

CALL FOR PAPERS & PANEL PROPOSALS

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About the conference

Asia and the Pacific today faces momentous challenges as it enters the second decade of the 21st century, in the wake of the rapid processes of social transformation in the region precipitated by globalization. While we see bustling cities and towns and modernization of rural areas in some parts, we also witness the choking of cities and the ensuing culture shocks, as well as the uprooting and depopulation of rural communities/areas.

Various countries in the region – from China to the Pacific Islands, from the South China Sea to the Indian subcontinent and beyond – are experiencing different degrees and speeds of urbanization, industrialization and development. It is a region of great promise and huge potentials. Yet, it is also a region full of diversity and paradoxes. It must also be recognized that many countries in the region face rising inequalities and conflicts that threaten their social fabric and stability. Various classes and groups of people, in particular the younger generation and indigenous communities, face a revolution of rising expectations, yet many experience a revolution of rising frustrations. Issues of identity revolving around ethnicity, religion, and sub-regions often crop up, raising tensions and anxieties. All these must be addressed effectively and with a long range view, bearing in mind that people in the region face a common future.

Given the above background, the role of sociology in particular and social sciences in general as the corpus of knowledge to analyze and interpret changes in the 21st century is very critical. Sociologists and other social scientists must use their critical faculties to make sense of these contestations and challenges, examine possible convergences, and suggest alternatives for the benefit of the respective societies and for humankind.

Subthemes:

- Globalization and Urbanization Transition in Asia-Pacific
- Development and Its Discontents
- Indigenous Communities, Land and the Environment
- Democratization and Civil Society
- Elections and Democracy
- Risks : Science, Technology and Society
- Education and Social Change
- Migration and Rural Depopulation
- Conflicts and Conflict Resolution
- Globalization and Local Responses
- Religion, Politics and Contestations
- Ethnicity and Multiculturalism*
- Imagined/Imagining Communities
- Community/Development Studies*
- Food and Identity
- Global Tourism, Foods and Local Cultures
- Privatization and Healthcare
- Women, Children and the Elderly
- Aging Society
- Urbanism and Public Space
- Urbanization, Industrialization and the Precariat
- Informal Sector and Urban Life
- Middle Class, Youth and Lifestyles
- Media, Social Media, Information Technology and Media Industries
- Youth, Music and Popular Culture
- Sociology of Sports
- Regional Cooperation from Below*
- Towards A Sociology of Asia and the Pacific: Ways Forward
- Sociology, Law and Social Change
- Emerging realities in Asia-Pacific: Where Do We Go from Here?
- Consumerism and Cosmopolitanism
- Transnationalism & Migration
- Border Studies
- Gambling Studies*
- Cultural Heritage & Nationalism
- Fifty years of Thai Social Sciences*

*For thematic sessions with *, papers both in English, and Thai are accepted.*

Important dates

Submission of an abstract:	30 November 2013
Notification of paper acceptance:	15 December 2013
Submission of a full paper:	15 January 2014
Online Registration	To be announced



Submission of an abstract

An abstract of about 250-350 words should be submitted to the Conference Secretariat before 30 November, 2013. The abstract should include 1) an abstract title, 2) information of the author (including author's title, name, position, affiliation, contact address, and e-mail address), 3) the abstract and 4) keywords of about 3 – 5.

Please submit the paper via completing the [Panel Proposal Form](#) (.docx) or the [Paper Proposal Form](#) (.docx) and emailing the completed form to rccd.cmu@gmail.com.

The abstracts will be reviewed by the conference academic committee. Notification of paper acceptance will be on 15 December, 2013 and submission of a full paper on 15 January, 2014.

Further information:

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