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## Message from the President



**Professor Hoon-Seok Choi**  
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### Dear Members of AASP,

It is my honor and great pleasure to serve AASP as President for the period of 2019-2021. Established in 1995, AASP has become one of the major psychology organizations in Asia with over 1,300 members from many parts of the world, including the Far East, South East Asia, India, Oceania, North America, and Europe. Over the past 20 years, members of AASP have contributed to the development of social psychology and played a key

role in solving important social issues in the region. AASP's flagship journal, *Asian Journal of Social Psychology*, has continued to grow with an increasing impact both academically and practically. Through its biennial conference and diverse summer school programs, AASP has also provided a set of platforms where members enjoy intellectual stimulation and develop critical skills for their research. On looking at where we stand now as an academic organization, I see many great achievements and full of positive energy with a warm, family-like atmosphere. I truly hope that we will continue our efforts and collaborations to realize the full potential of our association and create opportunities for further growth.

I look forward to opening up a hopeful future in tandem with all members of AASP.

## **The Executive Committee**

We have some changes in the Officers group and the Executive Committee. Allan Bernardo has completed his role as Past-President. Sylvia Chen joined the group as President-Elect of the association. Emi Kashima has completed her role as President and is now the Immediate Past-President. Li Liu has completed his role as Secretary General, and Fang Wang will serve the association as Secretary General for the next two years. Wendy Li continues to serve as Treasurer, and so does Itesh Sachdev as Chair of the Education and Training

Committee. I would like to express my sincere thanks to Allan Bernardo, Emiko Kashima, and Li Liu for their hard work and sacrifice for the association. Their commitment to excellence and incessant love for our organization will be remembered by all members of AASP for a long time. Also, I welcome Sylvia Chen and Fang Wang to the Officers group with a great deal of joy and excitement.

We also have changes in the Representatives of the association. Hiroaki Morio (East Asia Rep.), Hamdi Muluk (South East Asia Rep.), Jungsik Kim (Korea Rep-at-Large), Della Belleza (Philippines Rep-at-Large), Ching Wan (Singapore Rep-at-Large), Watch Boonyasiriwat (Thailand Rep-at-Large), and Katya Hanke (Germany Rep-at-Large) have completed their term as Regional Representative/Representative-at-Large. I thank all of them for their valuable service for the association over the years. Replacing these individuals and filling in other positions, Keiko Ishii (East Asia Rep), Antonio Clemente (South East Rep), Jian Guan (China Rep-at-Large), Youngmi Kwon (Korea Rep-at-Large), Shige Oishi (North America Rep-at-Large), Sutarimah Ampuni (Indonesia Rep-at-Large), Ken Ito (Singapore Rep-at-large), and Thipnapa Huansuriya (Thailand Rep-at-Large) joined the team. Thank you and welcome on board ! I also thank Roomana N. Siddiqui (South Asia Rep.), Sammyh Kahn (Europe Rep-at-Large), Emma Buchtel (Hong King Rep-at-Large), and Elaine

Fernandez (Malaysia Rep-at-Large) for their continued service for the association.

## 2019 Conference at Taipei

**Reported by Dr. Jen-Ho Chang**

The 13th Conference of AASP was held at Academia Sinica, Taiwan (July 11-13, 2019) on the theme "Consolidating the future of Culture-Oriented Psychology: Progress and achievements". It was a well attended conference with more than 600 delegates from across 20 countries in attendance. The conference was supported financially by the Academia Sinica and Taiwan Ministry of Science and Technology. During the conference about 400 oral presentations were made that included around 70 symposiums and almost 120 posters.

The conference proceeding started with presentations by James C. Liao (President of Academia Sinica), Hsun Chang (Director of Institute of Ethnology, Academia Sinica), Kuang-Hui Yeh (President of Taiwanese Psychological Association, also the Chair of 2019 AASP Conference Organizing Committee), and Emiko Kashima (outgoing AASP President and now Past-President). The main feature of the conference were the keynote address by Shinobu Kitayama, who talked about "Cultural Neuroscience: Building on Asian Social Psychology", Michele J. Gelfand who talked on "A Hundred-Year Journey of Progress in Cross-Cultural Psychology", Jin Li who spoke on "Li (禮) and Self-

Cultivation", and Kwang-Kuo Hwang who spoke on "Escape from Kantian Eurocentric Bias in Cross-cultural Psychology".



Besides the keynote speakers, the Presidential Address was given by Hoon-Seok Choi on the topic "A new model of IND-COL that suggests us what to do within and between groups". The plenary session had speakers like Gustavo Carlo who spoke on "Prosocial Development in Latino/a Immigrant Youth", Steven Heine deliberating on "Psychology's WEIRD challenge: The nature of the problem and possible solutions", the winner of Michael Harris Bond Early Career Award, Ronnel B. King, speaking on "The Great Divide: How Income Inequality Harms Student Motivation and Achievement". In addition, and the winner of Kuo Shu Yang Medal Presentation, Susumu Yamaguchi, who spoke on "Importance of Indigenous Perspectives in Asian Social Psychology: A legacy of Prof. Kuo-Shu Yang."



On the second day of the conference a memorial event was organized for Prof. Kuo-Shu Yang, who not only once served as the President of AASP but also was the Vice President of Academia Sinica. It was a well attended event with speakers sharing their reminiscences of Prof. Kuo-Shu Yang.



## Report of Secretary General



**Professor Li Liu**

Beijing Normal University, China

Currently AASP has 1309 members from various countries with maximum members from China (525), followed by Japan (166), Philippines (148), Indonesia (77) and South Korea (43).

- In the past 12 months, three Small Group Meetings (SGM) were funded by AASP. Organizers of these SGMs are encouraged to edit a special section/issue of AJSP or organize a symposium at the next AASP conference. Applications for new SGMs are invited as per announcement.
- AASP is now in agreement with the Society of Australasian Social Psychologists (SASP) to support student members of the two associations to attend each other's future summer schools.
- A Code of Conduct was evolved as a guide for future conferences.



- The AASP-Wiley-BNU Publication Agreement (2020-2024) was renewed in June 2019. Beijing Normal University is providing financial support for activities of AASP over these five years.
- Three issues of AASP Newsletter have been published over the past two years, edited by Takeshi Hamamura, Muluk Hammuluk, and Roomana N. Siddiqui, respectively.

## Officers of the Society

Position	Current Officer
<b>President</b>	Professor Hoon-Seok Choi
<b>Past President</b>	Professor Emiko Kashima
<b>President Elect</b>	Professor Sylvia Xiaohua Chen
<b>Secretary General</b>	Professor Fang Wang
<b>Treasurer</b>	Associate Professor Wendy Li

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### Education and Training Committee

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Professor Roomana N. Siddiqui

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<b>Malaysia</b>	Dr Elaine Fernandez
<b>Singapore</b>	Dr Ken'ichi Ito
<b>Thailand</b>	Dr Thipnapa Huansuriya
<b>Europe</b>	Dr Sammyh Khan
<b>North America</b>	Professor Shige Oishi

## Message from the President-Elect



**Professor Sylvia Xiaohua Chen**

Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong

It is my great honor to serve the Asian Association of Social Psychology as President-Elect. As I undertake my first task, putting together this issue of the newsletter in collaboration with its editor and South Asia regional representative Roomana N. Siddiqui, I find myself in a reflective mood.

Since I first attended an AASP conference in Wellington, New Zealand in 2005, I have been struck by the warm atmosphere, collegial relationships, and intellectual stimulation we enjoy in this big Asian social psychology family. Having served as the Hong Kong representative-at-large for nearly eight years and as an Associate Editor of the Asian Journal of Social Psychology for four years, I have witnessed the rapid growth and sustainable development of the Association and its flagship journal. It is my hope that we can maintain and build

on this enviable base.

In the months to come, the executive team will continue to promote research and networking by organizing small group meetings and editing special issues on novel topics such as the social psychology of climate change in the Asian context, and narratives of identity. To increase its visibility through social media outlets, the AASP has set up Twitter and Facebook accounts in English and a Weibo account in Chinese. The renewal of the AASP-Wiley Publishing Agreement is also in progress this year and hopefully can bring better benefits to the Association. We will also strengthen connections with other professional associations such as the International Association of Language and Social Psychology, and the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology.

Before I sign off, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Past Presidents Emiko Kashima, Allan Bernardo, and James Liu for their invaluable contributions to the AASP. Appreciation also goes to Li Liu and Beijing Normal University for their generous support of the Association. I would also like to add what a joy it will be to work with President Hoon-Seok Choi, Secretary-General Fang Wang, and Treasurer Wendy Li. Finally, I look forward to the collective endeavors ahead, working together with more AASP members to create synergies and inspire collaborations across boundaries.

## AASP SMALL GROUP MEETINGS

### Report from Nanjing

#### AASP SGM “Wisdom Psychology”

Reported by Professor Fengyan Wang

The First Small-Scale Group International Meeting on Wisdom Psychology, of which the theme is Diversity in Wisdom: Insights from Psychology, was successfully held in international lecture hall, the first floor of Tin Ka Ping south building in old campus of Nanjing normal university on October 27-28, 2018. The conference was hosted and sponsored by the Asian Association of Society Psychology, co-hosted by the School of Psychology of Nanjing Normal University and the Institute of Moral Education of Nanjing Normal University. It was also co-organized by Jiangxi Education Publishing House and Shanghai Education Publishing House.



The small group meeting generated a lot of interest and finally the academic committee accepted 28 abstracts after review. The abstracts covered various fields and perspectives of wisdom psychology including current trends. The teachers and student representatives from Nanjing Normal University along with 58 out-of-school delegates attended the conference that included 8 international friends from Canada, Japan, Indonesia, Malaysia and Poland and the remaining came from domestic universities, Jiangxi Education Publishing House and Shanghai Education Publishing House.



These two days have been short but fulfilling. Six invited presentations and three special seminars were held. Professor Michel Ferrari introduced a cross-cultural wisdom study using an integrated

design approach, which revealed the similarities and differences in adjective classification, the nomination of the wiser, and the result of wisdom-related scale among subjects from different countries. Dr. Grossmann considered wisdom as a metacognitive framework for wise reasoning and introduced his research findings on context-dependent perspectives. From a comparative perspective, Professor Su Yanjie discussed the definition and evaluation of human and animal wisdom, as well as some related research. Based on the principle of brain cognitive of Chinese wisdom, Professor Luo Jin introduced the insight experiments for brain function vividly. Based on practical problems, Professor Wang Lixia paid attention to students' mental health, and put forward wise outlook on life that integrates knowledge with practice, emotion with intelligence, and body with mind. From the perspective of culture, Professor Wang Fengyan introduced the research process of wisdom psychology deliberating on the latest progress in wisdom theory regarding integration of virtue and smartness. He also put forward 15 constructive suggestions on the future direction of wisdom psychology. Overall the presentations were rich in content and covered diverse aspects of wisdom psychology. It was an academically enriching experience with lots of exchange of ideas between delegates.



## Report from Australia

### **Serving the Underserved in the Tropics: Making a Difference with Positive Psychology** Reported by Associate Professor Wendy Li

On 29 June 2016 the United Nations celebrated the first ever International Day of the Tropics. The Tropics covers only 40% of the world's surface area and is home to 40% of the world's population, and 55% of the world's children under the age of five years old. By 2050, some 50% of the world's population and close to 60% of the world's children are expected to reside in the Tropics. The Tropics is a geo-political and environmental entity in its own right and the increasing importance of the region in terms of social, economic and environmental changes are immense having global implications. Despite positive changes, assessment of key indicators of wellbeing such as life expectancy, health status and economic output per capita show



that the Tropics still lags behind the rest of the world. Considering the lack of social psychology conferences that focus on the wellbeing of people living in the Tropics the first AASP small group conference was organized. Its main focus was on serving the underserved in the tropics.

The themes of the conference included: Mental health and psychological wellbeing in the tropics; Prejudice, discrimination and structural inequality; Individual and community resilience; and Education in the tropics. To inspire the audience to envision the above themes, three speakers were invited to the mini conference to deliver keynote speeches related to the themes. Their topics were:

- Professor Darrin Hodgetts: From everyday life to social change: The role of the scholar activist
- Professor Annalakshmi Narayanan: Predictors of resilience among adolescents of low socio economic status in India
- Professor Wendy Li: Refugee mental health and community attitudes towards refugees.



## Report from Hong Kong

### AASP-IALSP Workshop on “Narratives of Identity: Bridging the Divides”

The Asian Association of Social Psychology (AASP) and the International Association of Language and Social Psychology (IALSP) have a long-standing Memorandum of Understanding to exchange symposia at one another's conferences. Links between leading scholars in the two organizations have deepened to the extent where “Narratives of Identity: Bridging the Divides – an AASP/IALSP Task Force” could be agreed upon as a theme to join the two associations together in a shared research endeavour. Funding was obtained from AASP for a Small Group Meeting July 7-9,

2019 at Hong Kong Polytechnic University to build collaborative research and mentor early career researchers bridging the two organizations. Funding from AASP was complemented by an IALSP Task Force proposal and support from Hong Kong Polytechnic University (thanks especially to Ivy Wu, who ably administered the workshop hosted by Professor Bernadette Watson).

Theater professionals Harriet Chung and Henry Chan facilitated an ice-breaker to start the meetings that helped everyone get to know one another through fun group activities. Here they are below preparing materials for their ice-breaking activities.



Twenty-two, mostly early career academics from Asia, Australasia, and the United States were put into 3 research streams.



**Stream One** focused on “Bridging the divide in healthcare” and was led by IALSP President Liz Jones and Professor Bernadette Watson, Director of a newly established International Research Centre for the Advancement of Health Communication at Hong Kong Polytechnic University. The thrust of stream Two was, “Bridging the divide in intergroup relations” led by Professor James Liu, a Past-President of AASP, and Dr. Sammyh Khan. While Stream Three deliberated on, “Bridging the divide in personal well-being across cultures” led by Professor Michael Harris Bond and Dr. Vivian Lun. Stream One, on health communications, brought together scholars from Australia, Hong Kong, Philippines, India, and the US, who worked on developing 2 programs of research with mentors Liz Jones and Bernadette Watson. The first is examining how culture influences patient preferences for decision-making and how their health provider communicates. The second program is examining

the social construction of health-related stigma. The research teams will be presenting results from their initial studies at ICLASP in Hong Kong next year.



**Stream Two**, on intergroup relations and collective remembering, brought together early career researchers from the US, Hong Kong, China (via Italy), the Philippines, and Indonesia. This group was provided with an introductory lecture by James Liu on living historical memory and its possible role in identity politics, and then set free to work on data from a 42 society, cross-cultural dataset centered around the open-ended question: “Please name 3 historic events that have occurred during the lifetime of people you know (or have known) that have had the greatest impact on your country (room for 3 open-ended answers)”

Stream participants worked incredibly well and efficiently together. Four concrete research projects emerged from discussion. One was a data-intensive analysis of the relationship between the affective evaluation of collective remembering across

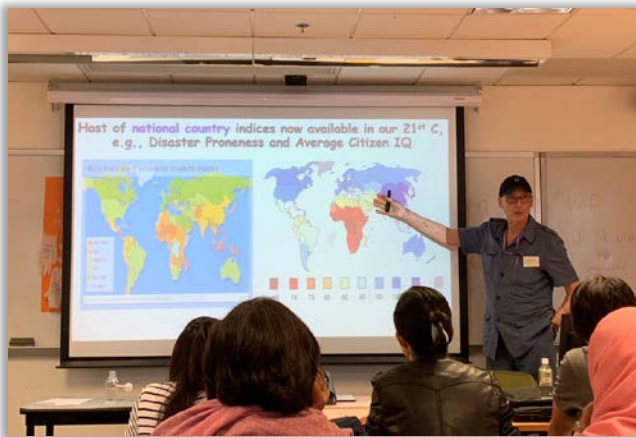
cultures, and the others were culture-specific analyses of collective remembering in specific societies where the workshop participants had expertise: the Philippines, Indonesia, Hong Kong, China, and Taiwan. Three of these projects will likely be developed into journal articles that can be published in a Special Issue of the *Asian Journal of Social Psychology* on Living Historical Memory, while the fourth is likely to be a stand-alone publication. It is also anticipated that some of these research projects will be presented at the IALSP’s conference at HK Polytechnic University in 2020. Below is Stream 2 in action.



**Stream Three**’s Vivian Miu-Chi Lun and Michael Harris Bond contributed their expertise to the whole workshop by providing an orienting lecture on the emerging importance of working with and making psychological sense from multi-cultural data sets. James Liu had granted workshop participants access to a large, previously collected, but only partially



analyzed data set. So, 8 workshop participants volunteered to participate in our Stream 2 meetings over the next two days and dive into this data base to develop a multi-cultural model using the constructs in the Liu data set, focusing on subjective well-being as a common outcome of interest.



Vivian and Michael provided continuous guidance over this period, working together and separately with the 3 teams formed by our 8 participants. Each team selected its own constructs and measures, put them together in persuasive ways, with a view to analyzing the multi-cultural data set and show how national culture might moderate the linkages among the model effects their selected constructs and their associated measures. Our shared goal was to produce publishable research. Vivian and Michael have since been in contact with our 3 teams and are prepared to assist them further towards this goal. We await developments with keen interest. Below is one of our teams working intently with Vivian to develop its proposal.



On the last day of the workshop, all sub-groups of the workshop and their teams presented their proposed projects to all workshop attendees as their during-workshop deliverable. There was an articulated understanding that workshop teams would continue working on their projects with their workshop leaders to prepare presentations for the next IALSP conference in Hong Kong, June, 2020. We hope so.





## 2019 AASP Summer School



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REPUBLIC OF CHINA

### Reported by Professor Kuang-Hui Yeh, local organizer

The 2019 AASP Summer School was held in July 07-10, 2019, at Institute of Ethnology (IOE), Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan. In total there were 36 applicants from different Asian countries and others (including Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Japan, China, Marcus, Australia and Taiwan) who were exposed to edge-cutting and insightful lessons from five excellent international instructors in Prof. Chi-Yue Chiu, Prof. Ying-Yi Hong, Prof. Angela Leung, Prof. Georgios Christopoulos and Prof. Chi-Ying Cheng. Over the four-day course extending from the morning lectures to afternoon small group's (they were emerged by common interesting topics into five subgroups and supervised by five instructors respectively) discussion, the participants showed great enthusiasm and also in the last afternoon session they successfully presented their collaborative research proposals. In addition to the content, theoretical framework, methods and hypotheses, some sub-

group even provided concrete timetable and budget of the project, and promised to present the outcome of the project in the next coming AASP conference. The conference was instrumental in building collaborative relationships and the participants expressed their satisfaction towards their learning experiences and gratitude towards their instructors. They also expressed their keenness to join the upcoming AASP summer schools in 2021. Overall it was a great learning experience and we express our appreciation to the five excellent international scholars and all 36 participants, the success of the program is due to their involvement and contributions. In the end we would like to congratulate the five travel grant awardees of 2019 AASP Summer School: Jonathan C. De La Cerna, Juan Shi, Jiayu Chen, Yunita Faela Nisa and Yukari Jessica Tham.





## Biannual Conference of Korean Social and Personality Psychological Association (KSPPA) 2019

The Korean Social and Personality Psychological Association (KSPPA) held its biannual conference on May 25<sup>th</sup> at Sungkyunkwan University in Seoul, Korea.

A symposium, titled “*Trends and Challenges of Research on Personal and Social Identity*” included three presentations that gave an overview of identity research and discussed empirical research evidence. Two invited presentations introduced recent findings from field research where the target populations were students and firefighters, respectively.

The conference also hosted two parallel sessions composed of 11 original research presentations on group dynamics, emotion, personality, relationship, culture, criminology, gender, and stereotypes.



## The first issue of Korean Social and Personality Psychological Association (KSPPA) Newsletter

The Korean Social and Personality Psychological Association (KSPPA) recently published the first issue of on-line KSPPA newsletter. The newsletter included information about the previously held biannual conferences, promotion activities for 2021 AASP Seoul conference during the Taipei conference, and other news for KSPPA members. KSPPA publishes its on-line newsletter biannually, in summer and winter.



## Asian Journal of Social Psychology Continues to Grow in 2019



**Allan B. I. Bernardo**  
**Editor, AJSP and Chair of AASP's Research and Publication Committee**

The middle of 2019 brought several good news about the growth of the *Asian Journal of Social Psychology* (AJSP).

In June, the 2018 CiteScores (3-year impact factors) published by Elsevier and Scopus showed the CiteScore of AJSP rising to 1.30, which is highest Citescore since the citation index was compiled. The CiteScore ranks the AJSP at the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile of journals in Social Psychology, putting at the threshold of Q2 ranking. The CiteScore ranks AJSP at the 78<sup>th</sup> percentile in General Social Science, putting it in the top quartile.

The following month, the 2018 Journal Citations Reports (2-year impact factors) published by the World of Science and Clarivate Analytics also showed an increase in AJSP's impact factor to 1.070, a sizable increase from 0.740 from 2017, but still below the 2015 impact factor of 1.261. While

these are certainly positive developments, the citation indexes indicate that there is still so much room for growth in the AJSP.

Some more growth seems to be in the offing, if other indicators are considered. The download trend for AJSP articles reached an all-time high of 120,571 downloads, indicating a continuous growth trend in reader downloads since 2014 when downloads were below 90,000.

The downloads are matched by the submissions to the journal. There were 535 manuscripts submitted to the AJSP in 2018, again an all-time high (compared to the previous high in 2017 of 346 manuscripts). This suggests that more scholars are considering the journal as a viable publication venue for good social psychology research. Unfortunately, the acceptance rates remain low at about 8%, which is average for the journal's history.

Even as the acceptance rates are low, we can also report good author experiences, and there are significant improvements in the speed of the review process. For example, the median number of days from submission to first decision in 2018 is 4 days, compared to 31 in the previous year. The median number of days from submission to acceptance in 2018 is 245 days or approximately 6 months. The average number of days from acceptance to early view publication in 2018 is 55 days (compared to 79 days in 2017), and with our publisher's collaboration, we aim to reduce that to 22 days.

I am in the second year heading the editorial team of

AJSP, and I still share Editor-in-Chief duties with Angela Leung and Yohsuke Ohtsubo. In the previous year, we had a very hardworking team of Associate Editors, namely: Chi-Ying Cheng (Singapore Management University), Bobby Cheon (Nanyang Technological University), Takeshi Hamamura (Curtin University), Sammyh Khan (Keele University), Yu Niiya (Hosei University), Sang Hee Park, (Chungbuk National University), Lin Qiu (Nanyang Technological University), Kim-Pong Tam, (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology), Zou Xi (Nanyang Technological University), and Xinyue Zhou (Zhejiang University). But because of the surge in number of manuscripts submitted in 2018, we recruited four more new Associate Editors, namely: Emma Buchtel (Education University of Hong Kong), Xiaowan Lin (University of Macau), Sun Woong Park (Korea University), and Sawa Senzaki (University of Wisconsin-Green Bay).

During the recently concluded AASP Conference in Taipei, the editorial board had a meeting to better strategies about the future plans and processes of the journal. The editorial board was joined by the AASP President Emiko Kashima and two of the Senior Editorial Advisers, Susumu Yamaguchi and James Liu.

Also during the AASP Conference, the Editors-in-Chief and Associate Editors conducted a session for scholars interested in publishing the journal. I presented a summary of recent developments in the

journal, and Co-Editor-in-Chief Angela Leung and several Associate Editors gave very valuable suggestions and advise to prospective authors.

During the conference, the virtual issue on “Social and Cultural Aspects of Well-Being” was launched. Readers can still access this virtual issue at AJSP website

(<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/page/journal/1467839x/homepage/social-and-cultural-aspects-of-well-being?>) and access the article for free until 15 September 2019.

There are forthcoming special issues in the journal. These include the Special Forum on “Countering Terrorism in Indonesia” (Guest editor: James H. Liu) and the Special Issue on “An application of the theory of sociocultural/cultural models in social and cultural psychology” (Guest editor: Valery Chirkov). There is also a current call-for-submission to the Special Issue on “Social Psychology of Climate Change in the Asian Context” (Guest co-editors: Kim-Pong Tam, Angela Leung, and Susan Clayton).

There is certainly so much activity in the Asian Journal of Social Psychology and the editorial team is working very hard to ensure that all these activity come together to further the growth of the AASP’s flagship journal.





## Call for Papers

### **Special Issue of the *Asian Journal of Social Psychology***

#### **“Collective Remembering of Living Historical Memories”**

**Special Issue Editors: James H. Liu and Sammyh S. Khan**

Collective remembering has both cultural/institutional and communicative/social elements, but the extant literature emphasizes the former over the latter. The purpose of this special issue is to augment the literature (which focuses more on foundational events and cultural/institutionalized memories) by focusing attention on *living historical memory*, that is, collective remembering of events that have occurred within the lifetimes of the last two-three generations. We are interested in articles that deepen our

theoretical understanding and practical knowledge of how collective remembering works in the liminal space between social memory and institutional or cultural memory. We are open to studies located in any part of the world, and to research involving single, or multiple locations. This call extends a hearty welcome to (but is not restricted to) submissions on topics, such as:

- Family-based collective remembering;
- Inter-generational transmission of historical accounts;
- Social representations of living historical memory;
- Cross-cultural comparisons of living historical memory;
- Mass-media (including social media) representations and reporting of recent historical events;
- Narrative configuring of living historical memories as stories of national, local or global identities;
- The interaction between recent and foundational historical events in producing identity-based historical narratives;
- Affect and political psychology associated with the collective remembering of events near and far in time; and
- Cognitive-motivational processes involved in producing living historical memories.

Interested authors should submit a letter of intent to [j.h.liu@massey.ac.nz](mailto:j.h.liu@massey.ac.nz) or [s.s.khan@keele.ac.uk](mailto:s.s.khan@keele.ac.uk) by **November 1, 2019**.

Manuscripts should be prepared in accordance with the journal's guide (<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/page/journal/1467839x/homepage/forauthors.html>).

### **Special Issue of the Asian Journal of Social Psychology**

### **“The Psychology of Economic Inequality and Social Class”**

#### **Guest Editors:**

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**Ronnel B. King**, The Education University of Hong Kong ([ronnel@eduhk.hk](mailto:ronnel@eduhk.hk))

Economic inequality is increasing across the globe, not only in developed countries (e.g., the United States, United Kingdom), but also in developing ones (e.g., China, Indonesia) (Solt, 2016). Rising economic inequality means that the gap between individuals from the upper-class and the lower-class becomes more salient. Although economic inequality and social class have been widely investigated by economists and sociologists, it is

only recently that psychologists have begun developing theories to understand their profound psychological consequences. Empirical research has also gathered growing evidence that economic inequality and social class divisions shape key psychological processes and behaviors leading to higher mortality, poorer well-being, worse health, more risk taking, less prosocial behavior, greater crime, and lower social solidarity among others (Buttrick & Oishi, 2017; Piff, Kraus, & Keltner, 2018; Wilkinson & Pickett, 2019).

This special issue in the Asian Journal of Social Psychology is designed to advance existing knowledge on why and how economic inequality and social class shape psychological processes and behaviors.

#### **Submission procedures:**

To submit a paper for consideration in this special issue, please first submit a short 500-word proposal to the Guest Editors via email by 5 January 2020. The Guest Editors will review all proposals and invite submission of full manuscripts for selected proposals. The deadline for submission of invited full manuscripts is 15 May 2020.

Invited manuscript submissions must be original and not under consideration by any other journals. Regular articles (8,000 words) are preferred, but short notes (4,000 words) will also be considered. The word restrictions apply to the entire manuscript, including title page, abstract, main text, references, tables and figures, appendices, and

acknowledgments.

The Guest Editors are happy to discuss with interested authors. Please contact them directly via email.

## 2019 AASP AWARDS

### Misumi Award

**Chang, C. T., Lee, Y. K., & Cheng, Z. H. (2017). Baby face wins? Examining election success based on candidate election bulletin via multilevel modeling. *Asian Journal of Social Psychology*, 20(2), 97-112.**

**Dou, K., Wang, Y. J., Li, J. B., Li, J. J., & Nie, Y. G. (2018). Perceiving high social mindfulness during interpersonal interaction promotes cooperative behaviours. *Asian Journal of Social Psychology*, 21(1-2), 97-106.**

The award is given to the author(s) of the article in the *Asian Journal of Social Psychology* of which contribution to the development of social psychology in Asia is most prominent.

### KS Yang Travel Award: Chee-Seng Tan

The award is administered by the AASP to provide financial assistance for deserving young scholars from developing countries to attend the AASP conference.

### Kuo Shu Yang Medal: Susumu Yamaguchi



I am very honored to receive the Kuo Shu Yang Medal at the 13th conference of AASP in Taipei, especially because the award bears late Prof. Yang's name. He led indigenous psychology movements in Taiwan specifically and Asia more generally. I made a keynote presentation entitled "Importance of Indigenous Perspectives in Asian Social Psychology: A legacy of late Prof. Kuo-Shu Yang" at the conference.

In my presentation, I focused on a research project that followed Yang's guideline. First, we picked up a phenomenon which is apparently unique in the Japanese culture, in the sense that it cannot be predicted by the mainstream psychology. Specifically, we focused on a bias among Japanese that they hold exaggerated sense of being ordinary. This phenomenon, which we termed *super-ordinary bias* would not be predictable in the mainstream psychology, because individuals described in the

mainstream psychology textbooks are supposed to enjoy being unique (which is opposite of being ordinary). In our study, unlike the mainstream psychology, we predicted that Japanese can maintain their positive self-evaluation with their self-concept of being ordinary (or *futsu* in Japanese). Actually, we confirmed that Japanese have favorable impressions about an ordinary person. An ordinary person was found to be perceived as having more desirable traits such as attractiveness and intelligence. In a follow-up experiment, Japanese students tended to predict that they are more likely to experience common events rather than rare events, compared with average students. These findings must be surprising for those who have been immersed in the mainstream psychology.

Then, we attempted to test the phenomenon in another culture, which is suggested by Yang to construct a global psychology. Interestingly, the super-ordinary phenomenon was confirmed in the U.S. as well. Although individuals in the U.S. are supposed to competitively seek for self-esteem or uniqueness, they apparently see positive meaning in being ordinary as well.

These findings suggest that cultural difference between Japan and the U.S. is not so simple as once believed. Because previous studies in Japan have established the existence of “need for uniqueness” among Japanese (like Americans), the available evidence would lead us to draw a different picture: uniqueness and ordinariness are positively valued in

both cultures and the difference lies in the relative strength of need for uniqueness and ordinariness --- probably need for uniqueness is stronger among Americans and need for ordinariness is stronger among Japanese.

I would like to argue that the revelation of super-ordinary bias in Japanese culture and a successful replication in the U.S. point to the importance of indigenous perspectives in Asian Social Psychology. We can start from our indigenous phenomenon in Asia and contribute to the construction of “balanced global psychology” as Yang has correctly pointed out 30 years ago. Hopefully we will see more indigenous research in Asian cultural contexts.

#### **Michael Harris Bond Award: Ronnel B. King**

This award is given to most outstanding early career of Asian-based scholar of social psychology.



Ronnel B. King from The Education University of Hong Kong has been awarded the Michael Harris Bond Early Career Award by the Asian Association of Social Psychology. The award is given to early



career researchers who have made significant contributions to Asian social psychology.

The award recognizes Dr King's work on the socio-cultural aspects of student motivation and well-being.

Dr King also delivered a keynote speech, "The Great Divide: How Income Inequality Harms Student Motivation and Achievement". It focused on how income inequality shapes educational achievement across countries and the temporal relations between inequality and educational achievement.

Dr King said "I feel very honoured and grateful to receive the Michael Bond Award, named after one of the giants of Asian social psychology. I have always been a fan of Michael Bond's work. When I first came to Hong Kong to do my PhD, my supervisor Prof. David Watkins at The University of Hong Kong asked me to read *The Oxford Handbook of Chinese Psychology* edited by Michael Bond. Michael's work shaped my research development to a significant extent.

As for the Asian Association of Social Psychology, I have been attending its conferences for the past 10 years. The first time was in India when I was just a first-year PhD student (2009) and I was part of the summer school. I never thought that I will be the one to give a keynote this year as part of the award. Even more interesting was the fact that two of my mentors Prof Tina Montiel, my undergraduate thesis supervisor, and Prof Allan Bernardo, one of my most important mentors, were in the audience when

I gave my keynote speech. I felt this was one of the best ways to honour my teachers who have taught me so much. I also feel very grateful to my collaborators, students, and research staff who have made research interesting, fun, and meaningful."

## Media Presence of AASP

AASP has increased its outreach through various e-portal. At the Taipei conference livestreaming was done of three keynote addresses (Kitayama, Gelfand, and Hwang), the presidential address (Choi), and the talk of one featured speaker (Carlo) via our Facebook and Twitter account. The initiative was successful with around 200 people from around the world tuning in to watch the livestreams. More generally, the social media strategy is progressing strongly, and on average, the Twitter account is gaining 30 new followers per month. The social media managers are always on the lookout for posts relevant to the mission of the AASP and AJSP that can be circulated on our social media channels, and welcome any relevant news sent to them by representatives and members of the AASP. Those interested in circulating any news on social media channels related to their achievements or any academic development in their region can contact Dr. Yang Li ([yang.li1@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:yang.li1@unimelb.edu.au)) directly.