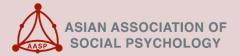
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Message from the President



Sylvia Xiaohua Chen
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Dear Members of the AASP,

2022 was a year full of challenges while the world was struggling with tensions, conflicts, and crises, but it has also brought opportunities, resilience, and hope. AASP continues to thrive and grow with members' collective effort and synergy.

AASP has revised its mission statement and added new content: "AASP (The Asian Association of Social Psychology)'s mission is to provide scholars in Asia and the Pacific with a collaborative forum for capability building and the discussion,

promotion, and publication of their research. It promotes research on Asian traditions, philosophies, and ideas that have scientific merit and practical applications, and expands the boundary, substance, and direction of social psychology by supplementing and integrating Western psychology's focus on intraindividual processes with a broader and more holistic view from culture and society. AASP is dedicated to peace within and among all countries and societies in Asia and the Asia-Pacific region. We are committed to growing human relations of friendship and care. We pledge to engage in lifelong learning, and to grow our ability to use psychology for peace, well-being, mutual benefit and mutual understanding around the world. This is a statement of principle, and a reflection of our values, and is not an endorsement of any political position or alignment with any political entity."

The 14th Biennial Conference of the AASP was held as a virtual conference from July 29 to July 31, 2021. Past President Hoon-Seok Choi and his team organized a successful conference and attracted 534 registered participants. Once again, we express our gratitude to the Korean Social and Personality Psychological Association (KSPPA) and all the summer school teachers of the 2021 AASP Conference for their generous donation. The KSPPA Fund for Education and Training was thus set up to support young scholars and students attending the AASP educational activities.



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The AASP membership has been growing, especially in under-represented countries. The Research Workshop for PhD Students and Early Career Scholars held in Indonesia in July 2022 brought 66 new members to join the AASP. Forty members of the Vietnam Association of Psychology have also joined the AASP recently. Our Twitter, Facebook, and Weibo accounts have greatly increased the total number of posts and attracted more followers in the past year. The content of the posts included announcements from AASP, call for papers, announcements of coming conferences/events, updates on AASP conference and AJSP, such as new publications, podcast updates, and revisiting previous publications in AJSP. Authors were encouraged to provide short descriptions of their papers to promote their new publications in AJSP. Compared to the previous year, the number of authors who provided short paragraphs has increased this year, which led to more retweets/reposts/reactions to our posts on social media platforms.

We continue to organize the Distinguished Research Seminar Series and the Research Collaborative Meeting Series. We look forward to your active participation in the coming AASP activities and hope to see you at the 15th Biennial Conference of the AASP in Hong Kong!

AASP Secretary General's Report



Xiaomin Sun Beijing Normal University, China

As of October 10th, this year, AASP had 1,548 historical members (Fig. 1). The number of members keeps increasing year by year. Among the current members (250), the top five countries are Indonesia (85), Japan (37), Philippines (24), China (20), India (11).

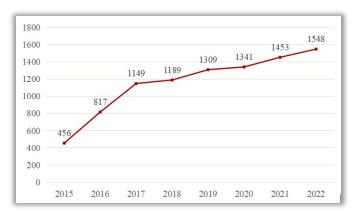


Fig. 1 Historical members

To increase the awareness of AASP in the academic community and increase the number of members, we maintain cooperation with some scholar societies and organizations. Namely, we are happy to continue the tradition of applying the rates of \$25 for one year and \$40 for two years for the 2023 (one year) and 2023-2024 (two years) membership fees for Japanese Group Dynamics Association members. And in 2021, 12 JGDA members newly registered or renewed their membership. Additionally, thanks to the AASP Research Workshop for PhD students and early career scholars of social psychology, we collaborate with Indonesian Association of Social Psychology (IASP) and 66 scholars from the IASP newly registered as AASP members for one year.

The benefits to AASP members are not changed, including: read AJSP online and subscribe print copies with a discount; read JPRP online; Support for SGM; regular newsletters and communications in AASP social media; registration

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saving for biennial conference; support for attending biennial conference; and support for PhD students attending summer schools.





Since last October, we have published AASP newsletter 2021, the last issue of newsletter about the progress of the Seoul conference. We thank all the editors of the newsletters. And we thank all speakers and participants who made the first virtual conference of AASP a great success. Also, we have updated the contents of several sections of the AASP website, including Homepage, Conference, News,

Publications, and Awards. Twelve pieces of AASP news were timely published.



AJSP Editor-in-Chief's Report



Kim-Pong Tam

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

The year of 2022 marks the silver jubilee of the Asian Journal of Social Psychology. The editorial team has organized a series of events to celebrate the 25-year journey of the journal. In two webinars,

Professor Fanny M. Cheung and Professor Emi Kashima, two of our former Editors-in-Chief, respectively shared their personal journey as an Asian social psychologist and stories with the journal. In another event, four other former editors-in-chief (Professor Allan B. I. Bernardo, Professor Yoshihisa Kashima, Professor James Liu. and Professor Susumu Yamaguchi) had panel discussion, wherein they reviewed the development of Asian social psychology in the past 25 years and its current trends and made recommendations regarding the community's future. Videos of these events are now available https://asiansocialpsych.org/ajsp-25th-anniversary.



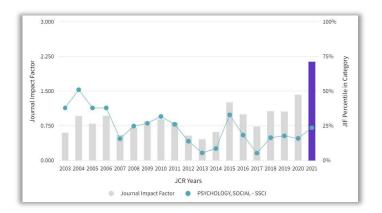
Another highlight in the year of 2022 is the continuation of the AJSP Editors Podcast, which we started last year. The podcast series is aimed to introduce articles appearing in the journal to the global community and disseminate insights regarding the conduct and publication of social psychological research. The series is accessible on Castos,

Spotify, Google, and the websites of the journal and AASP. We have so far published six episodes. Figures show that these episodes are catching a great deal of attention. As of the end of September 2022, 17 months since the inaugural episode, we have already accumulated over 20,000 listens. Interested parties can find the previous episodes at https://ajspeditors-podcast.castos.com/. The 7th episode, which is a special episode dedicated to the journal's 25th anniversary, is now under production and will be available soon. Please follow us and stay tuned.



The journal is drawing increasing interest from both readers and authors. In 2021, the journal had a record high of over 249,000 article downloads and received another record high of over 600 manuscript submissions. We are on the path to matching or even breaking these records this year. For example,

counting only the first 8 months, we have already received 463 submissions, a 14.3% increase for the year to date. Another great news is that the journal is witnessing a steady increasing trend in its impact factor. Its most recent number stands at 2.144.



The editorial team will soon be stepping into the last year of its 3-year term. We sincerely ask for your continued support for the journal. On behalf of the team, I wish you and your loved ones happiness, health and safety!

AJSP 25th Anniversary Events

Reported by Kim-Pong Tam

The year of 2022 marks the silver jubilee of the Asian Journal of Social Psychology. The editorial team of the journal organized a series of events to celebrate the 25-year journey of the journal.

The series began with two webinars presented by Professor Fanny Cheung and Professor Emi Kashima, two of our former editors-in-chief. They respectively shared their personal journey as an Asian social psychologist and stories with the journal. In the first webinar, held on 24 February 2022, Professor Fanny Cheung reflected on her own vision for AJSP as its editor and suggested that journal could serve as a platform for bringing the cultural perspective into mainstream social psychology. Referring to her own work on cross-cultural personality assessment, Professor Fanny Cheung further illustrated how the vision can be achieved and made suggestions for Asian psychologists regarding how they can internationalize themselves in order to internationalize mainstream psychology.



In the second webinar, conducted on 14 April 2022, Professor Emi Kashima reflected on how Asian

voices had come together as a visible force in contemporary social psychology. She highlighted some challenges Asian social psychologists might face, such as geographical and cultural distance, language differences, and cultural stereotypes. She then used her own experience and observations to suggest how Asian and Asia-based social psychologists can turn these challenges into advantages and encourage them to contribute to their local community, country, Asia and far beyond.



In the next event, held on 19 May 2022, four other former Editors-in-Chief of the journal (Professor Allan B. I. Bernardo, Professor Yoshihisa Kashima, Professor James Liu, and Professor Susumu Yamaguchi) had a panel

discussion. The four speakers shared the rewarding experiences and challenges they had during their AJSP editorship. They then reviewed the development of Asian social psychology in the past 25 years, identified its current trends, and made valuable recommendations regarding the community's future.



The concluding event was a special episode of the AJSP Editors Podcast. The whole episode was dedicated to "culture," which had been the most widely researched topic among publications in the journal. In the Editors' Pick section, Dr. Kim-Pong Tam, together with Dr. Sammyh Khan and Dr. Angela Leung, illustrated the strong presence of culture-related research in the journal by discussing several articles in the September 2022 issue and the December 2022 issue of the journal each. After that, they had stimulating conversations with two special guests, first with Dr. Takeshi Hamamura about cultural change, and then with Professor Takahiko Masuda about culture and cognition.

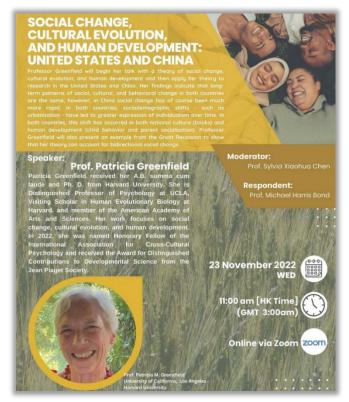
Videos of these events and access to the special podcast episode are now available at https://asiansocialpsych.org/ajsp-25th-anniversary.

Research Seminar by Patricia Greenfield

Reported by Sylvia Xiaohua Chen

AASP co-organized a webinar by Prof. Patricia Greenfield, Distinguished Professor of Psychology at UCLA, on November 23, 2022. The title of her talk was "Social Change, Cultural Evolution, and Human Development: United States and China". Prof. Greenfield began with a theory of social change, cultural evolution, and human development and then

applied it to research in the United States and China. She presented the long-term patterns in both countries and an example from the Great Recession to show that her theory could account for bidirectional social change. Prof. Sylvia Chen was the moderator of the webinar, and Prof. Michael Bond discussed the implications of the research as a Respondent.



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Research Workshop for PhD students and Early Career Scholars

Reported by Takeshi Hamamura

On 26-27 July, 2022, AASP organized a 2-day

research workshop. The workshop idea came from our Indonesia representative, Moh Abdul Hakim. The event aimed to provide resources to PhD students and early career scholars in Indonesia, especially those interested in pursuing PhD degrees overseas. Raising AASP's profile in Indonesia was another aim.



Day 1 of the workshop was held online and featured 3 speakers: Professors Emi Kashima, Ilan Dar-Nimrod, and Ayse Uskul. Emi presented an overview of Ph D study (e.g., duration, milestone processes, supervisor committee) at an Australian university. Ilan presented more generally on the processes of identifying research topics, approaching

a potential supervisor, and Dos and Don'ts of Ph D application processes. Ayse presented an overview of Ph D study in the United Kingdom with advice on scholarships and working through language and cultural barriers. Day 1 was open internationally. Over 100 AASP members and non-members from seven countries/regions participated (i.e. Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, The Philippine, India, Vietnam, and Hong Kong). Participants actively engaged in the sessions including Q&A.



Day 2 of the workshop was a face-to-face session held at Universitas Sebelas Maret, Surakarta. The session actually started the evening of July 26 with participants discussing in small groups what they gained from Emi, Ilan, and Ayse. Discussions continued the following morning with a panel of 3 speakers sharing their experiences on finding scholarships in Indonesia and abroad. This was followed by sessions on doctoral programs in Indonesia and on how to start working on a doctoral research plan.



Many participants expressed their satisfaction with the workshop. The workshop also attracted 68 new members to AASP from Indonesia. This event provides an opportunity for the participants to build international networks that help support their academic career in the future. We should conduct more events like this that serve the needs of local regions not well-represented in the AASP membership.

This event was partially funded by AASP.

IACCP Invited Symposium

Reported by Sylvia Xiaohua Chen

AASP organized an Invited Symposium entitled "How social, political, and environmental challenges affect cultural change and individual ideology: Asian Perspectives" at the 26th Congress of International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology in July 2022. The symposium was chaired by Sylvia Chen and consisted of four presentations, with Emma Buchtel as a Discussant.



Liman Li presented empirical evidence from large-scale multicultural and national surveys (viz., the World Values Survey and China Labor-force Dynamics Survey) and an experiment to show the positive association between societal chronic vulnerability to natural disasters and individuals' happiness. Huajian Cai presented time series data from an official Chinese newspaper (i.e., People's Daily) and Google Ngram of Chinese Books to show the rising trends of cultural tightness and looseness that benefit economic growth in China from 1970 to 2014. Roomana Siddiqui presented the use of advanced communication technology to construct a bounded exclusive national identity by cultural reappropriation in India. Minoru Karasawa presented the factor structure and correlates of Japanese national attitudes to conceptually and empirically distinguish nationalism and patriotism. Taken together, the four presentations shed light on the interplay of societal influences at the cultural level and psychological processes at the individual level over time to account for the intriguing patterns found in Asian contexts.

AASP Small Group Meeting

The first Southeast Asian Indigenous Psychology Meeting 2021

(Sponsored by AASP and Monash University Malaysia)

Reported by Rachel Sing-Kiat Ting and Yue-Yun Aw Yong

The first ever Southeast Asian Indigenous Psychology Scientific Meeting 2021 (SEAIP 2021), led by Dr Rachel Sing-Kiat Ting and Professor Elizabeth Jones under Monash University Malaysia Psychology Department-Culture and Health Lab, was held successfully via online platform on 4th and 5th December 2021. Under the 5K USD sponsorship of Asian Association of Social Psychology, this virtual conference attracted 97 registrants coming from 16 different countries, including Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, China, India, and many more.

Under the theme of "Development of Indigenous Psychology in Southeast Asia: Past, Present and Future", this meeting featured 2 keynote and 7 plenary speakers, who are all pioneers of indigenous psychology worldwide, such as Dr Louise

Sundararajan, Dr Rogelia Pe-Pua, and many other esteemed psychologists from US, Canada, Taiwan, China, and Malaysia. The conference received 35 abstract submissions, and 16 of them were accepted for presentation during the conference. The presentations included researches on the impact of COVID-19, the indigenous concepts in Southeast Asia, indigenous healing methods, and indigenous peoples. Additionally, 7 full papers were considered for Early Career Researchers Awards, and 3 were selected to receive the Best Paper Awards after being rigorously reviewed by the SEAIP Scientific Committee.



Besides 11 presentation sessions, there were also 3 networking sessions that took place over the course of 2 days. These sessions provided an avenue for researchers from different countries to converse and form research collaborations. As an outcome, this conference yielded 4 research clusters, with a total of 52 cluster members. The 4 research clusters include:

- 1. *Cluster I:* Unique contribution of SEA IP to global psychology
- 2. *Cluster II*: IP research paradigms among SEA community
- 3. *Cluster III:* How to decolonise psychology disciplines of SEA & Strategies for empowering the next generation of IP researchers in SEA
- 4. *Cluster IV:* IP for marginalized populations and indigenous people in SEA, including refugees & IP and the effects of the pandemic on SEA populations' well-being

After the meeting, 2 seed grants proposals were received and 1K USD were granted to two collaborative projects, titled "Wellness in the Context of the COVID-19 Pandemic in Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia and the Philippine" and "The Experience of Stigma and Coping among Marginalized Students in Three South East Asian Countries: A Cross-Cultural Study" respectively, led by investigators from Philippines and Indonesia.

Here are the few quotes of appreciation from the attendees:

"I like that it was a small group where everyone has the chance to speak up and that it maintained the same group all throughout which gave us an opportunity to know each other and bond."

"The sense of community feeling that it offered. It was nice meeting people who are also passionate about IP."

"...A safe space to tackle matters that we value in our profession, so the group was able to truly converse: air out early career frustrations, and empower each other on how to keep the advocacy alive."





A facebook group (https://www.facebook.com/groups/4194044865308

06/?ref=share) and email list serve (SEAIP@simplelists.com) have been created based on the request of the attendees for continuous engagement. We hope to continue this momentum of collaboration in Southeast Asia and welcome more potential researchers to join our networks. For more information. kindly visit our website https://seaip2021.wixsite.com/sea-ip.

Regional Updates

Report from Korea

1st 2022 Biannual conference of Korean Social and Personality Psychological Association (KSPPA)

Reported by Young-Mi Kwon

The Korean Social and Personality Psychological Association (KSPPA) held its first biannual conference on May 28th via Zoom webinar.

The conference consisted of oral presentation sessions, poster presentation sessions, and a special session for the awardees of research awards from Korean Psychological Association.

Two sessions including 8 oral presentations were presented during the conference. The presentations covered a variety of research topics including positive forecasting, identity, belief in the MBTI test, essentialistic belief in happiness,

statistical power, SD4 scale validation, ICU scale validation, and social exclusion.

During the special session, the presenters provided suggestions on the vision and orientation for researchers of KSPPA. The topics were social exclusion (Dr. Namhee Kim), counterfactual thinking (Dr. Hyeman Choi), symbiotic flourishing of individuals and the community (Dr. Hoon-Seok Choi), and Korean forensic psychology (Dr. Kwang-Bae Park)

The webinar also hosted graduate students' poster presentations. The 6 pre-recorded presentations were posted on YouTube in advance, and an online Q & A session was held during the webinar.



2nd 2022 Biannual conference of Korean Social and Personality Psychological Association (KSPPA)

Reported by Young-Mi Kwon

The Korean Social and Personality Psychological Association (KSPPA) held its second biannual conference on December 3rd via Zoom webinar.

The webinar was held in two separate conference rooms at the same time. In the first conference room, there was a research competition for the "future social and personality psychologists award" in which graduate or undergraduate students participated and presented their research. Twenty research were presented in the research competition, and the award winners were announced at the end of the conference.

In the same conference room, a talk session for the awardees of the "Young social and personality psychologists award" (Dr. Jieun Shin, Dr. Jong An Choi) and the awardee of the "lifetime achievement award" (Dr. Han-Gee Seong) by KSPPA was followed. The awardees shared their main research achievements and suggested future directions for social and personality psychologists.

Meanwhile, in the second conference room, two general sessions including 8 oral presentations were presented. The topics included a scale development for child happiness, a psychological autopsy scale validation, two independent studies focusing on the 10.29 Itaewon disaster (victim blaming, ingroup correction), identity fusion, latent profile analysis, a scale validation for self-report psychopathy, a scale development for domestic violence.

There was also a poster session in which five presenters introduced their research and had a Q&A

session. Lastly, an annual general meeting (AGM) was held to provide the association's annual report.



Report from Japan

Reported by Keiko Ishii

The Japanese Society of Social Psychology held its annual conference in person from September 14-15, 2022, which included a symposium on social psychology and consumer behaviors, five workshops (assisting Ukraine, the validity of psychological assessment, democracy and social psychology, mindset, and interdisciplinary social psychology), and 252 oral and poster presentations. Shortly thereafter, the annual conference of the Japanese Group Dynamics Association was held online from September 17-18, featuring an invited talk by Dr. Patricia Leavy on social fiction.

Vietnam Association of Psychology (VAP) Conference

Reported by Minh Hieu Nguyen

collaboration with AASP. Vietnam Association of Psychology (VAP) is organizing an international conference on "Psychology and Education in the context of COVID-19 pandemic" at the end of August, 2023. The conference seeks to evaluate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on education and psychology of different social classes, thereby assessing adaptability to the COVID-19 pandemic of different social classes and the education sectors. The focused topics are mental health, family life, employment and welfare, frontline healthcare workers, religion, education, and communication during the pandemic. The conference will be held in Hochiminh city with an online option. Full paper should be submitted by May 30, 2023.



The 2022 Annual Conference of Chinese Association of Social Psychology

Reported by Huajian Cai

On December 10 and 11, 2022, the 2022 Annual Conference of Chinese Association of Social Psychology was held online at Hunan Normal University in *Changsha*, *Hunan*, with "Social Psychology: Connecting the Past with the Future" as the main theme. More than 600 experts, scholars and students presented their works online and more than 50,000 audience listened to the online talks.



The opening ceremony was presided over by Wang Xinjian, former President of Chinese Association of Social Psychology and Professor of Nankai University. Professor Liu Qijun, President of Hunan University, delivered a welcome speech first. On behalf of the faculty and students of Hunan University, Professor Liu warmly welcomed all the delegates to attend the online meeting. He then introduced Hunan Normal University and its bright future.



Prof. Liu Qijun Delivered the Welcome Speech

On Dec. 10 and Dec. 11, a total of 8 keynote speeches, 4 workshops, 35 specialized forums, 45 group forums and 2 doctoral candidates forums were held. There were a total of more than 600 presentations. These presentations have involved a wide range of topics, including not only many cutting-edge topics in in current social psychology such as awe, nostalgia and cultural psychology, but also many indigenous topics such as filial piety, GOOD personality and Junzi personality. Overall, the talks not only demonstrated latest advancement of Chinese social psychology research but also provided a wonderful opportunity for researchers to communicate with each other.



At the meantime, two workshops were held on Dec 10 and Dec 11, respectively. While the first one implicates marriage and family psychology, the second one is about psychoanalysis and Chinese culture. Two workshops attracted a large group of audience members.



The conference was closed in the afternoon of Dec. 11, Prof. Liu Li, the president of next year presided over the closing ceremony. Prof. Zuo Bin, current president of the conference, and Prof. Ding Daoqun, current secretary of the conference, delivered two closing talks, summarizing the conference, expressing gratitude to the organizers, and calling for more future research that aims to solve social problems in current China.



Prof. Liu presided over the closing ceremony

The 2023 annual conference will be held in Guilin.



Meeting in 2023 at Guilin

Welcome to the AASP 2023 @ EdUHK Conference, July 13-15 "Asian Social Psychology in the Face of Global Challenges: Achievements and Opportunities."

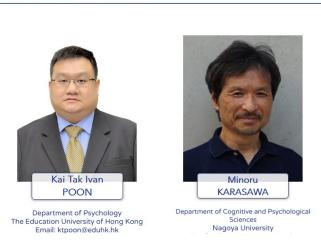


Now accepting submissions: https://www.aasp-2023-eduhk.org/call-for-submissions

The Department of Psychology at The Education University of Hong Kong is looking forward to hosting the 2023 conference, both online and in-person, from our beautiful Hong Kong campus this summer!

The Scientific Committee, headed by Prof. Minoru Karasawa (Nagoya University; incoming AASP President) and Dr. Ivan Poon (The Education University of Hong Kong), and the Organizing Committee, headed by Dr. Emma E. Buchtel (The Education University of Hong Kong; AASP's Hong Kong Regional Representative), are busy recruiting content and arranging events for the July 13-15 conference. As traditional, the conference will be preceded by the Summer School for graduate students, organized by Takeshi Hamamura (Curtin University; Chair of the AASP Education and Training Committee).

Scientific Steering Committee Chairs



The past few years have seen unprecedented events pose new challenges around the world, from the Covid-19 pandemic to drastic changes in national leadership to global crises. In the face of these global challenges, the field of social psychology has sought to understand how individuals and groups navigate

and cope with these changes and what they mean for society at large. In this conference, we will discuss the achievements made in this area and examine the opportunities these changes present for psychological research. We hope that you will join us and contribute to this important discussion.

Building on extensive experience with different modes of interactivity over the past few years, we are excited to be holding AASP 2023 in "live hybrid" mode. Symposia and paper sessions will be both inperson and shown in parallel on Zoom, with inperson and online audience interactions facilitated by our up-to-date hybrid teaching facilities at EdUHK and our experienced staff and students. Poster sessions will also have both online and in-person options with special events for greater interactivity.

For Hybrid Mode:



We know that our main committed audience will be on the ground in Hong Kong, but are glad to offer the online option to give greater flexibility and accessibility, and promise a fruitful experience for both modes. Attendees can decide at the time of

registration (mid-April) if they will take advantage of the convenience of an online mode, or to come to Hong Kong and enjoy the travel and socialintellectual interactions that are the key pleasures of an in-person event!

With hybrid mode guaranteed, we believe this will help everyone attend with full confidence of an enjoyable event open to all. Please see the Call for Submissions page to start preparing your abstracts for this exciting conference. Also keep an eye out for announcements of Award applications, which include several types of travel and achievement awards.

We look forward to this opportunity to bring social psychologists from the pan-Asian region together to share our research, in the Hybrid format that will maximize accessibility and participation. Looking forward to seeing you in July 2023, whether online or in-person!



Emma E. Buchtel, Chair of the AASP 2023 @ EdUHK Organizing Committee