public Administration: State Autonomy and Governance in Hong Kong, South Korea, and the US

Nara Park (Yonsei University)

Wilson Wai Ho Wong (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Waste Management and Sustainability in Kyoto and New York City

Congmian Jiao (Kyoto Sangyo University)

“A STUDY OF AIR TRANSPORT GOVERNANCE IN THE PHILIPPINES FROM THE NEW INSTITUTIONAL THEORY PERSPECTIVE”

Doreen Zules (University of the Philippines Diliman)

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Session 2

Wednesday, July 2nd 16:00 to 18:00 (C1)

How Policy Ideas Travel in Asia: Role of Instrument Constituents in Policy Diffusion

Masao Kikuchi (Meiji University)

Motivating Air Conditioning Conservation: Impact of Pay-Per-Use Billing

Ching Leong (National University of Singapore)

Damien Soon (National University of Singapore)

Marcus Tian Xi Goh (LKY School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore)

Public and Professional Preferences for the Nuclear Fuel Cycle in Japan: Insights from a Conjoint Experiment

Reona Hayashi (Hosei University)

Shunsaku Komatsuzaki (Tokyo Metropolitan University)

So Morikawa (The University of Tokyo)

Agricultural Credit Policies in South Asia: A Comparative Analysis of India and Bangladesh

Anindita Mitra (National Institute of Technology, Silchar)