



# APSA ASIA PROGRAM

Political Science in East and Southeast Asia



## **APSA Asia Pacific Workshop “Evolution and Challenges in Local Governance in Asia” Virtual Program – July & August, 2021**

This year’s Asia Workshop on “Evolution and Challenges in Local Governance in Asia” will be held as a series of virtual sessions held across 4 weeks in July/August. Together with workshop co-leaders, fellows will explore key theories and puzzles in the study of local governance and decentralization, guided by a set of readings, short videos, and everyone’s unique research projects. The program will also address various professional development issues and offer opportunities fellows to receive feedback on their own research. Following their participation in the full program, alumni will receive 2 years’ membership to APSA and will be eligible to apply for small research grants.

The four thematic issues that will be discussed during the workshop are:

1. The Politics of Local Governance
2. Local Authority and Public Service Provision
3. Subnational Regime Issues
4. The Politics of Urban Spaces

For each thematic issue, fellows will be provided 2-3 readings as well as a short video recorded by the co-leaders. Fellows are required to review this content prior to the start of each corresponding discussion. Fellows are also provided additional (recommended) readings for each session.

Workshop sessions will be held at a common time that will enable all fellows and co-leaders to participate (6am USA-Pacific / 9am USA-Eastern / 2pm London / 9pm Manila / 10pm Tokyo). We appreciate your understanding and flexibility with accommodating this schedule given the multitude of time zones represented among our group! Fellows are expected to attend and actively participate in all sessions. We encourage everyone to keep their cameras on during the sessions, which could help compensate for not being in-person. Each session will last for 3 hours, as follows:

- Thematic Discussion (90 mins; held over zoom)
- Virtual Café (30 mins; held over Wonder Room)
- Professional Development (60 mins; held over zoom)

A key component of the Asia Workshop is research feedback. Fellows are required to submit a full draft of their papers (10,000 words maximum, including endnotes and references) prior to the start of the workshop. Co-leaders will read and provide feedback so that each fellow receives two written reviews on their research paper. Fellows will share their research with one another during a live (virtual) poster session at the end of the workshop.

Additional program information will be uploaded to a closed workshop site, which will be updated with readings, short videos, schedule, bios, and other relevant information. Following the virtual program, we encourage fellows and co-leaders to stay connected with one another.

**Schedule for the Summer 2021 APSA Asia Program**

<b>Date*</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Moderator</b>
Wednesday, July 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Welcome/Introductions (30 mins)</li> <li>- Thematic Discussion: The Politics of Local Governance (80 mins)</li> <li>- Virtual Coffee break/Wonder Room (20 mins)</li> <li>- Professional Development: Academic Publishing (50 mins)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- APSA</li> <li>- Hicken</li>   <li>- Shair-Rosenfield</li> </ul>
Wednesday, July 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thematic Discussion: Local Authority and Public Service Provision (90 mins)</li> <li>- Virtual Coffee break/Wonder Room (30 mins)</li> <li>- Professional Development: Grant Writing (60 mins)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Atienza</li>   <li>- TBD</li> </ul>
Wednesday, August 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thematic Discussion: Subnational Regime Issues (90 mins)</li> <li>- Virtual Coffee break/Wonder Room (30 mins)</li> <li>- Professional Development: Academic Presentations (60 mins)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kasuya</li>   <li>- Hicken</li> </ul>
Monday, August 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thematic Discussion: The Politics of Urban Spaces (90 mins)</li> <li>- Virtual Coffee break/Wonder Room (30 mins)</li> <li>- Professional Development: Public Engagement (60 mins)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shair-Rosenfield</li>   <li>- Kasuya and Atienza</li> </ul>
Wednesday, August 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Poster Session (75 mins)</li> <li>- Closing Discussion (45 mins)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- APSA</li> </ul>

*\*All sessions will be held at 6am USA-Pacific /9am USA-Eastern /2pm London /9pm Manila /10pm Tokyo*



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### **1. The politics of local governance**

Required:

- a. Carter, Christopher L., and Alison E. Post. "Decentralization and Urban Governance in the Developing World." *Decentralized Governance and Accountability: Academic Research and the Future of Donor Programming* (2019): 178.
- b. Auerbach, Adam Michael. "Clients and Communities The Political Economy of Party Network Organization and Development in India's Urban Slums." *World Pol.* 68 (2016): 111.

Recommended:

- a. Berenschot, Ward, and Peter Mulder. "Explaining Regional Variation in Local Governance: Clientelism and State-dependency in Indonesia." *World Development* 122 (2019): 233-244.
- b. Guo, Gang. "China's Local Political Budget Cycles." *American Journal of Political Science* 53, no. 3 (2009): 621-632.
- c. Kawanaka, Takeshi. "The Robredo Style: Philippine Local Politics in Transition." *Kasarinlan* 13, no. 3 (1998): 5-36.

### **2. Local Authority and Public Service Provision**

Required:

- a. Brillantes, Alex E. and Flores, Herisadel P. “Decentralization and Good Urban Governance in Southeast Asia: Focus on the Philippines, Indonesia, and Thailand.” In *Urbanization in Southeast Asia: Issues and Impacts*, edited by Yap Kioe Sheng and Moe Thuzar, pp. 293-319. Singapore: ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, 2012.
- b. Ghuman, B.S. and Singh, Ranjeet. “Decentralization and Delivery of Public Services in Asia”. *Policy and Society* 32 (1) (2013): 7-21.
- c. Malesky, Edmund J. and Hutchinson, Francis E. “Varieties of Disappointment: Why Has Decentralization Not Delivered on Its Promises in Southeast Asia?” *Journal of Southeast Asian Economies* 33 (2) (August) (2016): 125-138.

Recommended:

- a. Liwanag, Harvey Joy and Wyss, Kaspar. “What Conditions Enable Decentralization to Improve the Health System: Qualitative Analysis of Perspectives on Decision Space After 25 Years of Devolution in the Philippines”, *PLoS ONE* 13 (11) (2018).
- b. Miller, Michelle Ann and Douglass, Mike. “Introduction: Decentralising Disaster Governance in Urbanizing Asia”, *Habitat International* 30 (2015): 1-4.

### 3. Subnational Regime Issues

Required:

- a. McMann, Kelly M. "Measuring Subnational Democracy: Toward Improved Regime Typologies and Theories of Regime Change." *Democratization* 25.1 (2018): 19-37.
- b. Sidel, John T. "Economic Foundations of Subnational Authoritarianism: Insights and Evidence from Qualitative and Quantitative Research." *Democratization* 21.1 (2014): 161-184.

Recommended:

- a. Gibson, Edward L. "Boundary Control: Subnational Authoritarianism in Democratic Countries." *World Pol.* 58-1(2005): 101-132.
- b. Buehler, Michael, and Ronnie Nataatmadja. "Authoritarian Diasporas in Indonesia and the Philippines: Comparative Perspectives on Elite Survival and Defection." *Democratization* (2020): 1-18.

### 4. The Politics of Urban Spaces

Required:

- a. Post, Alison E. "Cities and Politics in the Developing World." *Annual Review of Political Science* 21 (2018): 115-133.
- b. Wang, De, Li Zhang, Zhao Zhang, and Simon Xiaobin Zhao. "Urban Infrastructure Financing in Reform-Era China." *Urban Studies* 48.14 (2011): 2975-2998.

Recommended:

- a. Lacquian, Aprodicio A. "Metropolitan Governance Reform in Asia." *Public Administration and Development* 25 (2005): 307-315.
- b. Wallace, Jeremy L. and Jessica Chen Weiss. "The Political Geography of Nationalist Protest in China: Cities and the 2012 Anti-Japanese Protests." *The China Quarterly* 222 (2015): 403-429.