Asian Association of Social Psychology Newsletter

June 2023

Message from the President of the AASP

Sylvia Xiaohua Chen

Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong



It has been almost two years since I assumed the role of President of the AASP in July 2021. I am delighted to witness the continuous development and exciting initiatives of the AASP. During this time, the number of AASP historical members has grown from over 1,400 to over 1,800 across 26 countries. The AASP's flagship journal, the Asian Journal of Social Psychology (AJSP), has also been increasing its impact on social science research, ranked from the 72nd percentile (Q2) to the 80th percentile (Q1) in General Social Sciences on Scopus. We are immensely grateful to AJSP's Editor-in-Chief, Kim-Pong Tam, and his editorial team for their unwavering dedication and persistent efforts.

In addition to our established collaborations with academic organizations such as the International Association of Language and Social Psychology, Society of Australasian Social Psychologists, and International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology, the AASP has forged new partnerships in under-represented countries. We are co-organizing an International Conference on "Psychology and Education in the Context of Social Changes" with the Vietnam Association of Psychology (VAP), scheduled to take place in Hanoi, Vietnam in late August 2023. A memorandum of understanding



In this issue

- Message from the President of the AASP
- EdUHK's AASP 2023
- AASP Distinguished Seminar Series
- AASP Research
 Collaborative Meeting
 Series
- Teaching Social Psychology in Asia Survey
- Regional update: Thailand

(Edited by: Keiko Ishii, Nagoya University, Japan) formalizing our collaborative agreement will be signed by AASP and VAP in July 2023.

To honor AASP members who have made distinguished scientific contributions to Asian Social Psychology, we have established a Fellows Committee, chaired by Susumu Yamaguchi and comprising Fanny Cheung and Colleen Ward as members. The Fellows Committee will review nominations and select AASP Fellows for approval by the Executive Committee. Contributions in education, application, and work for the AASP may also be considered.

This year, the AASP continues to organize the Distinguished Seminar Series and the Research Collaborative Meeting Series to foster research and collaboration. Notable speakers in the AASP Distinguished Seminar Series include Krishna Savani from Hong Kong Polytechnic University (in February), Michael Minkov from Varna University of Management, Bulgaria (in March), and Jackson G. Lu from the MIT Sloan School of Management (in May). In April 2023, a Research Collaborative Meeting was hosted by AASP Past President and AJSP former Editor-in-Chief Allan B.I. Bernardo at De La Salle University, the Philippines. We extend our gratitude to them for their informative and inspiring presentations.

Lastly, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Officers, Committee Chairs, Regional Representatives, Representatives-at-large, and Advisors for their strong commitment and hard work over the past two years. I am confident that under the leadership of the incoming President, Minoru Karasawa, and his team, the AASP will reach new heights.

The 15th Biennial Conference of the AASP is fast approaching. Hosted by the Education University of Hong Kong, with Emma Buchtel leading the Organizing Committee and Ivan Poon and Minoru Karasawa leading the Scientific Committee, our conference has a fantastic scientific program featuring keynote speeches, award lectures, featured symposia, oral presentations, and poster presentations. We eagerly anticipate your presence at the Hong Kong Conference, whether in person or online!



Asian Journal of Social Psychology publishes high-impact research in all areas of personality and social psychology from Asia and other parts of the world. The journal is committed to robust, reproducible, and open science.

Website: onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/1467839x Podcast: ajsp-editors-podcast.castos.com



EdUHK's AASP 2023

Emma E. Buchtel

The Education University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong



The Education University of Hong Kong is looking forward to welcoming delegates to EdUHK's AASP 2023, July 13-15 2023! Coming out of the COVID-19 era, we can see how eager AASP members are to reconnect. More than 650 registered attendees will attend, about 500 in-person and 150 online, and will provide the main content of the programme: more than 290 single speaker presentations, 150 posters, and 30 symposia will introduce us to the latest research coming out of the pan-Asian region. The preceeding 2023 AASP Summer School for graduate students will also welcome more than 40 students for both inperson and online learning. This all makes for a wonderfully full and rich programme. The conference organizers are now in the last stages of scheduling and arranging events to help create social and intellectual opportunities for new learning and collaboration.

We will also enjoy plenary addresses such as AASP's next president's Presidential Address from Professor Minoru Karasawa, and Award Addresses from the winners of the Kuo-Shu Yang Medal Lifetime Achievement Award and the Michael H. Bond Award for Early Research Contributions. We are also honored to host several keynote speakers on the conference theme of "Asian Social Psychology in the Face of Global Challenges: Achievements and Opportunities." A joint keynote from Professors Hazel Markus, Yukiko Uchida, and Jeanne Tsai will tell us about their recent research collaborations, "Cultural Defaults in the Time of the Coronavirus: Lessons for the Future". Professor Brock Bastian will tell us about "Rethinking culture and Emotion Regulation," and from Hong Kong, Zhansheng Chen will discuss "Social Consequences of Ostracism."

Building on the technical advances afforded by the COVID-19 period, we are lucky to be able to host AASP 2023 in hybrid mode to maximize accessibility. The events will be live-streamed on Zoom, accessible from the conference's Whova platform, and a custom-made Gathertown will host the online poster session, allowing both online and in-person speakers and audience to interact. After the conference, recordings will also be available for re-watching, which we hope will help everyone cope with the inevitable FOMO from the eight parallel sessions for symposia and speakers. A small army of staff and trained student volunteers will facilitate the hybrid mode!

While in-person registration has already closed, online registration is still open. Please join us for EdUHK's AASP 2023 and we look forward to welcoming you to Hong Kong, whether online or in-person! https://www.aasp-2023-eduhk.org/

AASP Distinguished Seminar Series Webinar on Experiential Learning of Cultural Norms by Krishna Savani

The AASP continues to organize the Distinguished Seminar Series in 2023. Prof. Krishna Savani from Hong Kong Polytechnic University delivered a webinar titled "Experiential Learning of Cultural Norms: The Role of Implicit and Explicit Aptitudes" on February 20, 2023. During the webinar, he presented seven studies conducted in India, the US, and Singapore, demonstrating the significant role of implicit aptitude in helping people learn interpersonal norms from trial-and-error experiences. Additionally, he shared his experience as an outgoing Associate Editor at the Journal of Personality and Psychology: Attitudes and Social Cognition. The webinar was moderated by Prof. Sylvia Chen.





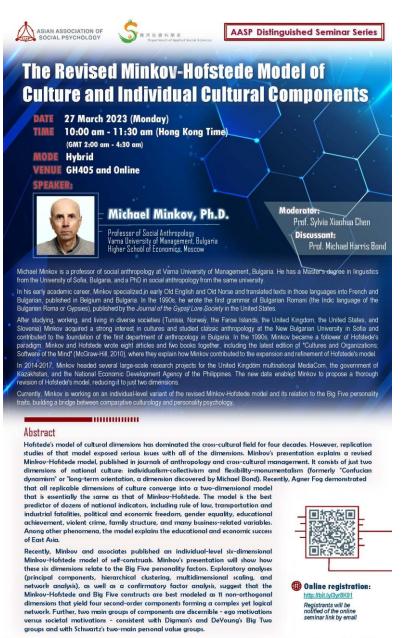
Online registration: http://bit.ly/3DNNU6N Registrants will be notified of the online minar link by email

In addition to discussing this research, Prof. Savani will also share his experience as an outgoing Associate Editor at the Journal of Personality and Psychology: Attitudes and Social Cognition.

This webinar is organized by AASP and AJSP, with technical support by the Faculty of Health and Social Sciences. The Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

Seminar on the Revised Minkov-Hofstede Model of Culture by Michael Minkov

Prof. Michael Minkov from the Varna University of Management, Bulgaria, delivered a hybrid seminar at Hong Kong Polytechnic University and via Zoom on March 27, 2023. The seminar was titled "The Revised Minkov-Hofstede Model of Culture and Individual Cultural Components." During the seminar, he explained a revised Minkov-Hofstede model that consists of two dimensions of national culture: individualism-collectivism and flexibility-monumentalism. Additionally, he presented an individual-level six-dimensional Minkov-Hofstede model of self-construals, supported by empirical evidence at the individual level. Prof. Sylvia Chen moderated the seminar, and Prof. Michael Bond talked about the implications of the research as a Discussant.



This webinar is co-organized by the Department of Applied Social Sciences, with technical support by the Faculty of Health and Social Sciences, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Webinar on the Bamboo Ceiling by Jackson Lu

Dr. Jackson G. Lu at the MIT Sloan School of Management delivered a webinar titled "The Bamboo Ceiling in US Business Schools: Who Receives Tenure and Becomes Dean?" on May 16, 2023. In his presentation, he shared analyses based on a 10-year panel of tenure-track professors and deans at top-50 US business schools and showed that East Asian faculty were less likely to attain tenured positions, full professorships, and dean roles compared to South Asian faculty. He also discussed potential contributing factors to gain a deeper understanding of these intriguing patterns. The webinar was moderated by Prof. Sylvia Chen.



AASP Research Collaborative Meeting Series Research Collaborative Meeting on Polyculturalism by Allan Bernardo

AASP continues to organize the Research Collaborative Meeting Series in 2023. Allan B.I. Bernardo, Past President of AASP and former Editor-in-Chief of AJSP, hosted a collaborative meeting on April 17, 2023, at De La Salle University, Philippines. The meeting was centered around the theme "Polyculturalism: Current Evidence and Prospects for Collaborative Research on the Polycultural Diversity Ideology and Intercultural Relations." During the meeting, Professor Bernardo presented a comprehensive review of the theoretical premises and a survey of empirical work on polyculturalism, including his ongoing research on studying dimensions of polyculturalism. He also highlighted attempts to examine polyculturalism in applied domains, such as organizational behavior, global citizenship education, and youth development, to broaden the potential for research collaborations. The participants actively engaged in brainstorming and planning discussions, exploring possible research questions and projects for future collaborative research. Their enthusiasm for advancing studies in other contexts was evident throughout the meeting.



This collaborative meeting is organized by AASP, with technical support by the Faculty of Health and Social Sciences, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

Teaching Social Psychology in Asia Survey

Takeshi Hamamura

Curtin University, Australia

AASP Education and Training Committee Chair

In 2022, AASP's Education and Training Committee administered a survey to find out how social psychology is taught in Asia, in terms of the characteristics of institutions that offer a course/unit in social psychology; teachers' qualifications and training; language of instruction; topics covered; course readings; assessment; the extent of localisation, etc.

For developing the survey, members of the committee (Alex English, Jose Antonio Clemente, Keiko Ishii, Roomana Siddiqui) collected and studied course syllabi from their respective countries to scope the field. A draft questionnaire was shared with members of the AASP's Executive Committee for feedback.

Over 100 teachers of social psychology from 12 societies across the Asia-Pacific region responded to the survey. Collectively, the respondents teach social psychology to over 12,000 students each year, most commonly to second and third year undergraduate students.

To share a few preliminary results, teachers surveyed indicated that social psychology is generally regarded as an essential/required component of students' psychology education at their home institution. About 80% of teachers surveyed agreed with the statement that "teachers of social psychology should emphasize that what is known in the international (Western) literature may not apply to a local context." At the same time, the teachers surveyed indicated that about 70% of the content taught comes from Western countries, with only about 20% coming from their country and 9% from other countries in Asia.

The survey results will be presented at the AASP symposium titled "Teaching Social Psychology in Asia." The symposium also features three speakers (Adam Smith, Chien-Ru Sun, Roomana Siddqui) who will share their unique approach to social psychology teaching at their home institutions in Japan, Taiwan, and India.

Regional Update: Thailand

Thipnapa Huansuriya, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand

Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand, is organizing the "Thailand International Conference on Psychology (TICP)" on August 4th, 2023. The theme is "Psychology for Health and Well-being in the BANI World." The conference is open to scholars in any field of psychology, although many speakers and preconference workshop instructors will be clinical & counseling psychologists as the conference is focusing on mental health this year. Please follow these links for additional information and registration: https://www.psy.chula.ac.th/.../ticp-2023/registration



Faculty of Psychology, Chulalongkorn University | Tel: 662-218-1307, 662-218-1193 | Email: psy.research@chula.ac.th

Conference & Workshops Fee and Date of Registration

TICP Thailand International Conference on Psychology, 2023

Psychology for Health and Well-being in the BANI World

Date	Programs		
1st WORKSHOP	A Structural Equation Modeling Approach to Multivariate Prediction.		
27 Jul 2023	Dr. Fei Gu		
2nd WORKSHOP	Acceptance and Commitment Therapy: Theory, Practice and Demonstration of Skills and Techniques.		
31 Jul 2023	Asst. Prof. Kullaya Pisitsungkagarn and Asst. Prof. Somboon Jarukasemthawee	LIMIT	
3rd WORKSHOP	Acceptance and Commitment Therapy for Well-Being and Health Promotion.		
1 Aug 2023	Prof. William H. O' Brien	O SE	
4th WORKSHOP	Using Compassion Focused Therapy to Support People Struggling with Problematic Psychosis.		
2 Aug 2023	Asst. Prof. Andrew Fox	AIS	
5th WORKSHOP	Dialectical Behavior Therapy Skills for Emotional Dysregulation: Theory and Practice of DBT Skills.		
3 Aug 2023	Prof. David C. Wang		
CONFERENCE	The Operation		
4 Aug 2023	The Conference		

Packages		Registration Rates (THB)	
		Early Bird Through June 15, 2023	Regular After June 15, 2023
А	Conference only	1,700	2,000
в	Conference + Choose 1 from the 5 workshops	4,500	5,000
С	Conference + Choose 2 from the 5 workshops	7,300	7,900
D	Conference + Choose 3 from the 5 workshops	9,400	10,500
Е	Conference + Choose 4 from the 5 workshops	11,300	12,300
F	Conference + All of the 5 workshops	13,800	15,000

REMARKS:

- For Thai government officers, please refer to your institute's regulation for potential waiver of the leave of absence and claymate of the registration fees.
- The registration fee already includes lunch, snack breaks and related documents.
- Registration fees are not refundable in any circumstances.
- We reserve the right to cancel the workshop if there are less than 15 applicants per program or if there is a force majeure event that cannot be held.

Reaistration



For More Information

Wathinee Sonloy +66 2-218-1307 | Wathinee.S@chula.ac.th Bhibhatbhon Pornchanya +66 2-218-1193 | Bhibhatbhon.P@chula.ac.th

Venue: Borommaratchachonnanisisattaphat Bldg., and Sasa Patasala Bldg., Chulalongkorn University

TICP Thailand International Conference on Psychology, 2023

PRECONFERENCE

Psychology for Health and Well-being in the BANI World

Faculty of Psychology, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand



6-7th Fl. Borommaratchachonnanisisattaphat Bldg. Rama 1 Road, Wangmai, Pathumwan, Bangkok www.psy.chula.ac.th

Venue:

Wathinee Sonloy +66 2-218-1307 | Wathinee.S@chula.ac.th Bhibhatbhon Pornchanya +66 2-218-1193 | Bhibhatbhon.P@chula.ac.th

PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Mindfulness-Based Psychotherapies Widely Recognized for their Effectiveness



จิตบำบัดบนฐานการฝึกสติ ที่ได้รับการยอมรับถึงประสิทธิผล

Acceptance and Commitment Therapy: Theory, Practice and Demonstration of Skills and Techniques





Asst. Prof. Kullaya Pisitsungkagarn, Ph.D. Asst. Prof. Somboon Jarukasemthawee, Ph.D. Faculty of Psychology, Chulalongkorn University, TH

Using Compassion Focused Therapy to Support People Struggling with Problematic Psychosis





Asst. Prof. Andrew Fox, Ph.D. Clinical Psychologist School of Psychology, University of Birmingham, UK Acceptance and Commitment Therapy for Well-Being and Health Promotion





Prof. William H. O'Brien, Ph.D. Department of Psychology, Bowling Green State University, USA

Dialectical Behavior Therapy Skills for Emotional Dysregulation: Theory and Practice of DBT Skills





Prof. David C. Wang, Ph.D. Licensed Psychologist, State of California School of Psychology, Fuller Theological Seminary, USA

Registration



https://www.psy.chula.ac.th/research/ticp-2023 Wathinee Sonloy +66 2-218-1307 | Wathinee.S@chula.ac.th



PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOPS



A Structural Equation Modeling Approach to Multivariate Prediction

27 Jul 2023

9.00-12.00 GMT+7



Dr. Fei Gu

Ph.D., Measurement and Statistics Lecturer, Faculty of Psychology, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand

Small class (30 seats only)

This workshop is designed for researchers who want to build appropriate predictive models for multiple outcome variables.

Conventionally, Multiple Regression is a commonly used method that produces a prediction equation for a single outcome variable in terms of a set of explanatory variables.

In case of multiple outcome variables, **Multivariate Regression** can be used to provide the prediction equations, one for each of the outcome variables. Essentially, the prediction equations obtained from multivariate regression are identical to the ensemble of individual prediction equations obtained from multiple regression for each of the outcome variables. However, like multiple regression, multivariate regression may suffer the multicollinearity problem among the explanatory variables. To overcome the multicollinearity problem, several alternative methods have been developed in the literature, including **Principal Component Regression**, **Canonical Correlation Regression**, and **Redundancy Analysis** (also known as reduced-rank regression).

This workshop will review these methods and discuss their similarity and differences. In addition, a recently developed structural modeling approach is introduced to provide the relevant inferential information for the parameter estimates from these methods.

Participants of this workshop will be able to make informed decisions to build their predictive models in the future.



Registration

https://www.psy.chula.ac.th/research/ticp-2023 Wathinee Sonloy +66 2-218-1307 | Wathinee.S@chula.ac.th

