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## Message from the President of the AASP

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It is my great privilege to serve the Asian Association of Social Psychology as its 15th President. I am thankful for this opportunity to carry on the legacy that past presidents and executive officers have built and developed.

AASP's inception in 1995 was a humble start with a small group of ambitious researchers primarily based in East Asia and Oceania. Since then, the membership has grown remarkably, recording more than 1,800 historical members based in diverse regions, including South and Southeast Asia, the Middle East, Europe, and North America. I am dedicated to assisting AASP in expanding creative and productive collaborations among its members. AASP's growth is noteworthy not only in its quantity but also in the quality of research it has produced. Particularly notable is the recent progress in the quality of publications in our Asian Journal of Social Psychology with its stable increase in indices such as its Impact Factor and JCR ranking. I am grateful for the exceptional efforts of Kevin Kim-Pong Tam, the Editor-in-Chief, and his team for their hard work. The current team will end their term at the close of this year, and in January 2024 we will have a new editorial team headed by Yu Niiya as Editor-in-Chief, along with Co-Editors-in-Chief Wendy Li and Lucy Xiaowan Lin.

One of AASP's most notable recent events was our 15th Biennial Conference in Hong Kong. (Details are reported in a separate article later in this issue.) This was many participants' first in-person conference since the outbreak of COVID-19, albeit partially in the hybrid format. We enjoyed the face-to-face interactions as we shared both research ideas and social occasions. I applaud the Organization Committee headed by Emma Buchtel for their impressive effort in completing this successful hybrid conference. Also, thanks to the labors of the Scientific Committee led by Kai Tak Ivan Poon, we enjoyed a collection of outstanding plenary talks and high-quality research presentations.

As acknowledged in the theme of the Biennial Conference, our Asia-Pacific region currently faces many challenges, including political conflicts, economic inequality, threats to social justice, environmental concerns, and many more. Whereas these

are all global challenges, once these problems arise in the Asian region, they present uniquely specific Asian faces. As social psychologists in this Asian-Pacific context, we must continue to provide insights and evidence that can serve as solutions for those issues.

Another memorable event during the Hong Kong Conference was the ceremony in which Sylvia Chen, our President at that time, and the Vietnam Association of Psychology President, Dr. Vu Dung, co-signed a Memorandum of Understanding to promote cooperation between the two organizations. As the new President, I am eager to pursue further opportunities to facilitate similar collaborations among the scholars in various countries and regions.

Now I would like to highlight some changes in our Executive Committee. Hoon-Seok Choi has fulfilled his position as the Immediate Past-President. Sylvia Chen has completed her role as the President and has become the Immediate Past-President. On behalf of the entire membership, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for their leadership and dedication to our Association. Li Liu has come back to the Committee, as the President-Elect this time. Xiaomin Sun continues her hard work as Secretary General, and so does Wendy Li as Treasurer. Susumu Yamaguchi chairs our new committee for selection of Fellows, while Takeshi Hamamura continues to serve as Education and Training Committee Chair.

Kevin Tam will complete his three-year tenure as the Editor-in-Chief for Asian Journal of Social Psychology at the end of this year. I cannot thank him and his editorial team enough for their limitless dedication to promoting the Journal, which, indeed, made remarkable progress during their term. As of January 2024, Yu Niya will start as the Chief alongside Wendy Li and Lucy Xiaowan Lin, who will serve as Co-Editors-in-Chief.

Jose Antonio R. Clemente has completed his term as Southeast Asia Regional Representative and replacing him is Moh Abdul Hakim. Huajian Cai and Kenichi Ito have completed their roles as Representatives-at-Large for China and Singapore, respectively. Joining us as new Representatives-at-Large are Liz Jones for Malaysia, Hong Zhang for China, and Kimin Eom for Singapore. I would like to express my deepest appreciation to the outgoing officers for their efforts and commitment to fulfilling their responsibilities. For the new Representatives, I extend a warm welcome with genuine delight and excitement to work together.

I am also grateful to many of our Representatives who continue their roles, including Regional Reps Keiko Ishii (East Asia), Roomana Siddiqui (South Asia), and Ilan Dar-Nimrod (Insular Pacific), as well as Reps-at-Large Emma Buchtel (Hong Kong), Young-Mi Kwon (Korea), Chien-Ru Sun (Taiwan), Thipnapa Huansuriya (Thailand), Minh Hieu Nguyen (Vietnam), Mostafa Zarean (Middle East), Sammyh Khan (Europe), and Shige Oishi (North America).

Last, but not least, I thank Beijing Normal University for their tremendous contributions to our Association. Their invaluable contribution, particularly through their generous financial support, has played a pivotal role in the progress and development of AASP in recent years.

To conclude, I look forward to working together with you all to facilitate collaborations among our members in research, education, and practice, with mutual exchanges of diverse ideas, inspiration, and support.



## Asian Journal of Social Psychology

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# AASP 2023 Conference Report

Emma E. Buchtel, The Education University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

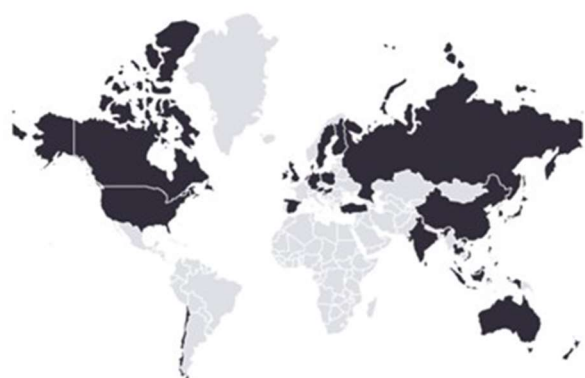
We are thrilled to report on the successful completion of the 15<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the Asian Association of Social Psychology, “Asian Social Psychology in the Face of Global Challenges: Achievements and Opportunities” hosted in hybrid mode by the Department of Psychology at the Education University of Hong Kong from July 13-15, 2023. This gathering was a milestone event for both EdUHK and the AASP, bringing together almost 700 esteemed scholars, graduate students, and early-career attendees from across the globe to share knowledge and expertise in the field of Asian Social Psychology.

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Here's a summary of the key highlights and achievements of AASP 2023:

## Statistics: Conference Attendance

- Total Attendees: 685
  - In-person: 475 (70%)
  - Online: 210 (30%)
- Total speakers/presenters: 544
  - 5 Keynote Speakers
  - 2 Award Addresses
  - 1 Presidential Address
  - 34 symposia
  - 69 paper sessions of 293 Individual Presentations
  - 162 poster presentations



Country/Region	No. of participants
China (Mainland)	139
Hong Kong S.A.R.	117
Japan	102
India	46
Philippines	45
Indonesia	39
South Korea	33
Malaysia	24
Vietnam	21
United States	21

And more from Australia, Singapore, Macau, Poland, United Kingdom, New Zealand, Canada, Netherlands, Russia, Sri Lanka, Germany, Ireland, Thailand, Austria, Chile, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Spain, Sweden, Turkey...

## International Participation

The conference saw representation from 33 different countries/regions, making it a truly global event. Keynote and award speeches, detailed below, were enjoyed from distinguished professors from Australia, Hong Kong SAR, Japan, and the USA. This diverse participation enriched the exchange of ideas and perspectives throughout the conference, and participants created a warm, welcoming, and respectful atmosphere that contributed hugely to the success of the event.

### Programme Summary:

AASP 2023 featured an impressive lineup of 544 different individual speakers or poster presenters. The core programming consisted of 34 symposia and 293 individual presentations organized into 69 thematic groups of 4 or 5 speakers. Exceptional Featured Symposia included those from associated organizations (EdUHK, The Vietnam Association of Psychology, the International Association of Language and Social Psychology, and Research Institute of Science and Technology for Society), Meet the Editor sessions for AJSP and JRJP, and five symposia that emphasized different aspects of the Conference Theme of “Asian Social Psychology in the Face of Global Challenges: Achievements and Opportunities.” Symposia and paper presentations were conducted in 8 parallel hybrid sessions across 13 timeslots over the three-day conference. 162 poster presentations were enjoyed during the lunch hours. Posters were evenly divided between in-person posters on the first two days and a fully online poster session on Gathertown on the final day, providing attendees with both in-person and virtual platforms to explore and engage with the presenters and audience. The hybrid mode enabled increased connections and participation, with about 30% of the presentations given by online participants.

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### Summer School:

Prior to the main conference, the AASP Summer School was hosted on campus, where 44 outstanding graduate students engaged in both online and in-person sessions. They had the privilege of learning from esteemed professors Takeshi Hamamura, Melody Chao, Yu Niiya, Ronnel King, Emi Kashima, and Yoshihisa Kashima, making it an exceptional and valuable experience for all participants. The students came from very diverse geographical regions, and included students supported by the Australasian . During the three-day summer school, the students were engaged in a variety of research-related talks and research-intensive interactive experiences among students and supervisors.

### Meet a Mentor Opportunity:

We were grateful to be able to offer in-person "Meet a Mentor" opportunities during lunchtime, where our volunteer mentors-- professors Chi Yue Chiu, Hoon-Seok Choi (who very unfortunately was felled by COVID at the last minute), Michael Harris Bond, Emiko Kashima, Sylvia X. Chen, Brock Bastian, Minoru Karasawa, James Liu, Yukiko Uchida, and Ying-yi Hong -- met with a selected group of students and early-career conference attendees for a lunchtime chat. This initiative allowed attendees to connect with established scholars, seek guidance, and discuss their research interests.

### Poster Sessions:

Poster sessions for 162 poster presenters were divided between three lunchtime sessions. Day 1 and 2 were in-person, and Day 3 was online on Gathertown, providing attendees with both in-person and virtual platforms to explore and engage with the presenters and audience.





### Conference Highlights:

DAY 1: The Opening Ceremony commenced with a vibrant Lion Dance troupe performance invited by the Hong Kong Tourism Board, and welcome speeches by Professor Chetwyn Chan, Vice President (Research and Development), Professor Bruce Macfarlane, Dean of the Faculty of Education and Human Development, Dr Kevin Chan Ka Shing, Head of the Department of Psychology and Professor Sylvia Xiaohua Chen, the President of Asian Association of Social Psychology.

The opening ceremony was followed by the Joint Keynote delivered in delightful hybrid mode by Professors Hazel Markus and Yukiko Uchida in-person, and Professor Jeanne Tsai, joining us from California (USA), entitled “Cultural Defaults in the Time of the Coronavirus: Lessons for the Future.” Additionally, we were inspired by the AASP Lifetime Achievement Award Address presented by Prof. Fanny Cheung, who spoke on the topic of “From Indigenization to Culture Mainstreaming in Psychology.” Lunchtime was accompanied by Meet a Mentor sessions and Day 1 in-person Poster Presentations. The day concluded with parallel Symposia and Paper Sessions, enriching the knowledge-sharing experience.

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DAY 2: Noteworthy keynotes were delivered by Prof. Brock Bastian on the topic of “Rethinking culture and emotion regulation” and Prof. Zhansheng Chen on the topic of “Social Consequences of Ostracism.” Day 2 also saw the continuation of stimulating parallel sessions of Symposia and Paper Sessions, Meet a Mentor sessions and Poster Presentations. The day culminated in the Gala Banquet Dinner, providing attendees with an enjoyable opportunity to celebrate and chat over Cantonese food at the ClubOne Riviera, evoking an iconic Hong Kong Floating Restaurant along the river. The dinner was accompanied by a lovely performance by a traditional Chinese instrument quartet invited by the Hong Kong Tourism Board.





DAY 3: The final day began with the AASP Presidential Address of Prof. Minoru Karasawa, whose 2023-2025 tenure as AASP President would begin upon the end of the Closing Ceremony. Prof. Karasawa spoke on “Challenging Social Dividedness: Potential Contributions from Asian Perspectives.” Next we enjoyed the Award Address of Dr. Jesus (“Jess”) Alfonso D. Datu, the recipient of the Michael H. Bond Early Career Award, who spoke on “The Multiple Faces of Gratefulness in a Collectivist Context: Conceptualization, Measurement, and Well-Being Correlates of Gratitude Motives.” During lunchtime on Day 3, the Online Posters session took place in Gathertown, allowing for further hybrid-mode engagement an enthusiastic audience. The day concluded with the Annual General Meeting, which included the Award Ceremony and the signing of a new MOU between the Vietnam Association of Psychology and AASP. Finally, the Closing Ceremony provided an opportunity to express gratitude and bid farewell to all those who contributed to the success of this conference. Prof. Liz Jones was thrilled to announce that AASP 2025 will be held in Malaysia.





## Final Acknowledgments:

In addition to all of those highlighted above, we also wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our organizers, supporters, volunteers (especially the tireless student volunteers!), and participants for making AASP 2023 a resounding success. The commitment, enthusiasm, and kind welcome displayed by all attendees contributed to the vibrant and fruitful atmosphere of this event. We heard from many participants about how much they enjoyed the warm and inclusive atmosphere, a truly unique and continuous feature of AASP conferences, with comments on our post-conference survey such as “The diversity of the papers and topics is the biggest strength of this conference,” “The event space was very conducive for fostering connections,” and “I feel the warm reception and collegial atmosphere of the association.”

## Conclusion:

With the conclusion of AASP 2023, we hope that all attendees had a wonderful time, forged valuable connections, and gained new insights and ideas that will shape the future of social psychology research. As the participants returned home, we wished them all a safe journey and countless cherished memories! Thank you for being a part of this extraordinary experience, and we look forward to welcoming you back to Hong Kong in the near future--- and seeing you in Malaysia in 2025!



## Conference Awards

### Kuo Shu Yang Medal (AASP Lifetime Contribution Award):

Fanny M. Cheung, The Chinese University of Hong Kong  
Kwok Leung (posthumous award)

### Michael Harris Bond Early Career Award:

Jesus Alfonso (Jess) D. Datu, The University of Hong Kong

### Summer School Travel Award:

Khatijatussalihah, The Australian National University, Australia  
Alisha Chettri, Tripura University, India  
Raymond Man Him Ho, University of Copenhagen, Denmark  
S Grace Tinnunem Haokip, University of Delhi, India

### Kuo Shu Yang Travel Award:

Joevarian Hudiyana, Faculty of Psychology, Universitas Indonesia, Indonesia  
Anu Malik, The LNM Institute of Information Technology Jaipur, India

### Misumi Award for AJSP Outstanding Articles:

- Browman, A. S., Destin, M., & Miele, D. B. (2021). Perception of economic inequality weakens Americans' beliefs in both upward and downward socioeconomic mobility. *Asian Journal of Social Psychology*, 25(1), 35–51.
- Chen, Y., Liu, X., Lan, T., & Hong, Y. (2021). Move more and bribe more? The impact of residential mobility on bribe - giving. *Asian Journal of Social Psychology*, 25(2), 237–248.
- Uyheng, J., Roxas, G. K. T., & Herras, M. M. (2020). Veiled apologetics and insurgent nostalgia: Sociogenesis of contested memories of the Marcos dictatorship. *Asian Journal of Social Psychology*, 24(3), 336–348.

# Fellows Selected in 2023

Susumu Yamaguchi, University of Tokyo, Japan

AASP has added a new category of membership: Fellow status. This status is awarded to AASP members who have made excellent scientific contributions to Asian Social Psychology. Their contribution in education, application, and the work for AASP may be considered as well.

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The Executive Committee launched the Fellow Selection Committee (FSC), which consists of three original Fellows, including Susumu Yamaguchi (Chair), Fanny Cheung, and Colleen Ward. Based upon the careful examination of contributions of members, FSC selected the following members, who were awarded the Fellow status at the Annual General Meeting of Hong Kong conference in July 2023.

**Kwok Leung (posthumous)**



**Hwang, Kwang-Kuo**



**Yoshihisa Kashima**



**Emiko Kashima**



**James Liu**



FSC will continue to select new Fellows based on nominations from current Fellows.

**Three original Fellows:**  
**Susumu Yamaguchi**



**Fanny Cheung**



**Colleen Ward**





# AASP 2025

Liz Jones, Monash University, Malaysia

Monash University Malaysia, in collaboration with other Malaysian scholars, looks forward to welcoming AASP members to the 2025 AASP conference to be hosted on our campus. We are located in Bandar Sunway in Kuala Lumpur, providing attendees with access to many good accommodation options at Sunway Pyramid Mall, and wonderful and diverse food choices. The conference will be held from Thursday July 10 to Saturday July 12. There will be a PhD Summer School held prior to the conference. More details will be shared in the New Year.

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## Asian Journal of Social Psychology: Report from the Editor-in-Chief

Kim-Pong Tam, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong

The journal continues to draw increasing interest from readers and authors. In 2022, the journal broke its own record set in the previous year with 699 manuscript submissions received. It also registered over 220,000 article downloads in the year. We are on the path to matching or even breaking these records in 2023. For example, counting only the first 9 months, we have already received 565 submissions, a 10.8% increase for the year to date. Another great news is that the journal is witnessing a steady increasing trend in its impact. Its most recent Journal Impact Factor by Clarivate stands at 2.4, and its CiteScore by Scopus is now 3.6.

Another achievement of the journal is the successful continuation of the AJSP Editors Podcast, which we started in 2021. 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 11 episodes as of September 2023. Figures show that these episodes are catching a great deal of attention. By the end of June 2023, we have already accumulated over 32,000 listens. Interested parties can find all episodes at <https://ajsp-editors-podcast.castos.com/>.

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We are also very happy to announce that the journal is participating in a MultiJournal Special Issue titled “Advancing the Interface between Research and Practice for Sustainable Development.” The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and its Common Agenda for achieving these goals are used as the framework for this special issue. Our journal is now calling for papers that examine the interface between research and practice and demonstrate the relevance of social psychological processes to the promotion of mitigation behavior, facilitation of social, cultural, and institutional changes, protection of vulnerable populations, and diffusion of adaptation practices in the context of the global climate agenda. Interested members can find more information at the journal’s website: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/1467839x>.

As the calendar turns to 2024, the current editorial team will have completed its 3-year term, and the new team will begin their work. On behalf of the current team, I sincerely ask for your continued support for the journal. Wish you and your loved ones happiness and health!

## Report from the Education and Training committee

Takeshi Hamamura, Curtin University, Australia

### Summer School

The 9th AASP Summer School was successfully held! Designed to provide a research-intensive interactive experience for social psychology students in the region, the School this year was conducted in a hybrid format with over 40 students from countries across the region. Three students from Australia also attended the School through the AASP’s agreement with the Society for Australasian Social Psychologists for reciprocal Summer School support (more on this below)

The three-day School was filled with academic and social activities. Students worked in groups to develop research proposals that were presented on the final day. Our heartfelt thanks go to School teachers, Emi Kashima, Melody Chao, Ronnel King, Yoshi Kashima, and Yu Niiya. Special acknowledgment to Liman Li for providing local coordination support.





With the generous donation from the 2021 School teachers, we were able to award travel support funds to four students below to support their in-person attendance. Congratulations!

- Khatijatusshalihah, The Australian National University (Australia)
- Chettri, Alisha, Tripura University (India)
- Ho, Man Him, University of Copenhagen (Denmark)
- Haokip, S Grace Tinnunnem, University of Delhi (India)

### Summer School Research Grants

Participation in the AASP Summer School comes with an opportunity to apply for a research grant to conduct the project developed. In fact, during this year's conference, three groups from the 2021 School presented their project that were developed during the 2021 School and conducted since then with this research grant.

Following the conclusion of this year's Summer School, all groups were invited to submit their research proposal. Each proposal was assessed by a panel of experts. The panel members reported that the selection process was not easy given the calibre of the proposals. Three proposals below were selected and will be awarded a USD1000 grant from AASP's Kwok Leung Memorial Fund. Congratulations! We look forward to your project presentation during the 2025 conference in Malaysia.

Project Title	Team
The role of perceived intergenerational mobility in shaping growth mindset and challenge seeking	Jenny Y. Yang Mao Yunyun Yang Shuting Wei Jingwen Hou Jiayi
The Effect of Language Mixing on Intergroup Attitude and the Moderating Role of Diversity Orientation	Cheuk-yue Wan Hongyu Wang Yin Luo Minning Yang, Alisha Chettri
Social Motives Underlie Collective Action Responses to Societal Threats	Jack Klein OckA Jeong, Raymond Ho Jason D. Freeman



## AASP Travel Support to Attend the SASP Summer School 2023

AASP has an agreement with SASP for reciprocal Summer School support. This collaboration aims to provide financial assistance to AASP and SASP students for attending each other's Summer Schools. The following AASP student members were selected for travel support to attend the SASP Summer School to be held in Melbourne in November:

- CABACUNGAN, Alisa (Central Mindanao University)
- FREEMAN, Jason (Hokkaido University)
- MBEYE, Bright (National Dong Hwa University)

Each awardee will receive travel costs up to 700 Australian Dollars (funded by AASP) and will have their School tuition and accommodation fees waived (funded by SASP). Congratulations to all awardees!

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## International Conference in Hanoi: A Successful Collaboration between the Vietnam Association of Psychology and the AASP

Minh Hieu Nguyen, Vietnam Representative-at-Large

On July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, a Memorandum of Understanding between the AASP and Vietnam Association of Psychology (VAP) was signed by AASP President Sylvia Chen and VAP President Vu Dung, in the presence of AASP executives and VAP representatives attending the annual general meeting at the 15<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the AASP in Hong Kong.



Following this momentous occasion, the VAP, in collaboration with the AASP, successfully organized the International Conference on "Psychology and Education in the Context of Social Change" in Hanoi, Vietnam on August 27th and 28th, 2023. The conference attracted over 600 attendees and 229 submissions from Vietnam and eight other countries. Among the attendants, 57 were AASP members, including 40 VAP members who joined the AASP last year. The submissions to the conference delved into the analysis of shifts in human psychology and educational practices amidst the dynamic changes in our social activities.



The conference provided a pivotal platform for the assessment of the multifaceted impacts of psychological phenomena within our rapidly changing world. Attendees and presenters discussed about both the positive and negative consequences of these shifts. Furthermore, the conference yielded invaluable insights and recommendations aimed at promoting positive psychological elements while mitigating the adverse effects that can emerge in our changing society.



During the conference, VAP President Vu Dung provided an overview of the conference objectives and chaired a workshop on “Mental health of people in the context of social change.” AASP new President Minoru Karasawa delivered a warm Welcome Address and chaired a workshop on “Psychological aspects of economic change.” AASP Past Presidents James Liu and Emiko Kashima introduced the collaboration of VAP and AASP, highlighting key benefits for VAP members. AASP Past President Sylvia Chen presented a souvenir to express AASP’s appreciation to VAP for partnership and advancement of psychological knowledge, practice, and unity. She also chaired a workshop on “Culture and mental health.”



Keynote speeches were delivered by Prof. Darrin Hodgetts from Massey University in New Zealand, Prof. Cho Hyun Seob from Chongshin University in South Korea, and Assoc. Prof. Phan Trong Ngo from Hanoi University of Education, Vietnam National University in Hanoi.

The significance of this event was underscored by its extensive media coverage in Vietnam, with three national and local TV channels and numerous national news outlets reporting on the proceedings.