

CONFERENCE ON
INTER-ASIAN CONNECTIONS III: HONG KONG
JUNE 6-8, 2012

CALL FOR WORKSHOP PAPERS
DEADLINE: Friday, June 24, 2011

The Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences (HKIHSS), the University of Hong Kong, the National University of Singapore (NUS), and the Social Science Research Council (SSRC) (the Organizers) are pleased to announce an open call for **individual research paper submissions** from researchers in any world region, to participate in a 3-day thematic workshop at an international conference entitled "Inter-Asian Connections III."

Following on successful conferences held in Dubai in February 2008 and Singapore in December 2010, this conference will be held in Hong Kong, June 6-8, 2012. The conference will host concurrent workshops, coordinated by individual directors and showcasing innovative research from across the social sciences and related disciplines. Workshops will focus on themes of particular relevance to Asia, re-conceptualized as a dynamic and interconnected historical, geographical, and cultural formation stretching from the Middle East through Eurasia, South Asia and Southeast Asia, to East Asia.

The conference structure and schedule have been designed to enable intensive 'working group' interactions on a specific research theme, as well as broader interactions on topics of mutual interest and concern. Accordingly, there will be a public keynote and plenary sessions in addition to closed workshop sessions. The concluding day of the conference will bring all the conference participants together for an exchange of research agendas that have emerged over the course of the conference deliberations.

Individual paper submissions are invited from junior and senior scholars, whether graduate students or faculty, or researchers in NGOs or other research organizations, for the following six workshops:

- **Anatomies of Knowledge: Medicine, Science, and Health in Asia**
Workshop Directors – Angela Ki Che Leung (Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences, The University of Hong Kong) and Izumi Nakayama (The University of Hong Kong)
- **Asian Crossings, 1789-1914**
Workshop Directors – Ross Forman (National University of Singapore) and Julia Kuehn (The University of Hong Kong)
- **Just Society at Last? Ideals and Projects of the Common Good across Asia**
Workshop Directors – Syed Muhd Khairudin Aljunied (National University of Singapore) and Morgan Y. Liu (The Ohio State University)
- **Networks of Religious Learning and the Dissemination of Religious Knowledge across Asia**
Workshop Directors – Christophe Jaffrelot (Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches Internationales, Sciences Po) and Mirjam Künkler (Princeton University)
- **Shifting Geopolitical Ecologies and New Spatial Imaginaries**
Workshop Directors – Çağlar Keyder (Boğaziçi University) and Ravi Arvind Palat (State University of New York at Binghamton)
- **Sustainability and Citizenship in Asian Cities**
Workshop Directors – Anne M. Rademacher (New York University), K. Sivaramakrishnan (Yale University) and Billy Kee-long So (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)

Please note that an individual cannot apply to more than one workshop.



Descriptions of the individual workshops and information on the application process, **including required application forms**, are available at <http://www.ssrc.org/programs/pages/interasia-program/conference-on-inter-asian-connections-iii-hong-kong-june-6-8-2012/>.

Application materials are due by **Friday, June 24, 2011**. Selection decisions will be announced in **August 2011**. Accepted participants are required to submit a 20-25 page draft research paper by **February 1, 2012**; final papers are due by **April 15, 2012**.

The Organizers will make every effort to ensure some level of funding for participants toward the costs associated with attending the Inter-Asian Connections III conference. However, at this point we plan to offer the following financial assistance – a) single room accommodations including breakfast, b) local transport to/from the conference site daily, c) lunch on-site, and d) dinner on two evenings. We cannot currently cover any airfare costs, and thus we encourage participants to seek funding from external agencies (such as their home institutions). We will not be able to confirm final details about funding availability until after the selection process has been completed.

For additional inquiries, please contact the Organizers at interasia@ssrc.org.