

The 5th Global Social Science Graduate Students Conference

CALL FOR PAPERS/ABSTRACTS

The Faculty of Social Sciences at Hong Kong Baptist University is pleased to announce that the 5th Global Social Science Graduate Students Conference will take place on **Friday, 21 April 2017** in Hong Kong.

The theme of this multidisciplinary conference is *Development & Polarization*. We invite all social sciences graduate students, including *doctoral and masters students*, to present your research findings in one of the following topics under the main theme:

- Education Studies (including Education Psychology)
- Political Science (including Public Administration, Government & International Studies)
- Geography (including Urban planning, Environmental Studies)
- Physical Education (including Sports and Leisure Management, Sports Psychology)
- History (including China Studies)
- Sociology (including Cultural Studies)
- Social Work (including Youth Studies, Psychology, Mental Health and Social Policy)

We would like to initiate conversations and exchange ideas on *Development & Polarization* that cut across disciplinary boundaries. We also hope that this conference will provide opportunities for students to

- practice their presentation and academic writing skills
- connect with professors and potential research partners
- increase the visibility of their research
- learn frontier research issues conducted at other universities, both in their own and in other disciplines

We invite students to submit papers **in English*** individually and join us on 21 April 2017. Please kindly note the following guidelines:

**Chinese is acceptable only for History students whose primary sources are wholly in Chinese.*

Form of presentation

Type of Presentation	Oral full paper presentation (15 minutes each)
Language	English only <i>*presentation in Chinese will be accepted only for History students whose research topic/raw data (primary sources are) is wholly in Chinese.</i>

Registration and Abstracts Submission

Word Limit	Within 300 words. <i>No references, figures, or charts should be included in the abstract.</i>
Registration	https://hkbuhk.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_bw383tk0UzT
Submission Deadline	20 January 2017
Notice of acceptance	Around end of February 2017

Full Paper Submission (for all accepted full-paper presenters)

Word Limit	Around 3000 - 4000 words + a presentation PowerPoint
Citation Style	See Appendix A
Submission Method	Email your full paper (PDF format) and Powerpoint to soscrpgconf@project.hkbu.edu.hk
Submission Deadline	17 March 2017 (full paper + powerpoint)
Assessment	Papers will be reviewed by professors from the 7 departments.

Additional Information

1. The full conference programme will be announced 2 to 3 weeks before the conference
2. The full-paper presenters are entitled to compete for the following awards:
 - “Best Paper Awards”, (HK \$1,000) each, up to 7 awards, selected based on the content of the paper.
 - “Best Presentation Award” (HK \$1,000) each, up to 7 awards, selected based on both the content and format of the presentation.
3. Participation and registration fees are waived.
4. Financial assistance that partially covers transportation costs may be available for a limited number of students studying outside of Hong Kong. *Please check with the organizing committee via email no later than 3 January 2017.*
5. Accommodation: Conference participants from outside of Hong Kong can inform us, with their proposal, if they would be interested in booking a room at the [NTT International Guest House](#) (subject to availability). The room rate is HK\$920 per room per night.
6. Visa information: Participants are requested to check the relevant Hong Kong visa requirements as soon as possible. It is the participants’ responsibility to investigate the visa requirements and to apply for a visa, if necessary. As the average processing time for a visa can take up to 2 months, we recommend visa

applications to be made by end of January.

7. Conference Venue: Level 2, Madam Kwok Chung Bo Fun Sports and Cultural Centre, Hong Kong Baptist University, Kowloon, Hong Kong.
8. Enquiry Email: soscrpgconf@project.hkbu.edu.hk.

Full Paper Submission Formats for The 5th Global Social Science Graduate Students Conference

Full Paper Title in Title Case

Name Surname

Institute/Company

Address, City, Country

First.Author@institution.org

Name Surname

Institute/Company

Address, City, Country

Second Author@ institution.org

Abstract

Maximum length of the abstract is 300 words. It should appear on the top of the first page, after the title of the paper and the names of the authors, in a section titled "Abstract",

KEYWORDS: 4 - 8 keywords

1. Introduction

Full paper must be in English. (Chinese is allowable only for History discipline students whose research study/nature/raw data are wholly in Chinese.). Papers should include the background of the subject, methodologies, findings, concluding discussions and the importance of the work. Paper submitted to the Conference should be around 4000 words.

2. Paper Format

Authors are suggested to use the example of this file to write your paper. This particular example size should be A4 (i.e. 21.0 centimeters [8.27 inches] by 29.69 centimeters [11.69]) with 25 millimeters margins left, right, top and bottom.

All paragraphs should be single spaced, flush left (no paragraph indent) and right justifies. One line spacing should be placed between paragraphs. Use 12 points Times New Roman font. The styles available are bold, italic and underlines.

2.1 Tables and Figures

Tables and Figures should be placed close to where they are cited. Figure captions and table headings should be clear to explain the figure or table. Tables and figures should be embedded into the file. The following is an example for tables and figures.

Table 1. Title of the Table

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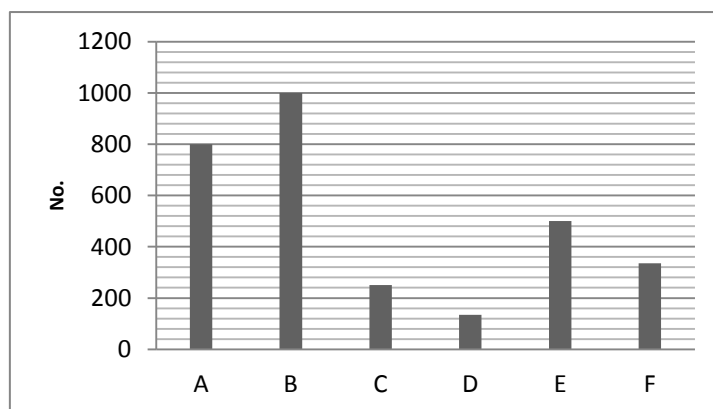


Figure 1. Title of the Figure

Table headings should be centered above the tables. Figure captions should be centered below the figures.

2.2 References

Proper references must be included throughout the text and the list of references must be provided. All citation styles are acceptable; however the same style should be used throughout.

List all cited references in alphabetical order according to the primary author.

2.2 Appendix

The appendix should follow the body and the references of the paper.