



### **Asia Global Institute Welcomes Inaugural Cohort, AsiaGlobal Fellows Program**

The Asia Global Institute is pleased to welcome 16 mid-career high-achievers to the inaugural cohort of the AsiaGlobal Fellows Program. The AsiaGlobal Fellows will be primarily based at The University of Hong Kong (HKU) from August to November 2017 for the duration of their 13-week program.

The AsiaGlobal Fellows Program is the first of its kind in Asia. Its mission is to nurture international thinkers, future leaders, and influencers with a deep understanding of global issues from Asian perspectives. While at HKU, AsiaGlobal Fellows will be given full access to the University's world-class educational resources, and benefit through mutual learning, mentorship, topical lectures, seminars, and leadership skills workshops. They will also take part in study trips to different Asian capitals and manufacturing centers.

The 16 AsiaGlobal Fellows are mid-career professionals, and come from different corners of Asia, Europe, Latin America, and North America. This group of diverse, outstanding individuals have leadership backgrounds and are influencers in government, civil society, and business. The inaugural cohort includes a senior member of staff for U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders and a former cybersecurity expert at the U.S. Department of Defense under President Barack Obama; a former Undersecretary for Legal Affairs at the Philippine Department of Transportation; a counsellor at the World Trade Organization; and the Director of the U.K. Centre for Urban Design and Mental Health.

"The AsiaGlobal Fellows Program represents our Institute's commitment to championing the cause of globalization, which has succeeded in lifting millions of people out of poverty," said Zhiwu Chen, Director of the Asia Global Institute and Victor and William Fung Professor in Economics at HKU. "Our ultimate goal is to build a continuously expanding network of promising future leaders for a further globalized world through intensive learning and interaction."

The AsiaGlobal Fellows Program is directed by Dr Patrick Low, Visiting Professor at HKU and former Chief Economist of the World Trade Organization.

For more details about the AsiaGlobal Fellows Program and its inaugural cohort, please visit:  
<http://www.asiaglobalinstitute.hku.hk/en/agfellows-program/program/> .

#### **About the Asia Global Institute**

The Asia Global Institute at The University of Hong Kong is an independent think tank that generates and disseminates innovative thinking and business-relevant research on global issues from Asian perspectives. It aims to inform global policy and actions towards a prosperous and sustainable future for all.

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Name/Current Title	Career and Service Highlights
<b>Rahimah Abdulrahim (Indonesia)</b> Executive Director, The Habibie Centre	-2001 APSA Congressional Fellowship, The Asia Foundation -2015 Yale World Fellow
<b>Adolfo Arguello Vives (Mexico)</b> Evaluation Officer of the Mexican Evaluation Academy	-Led a consortium designating a Special Economic Zone in the south of Mexico -Participated in the design of Public Private Partnerships at the National Office of Airports
<b>Cristina Bizzi (Italy)</b> Commercial Deputy Director Ministry of Justice, U.K. Government Head for Shared Services, Youth Justice and Arm's Length Bodies, seconded from the Cabinet Office	-Spent 15 years in the private sector -Began her career in the U.K. Civil Service as a Commercial Innovation Director at the Cabinet Office
<b>Carlos Timo Brito (Brazil)</b> Head of the Research Unit Brazilian Institute of Defence Studies	-Career policy specialist with the Brazilian Federal Government since 2000
<b>Gary Chan (Singapore)</b> APAC Channel Marketing Director Microsoft	-Chairperson of the Free Community Church, Singapore -Director, Amplify Conference (a non-profit justice conference and ministry platform)
<b>Florencia Daud (Argentina)</b> Lawyer for the Interdisciplinary Ethics Committee Eva Peron Hospital	-Former legal assistant to a member of Argentina's National Congress
<b>Sarker Omar Faroque (Bangladesh)</b> Additional Superintendent of Police Bangladesh Police Deputy Director Police Staff College Bangladesh	-Worked as a National Training Consultant at the Police Reform Program of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) -Awarded a Chevening Scholarship by the British Government to obtain an MA in Applied Human Rights from the University of York
<b>Velvet Johnson (U.S.)</b> Cybersecurity Lead Adviser Phase One Consulting Group	-Was an Obama Administration appointee at the U.S. Department of Defense -Served as Senior Counsel to the U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs -Commissioner with the Maryland Commission for Women
<b>Benedictus Hari Juliawan (Indonesia)</b> Secretary/Coordinator of Social Ministries Jesuit Conference of Asia Pacific	-Coordinator of Jesuit social centers in the Asia Pacific



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<p><b>Marc Levitt (U.S.)</b> Principal Zeitgeist Strategies, LLC</p>	<p>-Played key roles building presidential campaigns for President Barack Obama, and as senior staff to Senator Bernie Sanders -Former policy adviser at the U.S. Department of Energy during President Obama's first administration</p>
<p><b>Bin Liu (Hong Kong, China)</b> Chairman New Success Group Vice Chairman Hua Jing Society</p>	<p>-Selected as one of the "2016 Asia 21 Young Leaders" by the Asia Society -2016 "Ten Outstanding New Hong Kong Young Persons" by Gang Piao Quan and Brightway</p>
<p><b>Ryan Manuel (Australia)</b> Post-Doctoral Fellow and Asian Century Fellow Australian National University Director, China Practice Glenloch Advisory</p>	<p>-His work, "How to Rule China" creates large databases of Chinese government and Party documentation, and other primary source materials to analyze how rules are made and followed in various parts of the Chinese political system -Previous Senior China Analyst with the Australian Government</p>
<p><b>Akshay Mathur (India)</b> Director of Research Gateway House: Indian Council on Global Relations</p>	<p>-Co-founder of an NGO called Aasara Gramin Vikas Sansthan and of a social enterprise called Khushi Farms.</p>
<p><b>Layla McCay (U.K.)</b> Director Centre for Urban Design and Mental Health</p>	<p>-Has worked for the British Government's Department of Health, the World Health Organization, the World Bank, and several international NGOs -Named the U.K.'s top young professional woman for her impact on health</p>
<p><b>Maria Pérez Esteve (Spain)</b> Counsellor World Trade Organization</p>	<p>-Counsellor in the Council and Trade Negotiations Committee Division at the WTO since 2012 -Former Economic Affairs Officer at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)</p>
<p><b>Reggie Ramos (Philippines)</b> Legal Advisor Oriental Consultants Global Co. Ltd.</p>	<p>-Former Undersecretary Legal Affairs at the Philippines Department of Transportation</p>