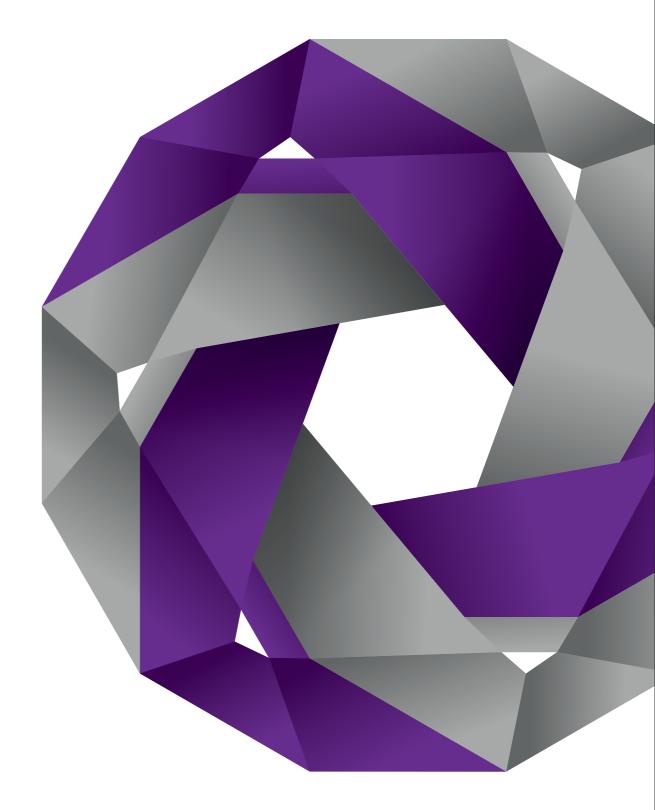
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WELCOME MESSAGE FROM VICTOR K FUNG



I am delighted to welcome you to Asia-Global Dialogue (AGD) 2017. This is the fourth AGD and the second to be held by the Asia Global Institute at The University of Hong Kong. The first two AGDs were held respectively in 2012 and 2013 by the Fung Global Institute, predecessor of the Asia Global Institute. Many of you here will recall that the Fung Global Institute was established in 2011 with the mission to reflect Asian perspectives on global issues. This mission was taken up with renewed vigour by the Asia Global Institute.

Today, our world is facing disruptions of historic proportions that are transforming our society in myriad ways, not least in the way we live and work and the way we invest, trade and communicate. Thus we need new ways of looking at the issues facing us and their impact on us and the next generations.

AGD 2017 is an established forum for thought leaders from different sectors and disciplines to engage in a dialogue and share insights on some of the disruptions and transformations we are experiencing. The spirit of this exercise, as always, is to bring Asian perspectives to these critical global issues.

We have but a day to cover these discussions. But as we have always known, from the earliest days of the Asia Global Institute and during the lifetime of its predecessor, the Fung Global Institute, this is just one step in a series that span the work of generations.

With that I welcome you to Asia-Global Dialogue 2017: Asian Perspectives in a New Global Economy.

Victor K Fung

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Advisory Board Co-Chair Asia Global Institute

WELCOME MESSAGE FROM MICHAEL SPENCE



As Co-Chair of the Asia Global Institute and a speaker at today's conference, let me offer a warm welcome to *Asia-Global Dialogue 2017- Asian Perspectives in a New Global Economy.*

Much has changed since we convened this conference in 2016. We have seen the impact of rising inequality on political systems around the world. This, in turn, has triggered an urgent need for fresh voices and critical dialogue within an environment that encourages informed exchanges of views and ideas. These exchanges need to be undertaken with a view to bringing about an economic order that is equitable, inclusive, and sustainable, and to reestablishing trust in our systems of governance.

With political paralysis crippling the west, it is vital for Asian voices to be heard on global issues. I am grateful for the opportunity to once again address you all, and to listen to your insights and ideas, in a conference that I am confident will leave a long-lasting mark on those who are present today, and on those who will bring the ideas we generate back to their home countries and organizations.

I echo the words of my Co-Chair Victor K Fung, when we speak of what we do as the work of generations. It is my hope that this work, and the mission that guides the Asia Global Institute, inspires us to do our part to build lasting, inclusive societies which our future depends on.

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Michael Spence

Advisory Board Co-Chair Asia Global Institute

WELCOME MESSAGE FROM ZHIWU CHEN



As Director of the Asia Global Institute, I take great pleasure to welcome speakers, participants, and student observers to Asia-Global Dialogue 2017 (AGD 2017). While this is my first time at the conference, some of you have been to AGD before.

As with our recently launched AsiaGlobal Fellows Program, Asia-Global Dialogue represents our commitment to championing the cause of globalization, which has succeeded in lifting millions of people out of poverty. While events in Europe and the U.S. have made some doubt the benefits of globalization, I have long believed that peace and prosperity in today's global society are ever more dependent on openness, understanding, and interaction between peoples and across borders.

I would like to thank HSBC who has, as our sole diamond sponsor, played an essential role in bringing AGD 2017 to fruition. I would also like to thank you, the conference speakers and participants, for sharing your insights and knowledge with us; and our student observers, for being a part of the dialogue with us. I am confident that all of us here today will benefit from interacting with some of the best and brightest minds who are committed to bringing Asian perspectives to global issues.

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Zhiwu Chen

Director, Asia Global Institute Victor and William Fung Professor in Economics

ASIA-GLOBAL DIALOGUE AND THE ASIA GLOBAL INSTITUTE

WHY ASIA-GLOBAL DIALOGUE?

The Asia-Global Dialogue (AGD) was first launched in 2012 by the Fung Global Institute to draw together experts who have a deep understanding of Asia. AGD presents a select group of business leaders, international policy makers, and influential members of civil society a platform on which to consider and exchange ideas on pressing issues of our time.

Over the years, AGD has featured international thought leaders as U.S. Federal Reserve Board Member Stanley Fischer; former U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volker; HSBC Holdings Group CEO Stuart Gulliver; Suntory Holdings President Takeshi Niinami; The Center for Global Enterprise Chairman Sam Palmisano; GE Vice Chairman John Rice; Schneider Electric CEO Jean-Pascal Tricoire; and Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken Chairman Marcus Wallenberg.

Some of these influential voices serve on the Advisory Board of the Asia Global Institute.

ASIA-GLOBAL DIALOGUE 2017: ASIAN PERSPECTIVES IN A NEW GLOBAL ECONOMY

This year's discussions are built around the theme of *Asian Perspectives in a New Global Economy*. Sessions will focus on issues triggered by populism and a perceived retreat from globalization. They will also touch on trade, finance, sustainable development, and the potential impact of artificial intelligence.

Asia-Global Dialogue 2017's Main Conference takes place from 0830-1800 at Loke Yew Hall, The University of Hong Kong. The Gala Dinner will take place from 1830-2130 at The Conrad Hong Kong.



ABOUT ASIA GLOBAL INSTITUTE

The Asia Global Institute (AGI) assumes and takes forward the mission of the Fung Global Institute, to generate and disseminate 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.



AGI is the result of a collaboration between the Fung Global Institute and The University of Hong Kong. It was inaugurated on July 1, 2015.

Find out more at www.asiaglobalinstitute.hku.hk



USEFUL INFORMATION

VENUES

Main Conference

Loke Yew Hall Main Building, The University of Hong Kong (0830-1800)

Cocktail and Keynote Dinner

Grand Ballroom, The Conrad Hong Kong Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Admiralty (1830-2130)

REGISTRATION AND CONCIERGE

Registration and AGD Concierge desks

1/F, Main Building, The University of Hong Kong

BADGES

For security reasons, participants and student observers are requested to retain and wear their badges as proof of identification. You may be asked to present your badge to the conference organizer.

COMPLIMENTARY INTERNET ACCESS

WiFi connection is available throughout the campus and can be accessed through Wi-Fi HK via HKU. A password is not required.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

As a courtesy to speakers and participants, we request that all electronic devices be set to silent mode throughout the conference.

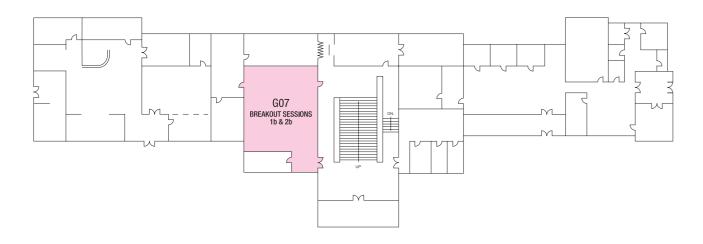
COACH TRANSFER

A coach transfer to the Cocktail and AGD Gala Dinner at The Conrad Hong Kong will depart promptly from the HKU Main Building at 1820.

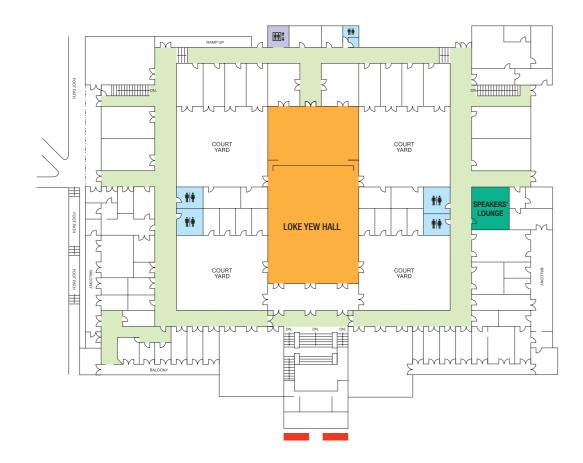
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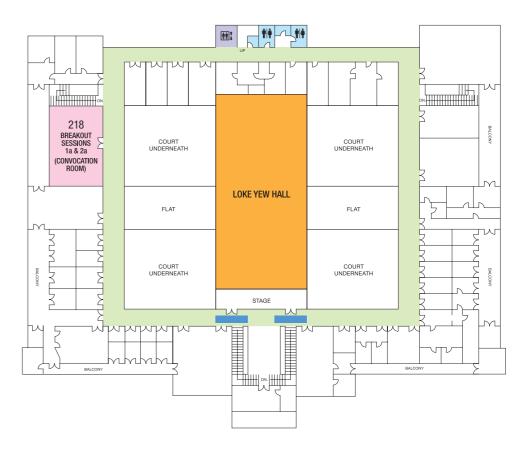
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1100-1130	Networking Coffee Break
1130-1245	Plenary Dialogue 2 Globalization: Dream or Delusion
1300-1415	Luncheon Keynote Old Ideas in a New World: Demystifying Al
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1615-1730	Parallel Breakout Sessions Session 2a: The Case for Sustainable, Inclusive Growth Session 2b: Navigating a Course for Finance
1730-1800	Keynote Address Populism and the India Experience
1845-2130	Gala Dinner Keynote Address: Asia: The Centre of Global Trade and Growth

FULL PROGRAM

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	Mass applications for artificial inter-	elligence (AI)		
	Advancing artificial intelligence in specialized fields such as medicine, finance			
	The social cost of Al			
	Speakers			
	David Ashton	Director, Advisory Services, Ernst & Young Advisory Services Limited		
	Esther David	Senior Lecturer, Department of Computer Science, Ashkelon Academic College		
	Xiaogang Wang	Principal Research Consultant, SenseTime Group Limited		
	Moderator			
	Haipeng Shen	Professor, Innovation and Information Management, The University of Hong Kong		
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	Mari Elka Pangestu	Distinguished Fellow, Asia Global Institute		
	Jesús Seade	Associate Vice-President for Global Affairs, CUHK-Shenzhen; Chief Negotiator and		
		Founding Deputy Director-General, World Trade Organization		
	Moderator			
	Patrick Low	Fellow, Asia Global Institute		
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	Furthering the cause of inclusive growth and education			
	Creating and nurturing sustainab Speakers	ile urban spaces		
	Speakers Yafei He	Former Vice Minister, Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the State Council		
	Karen Thornber	Victor and William Fung Director, Harvard University Asia Center		
	Chris Webster	Dean and Chair Professor, Faculty of Architecture, The University of Hong Kong		
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	Impact of technology on finance			
	• Is the creation of a cashless society a possibility?			
	The consequences of "repeal and	replace" on financial regulations		
	Speakers			
	Raymond Cheng	Chief Operating Officer, HSBC Asia Pacific		
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	Alicia García Herrero	Chief Economist for Asia Pacific, Natixis		
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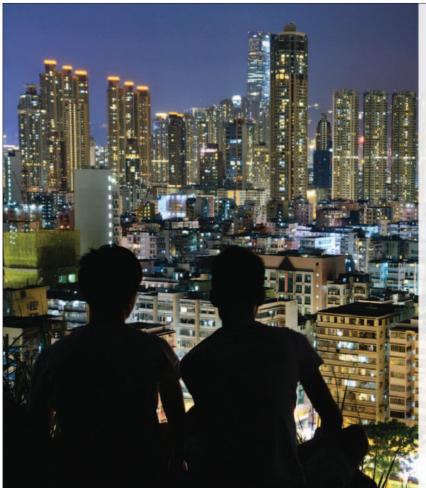
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With over ten years of experience leading global transformation programs, Mr Ashton has advised clients from a range of industries including Power & Utilities, Manufacturing, Automotive, Food and Beverage, Telecom, FMCG, Financial Services and Industrial Products. Originally from the UK, he has been based in Asia-Pacific for the last eight years, primarily in Mumbai, Shanghai, Manila and Hong Kong. He is a Chartered Management Accountant (CGMA) and holds a Master's Degree from the University of London.

Mr Ashton is a regular speaker at international conferences on the topics of RPA, Digital Transformation and Intelligent Automation. This year, David has presented at the "IQPC Robotic Process Automation Asia 2017" in Singapore, the "CGMA North Asia Management Accounting Leaders' Summit" and the "2017 CFO Innovation" event, both in Hong Kong.



James Bacchus

Distinguished University Professor of Global Affairs and Director of the Center for Global Economic and Environmental Opportunity, University of Central Florida

James Bacchus is Distinguished University Professor of Global Affairs and the Director of the Center for Global Economic and Environmental Opportunity at the University of Central Florida. He is a founding Member and served two terms as Chairman of the Appellate Body of the World Trade Organization, where he and his judicial colleagues judged all of the international trade disputes during the first decade of the WTO. American Lawyer magazine has described him as "the John Marshall of the WTO." Mr Bacchus is also a former Member of the Congress of the United States, from Florida, and a former Special Assistant to the United States Trade Representative. He is a Senior Fellow of the Cato Institute, a Global Fellow of the Center for International Governance Innovation, Senior Counsellor to the International Center for Trade and Sustainable Development, and Chair of the global Commission on Trade and Investment Policy of the International Chamber of Commerce. He has served as a member of the High-Level Advisory Panel to the President of the Conference of Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and as Chair of the Global Council on Governance for Sustainability of the World Economic Forum.

Mr Bacchus is the author of the book "Trade and Freedom" and of the forthcoming book "The Willing World: Shaping and Sharing a Sustainable Global Prosperity," forthcoming in 2018 from Cambridge University Press. published in Chinese in China. He writes and speaks frequently on a wide range of economic and other international issues in publications and on platforms worldwide.



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Zhiwu Chen is the Director of the Asia Global Institute (AGI) and the Victor and William Fung Professor in Economics at the University of Hong Kong (HKU). Prior to joining HKU in 2016, he has been a Professor of Finance for 18 years at Yale University (1999-2017), a Special-Term Visiting Professor at Peking University (2014-17), Associate Professor at Ohio State University (1995-99) and Assistant Professor at University of Wisconsin – Madison (1990-95). His research covers finance theory, sociology of finance, economic history, emerging markets, and China's economy and capital markets. He has received numerous research rewards including the Graham and Dodd Award (2013), the Pacesetter Research Award (1999), the Merton Miller Prize (1994), and the Chicago Board Options Exchange Competitive Research Award (1994). He is on the International Advisory Board of the China Securities Regulatory Commission (CSRC), the Global Advisory Council of China Minsheng Investment Group (CMIG), and on the board of directors at IDG Energy Investment, the Bank of Communications, and Noah Holdings. Professor Chen was one of the three founding partners at Zebra Capital Management (2001-11).

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Esther David

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Esther David is a senior lecturer in the Department of Computer Science at Ashkelon Academic College, Israel, since 2006. She received her PhD from the computer science department at Bar Ilan University under the supervision of Professor Sarit Kraus. She spent three years (2003-2006) as a post doc researcher at the Intelligence, Agents and Multimedia (IAM) group under the supervision of prof. Nick Jennings at Southampton University, U.K.

Dr David's research is broadly in the areas of artificial intelligence including (but not limited to) autonomous systems and multi-agent systems, electronic commerce, mechanism design and online auction.

Dr David received funding from the Israeli Ministry of Science technology and space in 2013 and 2015 for the Israeli-Taiwanese scientific research cooperation on the area of cyber security. She has been the co-organizer of the Agent-Mediated Electronic Commerce workshop collocated mainly with the international Joint conference on Autonomous Agents and Multi-Agent (AAMAS) since 2009. Dr David has published over 50 publications in leading Al conferences and Journals.



Victor K Fung

Advisory Board Co-Chair, Asia Global Institute

Victor K Fung is Group Chairman of the Fung Group, a Hong Kong-based multinational with major subsidiaries in trading, logistics, distribution and retailing.

He holds independent non-executive Directorships with China Petrochemical Corporation (People's Republic of China), Chow Tai Fook Jewellery Group Limited (Hong Kong) and Koc Holding A S (Turkey).

On July 1, 2015, Dr Fung became Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Asia Global Institute at The University of Hong Kong, a new multidisciplinary think tank co-established with the Fung Global Institute to assume and carry forward the Fung Global Institute's mission to generate and disseminate research and ideas on global issues from Asian perspectives.

Also in Hong Kong, Dr Fung is a member of the Hong Kong Government's Economic Development Commission and Chairman of the Steering Committee on the Hong Kong Scholarship for Excellence Scheme. He was Chairman of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council from 1991 to 2000; and Chairman of the Airport Authority Hong Kong from 1999 to 2008.

Internationally, Dr Fung was Chairman of the Paris-based International Chamber of Commerce from 2008 to 2010. He is a member of its G20 Advisory Group and chairs its World Trade Agenda Initiative.

Born and raised in Hong Kong, Dr Fung holds Bachelor and Master's degrees in Electrical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and a Doctorate in Business Economics from Harvard University.



William K Fung
Group Chairman, Li & Fung Limited

William K Fung, SBS, OBE, JP, is Group Chairman of Li & Fung Limited and Chairman of Global Brands Group Holding Limited.

He graduated from Princeton University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering and holds an MBA degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Business. He also holds a Degree of Doctor of Business Administration, honoris causa from the Hong Kong University of Science & Technology and an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Business Administration from the Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

Dr Fung is an independent non-executive director of The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, Shui On Land Limited, Singapore Airlines Limited, Sun Hung Kai Properties Limited, and VTech Holdings Limited. Dr Fung was Past Chairman of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, the Hong Kong Exporters' Association, the Pacific Economic Cooperation Committee and a former member of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council.

Dr Fung is also the co-author of the book "Competing in a Flat World." In 2008, Dr Fung was awarded the SBS ("Silver Bauhinia Star") by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.



Alicia García Herrero
Chief Economist for Asia Pacific, Natixis

Alicia García Herrero is Chief Economist for Asia Pacific at Natixis. She also serves as Senior Fellow at European think-tank BRUEGEL and research fellow at Real Instituto El Cano, and is currently adjunct professor at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. Ms García Herrero is also advisor to the Hong Kong Monetary Authority's research arm (HKIMR) as well as a member of the board of the Hong Kong Forum.

In previous years Ms García Herrero held the following positions: Chief Economist for Emerging Markets at Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria (BBVA), Member of the Asian Research Program at the Bank of International Settlements (BIS), Head of the International Economy Division of the Bank of Spain, Member of the Counsel to the Executive Board of the European Central Bank, Head of Emerging Economies at the Research Department at Banco Santander and Economist at the International Monetary Fund.

Ms García Herrero holds a PhD in Economics from George Washington University and has published extensively in refereed journals and books.



Yafei HeFormer Vice Minister, Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the State Council

He Yafei is the former Vice Minister of the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the State Council. He served as Counsellor of the Chinese Permanent Mission to the United Nations, Deputy Director General of the Arms Control Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Minister Counsellor and Minister of the Embassy of China in the United States, Director General of the America and Pacific Department, Assistant Minister and Vice Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Representative and Ambassador of the Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland.

Mr He was born in Ningbo, Zhejiang Province in March 1955, graduated from Beijing Foreign Studies University, and later studied at Geneva Institute of International Relations.



Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor

Chief Executive, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

Mrs Carrie Lam joined the Administrative Service of the Hong Kong Government in August 1980 and rose to the rank of Administrative Officer Staff Grade A1 in September 2006. She became a Principal Official on July 1, 2007 when she was appointed Secretary for Development. She was appointed Chief Secretary for Administration on July 1, 2012.

Mrs Lam has served the public for more than 36 years in 20 public service positions including Director of Social Welfare, Permanent Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands (Planning and Lands), Director-General of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in London, Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs, Secretary for Development and Chief Secretary for Administration.

Mrs Lam was elected as the Fifth-Term Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region on March 26, 2017, and was officially appointed to this position by the Central People's Government on March 31, 2017 to assume office on July 1, 2017.

Mrs Lam is married and has two sons.



Marc Levitt
AsiaGlobal Fellow. Asia Global Institute

As an independent political consultant, Marc Levitt advises a roster of candidates and groups on messaging and organizational strategy. He played key roles building presidential campaigns for President Barack Obama and, most recently, as senior staff to Senator Bernie Sanders. He also worked as a policy adviser at the US Department of Energy during President Obama's first Administration. In between campaigns, he received his Juris Doctorate from Georgetown University Law Center and practiced as a white collar defense and investigations attorney at Latham & Watkins. A former Fulbright Scholar in Germany, he received his bachelor's degree from Brown University, where he graduated magna cum laude in philosophy and German studies.

He focuses on the adaptability and applicability of U.S. electioneering techniques in East Asia, using Hong Kong as a case study. A key rationale is to assess whether techniques that stimulate higher voter turnout in U.S. elections can also increase electoral participation in Hong Kong and generate dividends for Hong Kong's pursuit of democratization. A second rationale is to foster a mutual understanding of electioneering practices in culturally and geographically disparate contexts.



Mingkang Liu
Distinguished Fellow, Asia Global Institute

Liu Mingkang, the Institute's first Distinguished Fellow, provides strategic advice on research to its leadership. He served as the first Chairman of the China Banking Regulatory Commission (CBRC) from 2003 to 2011 and was a member of the Monetary Policy Committee of the People's Bank of China. Previously, Professor Liu was Chairman and President of the Bank of China (2000-03), Chairman of China Everbright Group (1999-2000), Deputy Governor of the People's Bank of China (1998-99) and Deputy Governor of China Development Bank (1994-98). He is a member of the 17th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, and of the China National Energy Commission. He is also Vice Chairman of the Committee for Economic Affairs of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference.

From 1993-94, Professor Liu was Deputy Governor of Fujian province and Secretary-General of the Fujian Provincial Government. He also serves as a senior fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Bankers. He was a member of the Financial Stability Board (FSB), Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee on Supervisory and Regulatory Cooperation under the FSB, a member of the Governance Body of the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, and a Director of the Board of the International Centre for Leadership in Finance and of Bank Negara Malaysia. He was a Vice Chairman of the International Institute of Finance and a member of the Advisory Council of the Daimler-Chrysler Group. Professor Liu sits on the International Advisory Boards of the Guanghua Management School of Peking University and of the School of Economics and Management of Tsinghua University. He is the honorary Dean of the Lingnan (University) College of Sun Yat-sen University, in Guangzhou. CBRC and Professor Liu, personally, were jointly named Risk Manager of the Year 2009 by the Global Association of Risk Professionals. He has been an invited participant at the Aspen Institute, Group of Thirty and at many other important international economic and financial forums. Professor Liu received an MBA and an Honorary Doctorate from the City University of London.



Patrick Low
Fellow, Asia Global Institute

Patrick Low is currently AsiaGlobal Fellows Program Director at the Asia Global Institute, as well as Visiting Professor in the Faculty of Business and Economics at The University of Hong Kong. Prior to that he was the Vice President of Research at the Fung Global Institute. He served as Chief Economist at the World Trade Organization from 1997 to 2013, having previously worked at the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) Secretariat from 1980 to 1987. After joining the WTO in 1995, he worked on trade in services for two years before his appointment as Chief Economist.

From 1999 to 2000 he also served as World Trade Organization (WTO) Director-General Mike Moore's Chief of Staff. Between leaving the GATT and joining the WTO, Dr Low taught economics at El Colegio de México in Mexico City, from 1987 to 1990, and during this time worked as a consultant for a range of governments and inter-governmental institutions. From 1990 to 1994 he worked as a senior economist in the World Bank's research complex (International Trade Division). His main areas of research at the Bank were trade policy, trade and the environment, fiscal policy and customs reform.

Dr Low was also an Adjunct Professor of International Economics at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, during his tenure as Chief Economist at the WTO. He taught two courses there, one on trade theory and the theory of trade policy, and the other on the economics of the environment, trade and climate change. Dr Low holds a BA in Economics from the University of Kent and a PhD in Economics from Sussex University, both in the U.K., and has written widely on a range of trade policy issues.



Ram Madhav

National General Secretary, Bharatiya Janata Party

Shri Ram Madhav is an Indian politician, writer and journalist. He serves as the National General Secretary of the Bharatiya Janata Party. He is a former member of the National Executive of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh.

Shri Ram Madhav was born in Amalapuram in the East Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh on August 22, 1964. Primarily a student of engineering, he earned his Diploma in Electrical Engineering from Andhra Pradesh. He has a post-graduate degree in Political Science from the University of Mysore, Karnataka.

Shri Ram Madhav's association with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh began as a teenager. He volunteered to be a full-time worker for RSS in 1981. He was assigned to several key positions in the organization and has been the Senior Functionary, Media interface, Interlocutor for the intelligentsia for the RSS.

Shri Ram Madhav was the editor of Bharathiya Pragna, a monthly magazine in English published by Pragna Bharati, and associate editor of Jagriti, a Telugu weekly. He also served as a director in several film censor boards and educational institutes of India. He worked as a journalist for over 20 years with RSS sponsored publications and authored more than twelve books His latest is "Uneasy Neighbours: India and China after Fifty Years of the War."

He also serves as the Director of the India Foundation, an independent thinktank focused on the issues, challenges and opportunities of the Indian polity. He has visited more than 32 countries and spoke at various national & international forums.

He served as the national spokesperson of the RSS from 2003-2014. Shri Ram Madhav was deputed to the BJP and appointed as its national general secretary in 2014.



Peter Mathieson

President and Vice-Chancellor, The University of Hong Kong

Peter Mathieson is the fifteenth President and Vice-Chancellor of The University of Hong Kong, and assumed office in April 2014.

Professor Mathieson was born and educated in the United Kingdom. He attended a state grammar school in Penzance, Cornwall, becoming Head Boy in 1977. He was awarded an unconditional offer of a place to read Medicine at the London Hospital Medical College in 1978 and qualified from the University of London with First Class Honours in 1983. After junior medical posts in London, he obtained a research training fellowship from the Medical Research Council (MRC) to study at the University of Cambridge. He was awarded a PhD by the University of Cambridge in 1992.

He then became Director of Studies for Clinical Medicine at Christ's College, Cambridge. After a further MRC fellowship he moved to Bristol in 1995 as the foundation Professor of Renal Medicine at the University of Bristol and Honorary Consultant Nephrologist, North Bristol NHS Trust.

Professor Mathieson was elected Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences in 1999. Between 2003 and 2007 he chaired the Research Grants Committee of Kidney Research UK. He was a member of the Renal Association Clinical Trials committee from 1996 to 2007 and Chairman between 2000 and 2003. In 2007 he was elected as President of the Renal Association (the youngest in its history) in a competitive election by the membership and also became Head of the University Department of Clinical Science at North Bristol. In the same year he was appointed as Director of Research & Development for the North Bristol NHS Trust. He served the full three-year term as President of the Renal Association and remained a Trustee for a further two years as Immediate Past-President.

In 2008 he was appointed Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry at the University of Bristol. Following the formation of Bristol Health Partners, Professor Mathieson was appointed as the founding Director in May 2012, a role which he undertook alongside the role of Dean.



Mari Elka Pangestu

Distinguished Fellow, Asia Global Institute

Mari Elka Pangestu most recently served as Indonesia's Minister of Tourism and Creative Economy from October 2011 through October 2014. Before that, she was Minister of Trade of Indonesia from October 2004 to October 2011. Dr Pangestu is the first female Chinese Indonesian to hold a cabinet position in Indonesia.

Before being appointed as Minister of Trade in 2004 she was a leading staff member of the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Jakarta and active over a long period in various trade forums such as PECC. She is regarded as one of the most well-known economic experts on trade issues in Indonesia. She has also served as a lecturer in the Faculty of Economics in the University of Indonesia and as co-coordinator of the Task Force on Poverty and Development for the United Nations Millennium Project.

Dr Pangestu is widely respected both in Indonesia and overseas. She is known as an effective public speaker and minister. As a professional economist, her work is widely published in the Indonesian and international journals and media. She serves on the Board of the Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies (produced by the Indonesia Project at the Australian National University).

Born in Jakarta, Dr Pangestu obtained her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the Australian National University, and her Doctorate in economics from the University of California at Davis, United States in 1986.

She is currently on the Board of Trustees of CSIS, a professor of international economics at the Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Indonesia, is a board member of Astra International and Bank BTPN.



Keith Richburg

Director and Professor, Journalism and Media Studies Centre, The University of Hong Kong

Keith Richburg spent 34 years with The Washington Post as a reporter, editor and primarily a foreign correspondent. Starting as a summer intern and City Hall reporter, he moved to the Foreign Desk in 1986. He was the Post's Bureau Chief for Southeast Asia based in Manila from 1986-90; Bureau Chief for Africa from 1991-1995; Bureau Chief for Hong Kong and Southeast Asia from 1995-2000, covering the Hong Kong Handover and the Asian economic crisis; Bureau Chief in Paris covering Western Europe and terrorism from 2000-2005; and Bureau Chief in China from 2010-2013, based in Beijing and Shanghai. He was also The Washington Post's Foreign Editor from 2005-2007. He covered the war in Afghanistan, riding in on horseback with Northern Alliance troops in 2001, and he reported on the 2003 invasion in Iraq and the Second Palestinian intifada on the West Bank and Gaza.

Mr Richburg's coverage has won numerous awards, including two George Polk Awards, and was a Pulitzer Prize finalist. His 1997 book, "Out Of America," chronicles his travels across Africa. He has taught journalism at Princeton University and was a Fellow at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. He is currently Professor of Practice at The University of Hong Kong and Director of the Journalism and Media Studies Centre.



Jesús Seade

Associate Vice-President for Global Affairs, CUHK-Shenzhen; Chief Negotiator and Founding Deputy Director-General, World Trade Organization

Jesús Seade is a Member of the AsiaGlobal Fellows Faculty Committee and is a Special Advisor for Internationalization at the Chinese University of Hong Kong-Shenzhen, which he joined as Professor of Economics and Associate Vice-President for Global Affairs in August 2017. He holds a Chemical Engineering degree (Summa Cum Laude) from UNAM-Mexico, and a BPhil and DPhil degrees in Economics from the University of Oxford.

Professor Seade taught at the University of Warwick in the U.K. where he was the youngest ever full Professor of Economics and subsequently served as: Principal Economist at the World Bank (Public Economics and Brazil Departments); Mexican Ambassador to the GATT and Chief Negotiator to the Uruguay Round Negotiations that created the World Trade Organization; Deputy Director-General of the GATT and founding Deputy Director-General of the WTO; and Senior Advisor at the International Monetary Fund where he was heavily involved in crisis management, debt write-offs for poor countries and finally fiscal management and transparency.

During his ten years at Lingnan University, which he joined in 2007, Professor Seade has been an active member of the Hong Kong government's Advisory Boards on Trade and Industry, TIAB, and on Financial Services, FINMAN, including as co-chairman of FINMAN's Working Group on Strategic Needs for the Financial Sector. He was for many years a member of the Georgetown Law School's International Economic Law Advisory Board at Georgetown University (US).

Professor Seade has published influential and highly cited theoretical work in public finance and industrial organization and equally noted empirical work in international trade and finance, work that he has combined with extensive experience in international negotiations, organizations and problem-solving at the highest level, which has taken him to reside long-term and to travel and work extensively in the four corners of the world.



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Andrew Sheng

Distinguished Fellow, Asia Global Institute

Andrew Sheng is well known in global financial circles as a former central banker and financial regulator in Asia and a commentator on global finance. He is the Chief Adviser to the China Banking Regulatory Commission, a Board Member of Khazanah Nasional Berhad, Malaysia, a member of the International Advisory Panel to the Australian Treasury's Financial System Inquiry, and an advisor to the United Nations Environment Program Inquiry into the Design of a Sustainable Financial System.

In addition, he served as a member of the International Advisory Council of the China Investment Corporation, the China Development Bank, the Advisory Council on Shanghai as an International Financial Centre and the International Council of the Freie University, Berlin. He is also an Adjunct Professor at the Graduate School of Economics and Management, Tsinghua University, Beijing and the University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur. In 2009, he became the Pro-Chancellor of Universiti Tun Abdul Razak.

Mr Sheng served as Chairman of the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong from 1998 to 2005, having previously been a central banker with the Hong Kong Monetary Authority and Bank Negara Malaysia. He also worked with the World Bank from 1989 to 1993. From 2003 to 2005, he chaired the Technical Committee of the International Organisation of Securities Commissions (IOSCO). He has published widely on monetary, economics and financial issues. His most recent book is entitled "From Asian to global financial crisis: an Asian regulator's view of unfettered finance in the 1990s and 2000s." He is also a regular contributor to leading economic magazines and newspapers in China and the Asian region. A chartered accountant by training, he has a BSc in Economics and an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Bristol. In April 2013, Andrew was named by TIME magazine as one of the 100 most influential people in the world.



Michael Spence

2001 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences; Advisory Board Co-Chair, Asia Global Institute

Nobel Laureate Michael Spence is a world authority on growth in developing countries and on the convergence between advanced and developing economies. He is a professor of economics at the Stern School of Business at New York University, Professor Emeritus of Management in the Graduate School of Business at Stanford University, a Senior Fellow of the Hoover Institution and a Distinguished Visiting Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations. He has also served as Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Harvard and the Dean of the Stanford Business School. He serves on the board of a number of private and public companies and is a Senior Adviser to Jasper Ridge Partners. Professor Spence is a former Chairman of the Commission on Growth and Development. In 2001, he received the Nobel Prize in Economics for work that assessed how markets try to close informational gap. He has published widely and is the author of several books and numerous articles and papers. He has a BA in Philosophy from Princeton University, a BA/MA in Mathematics from Oxford University and a PhD from Harvard University.



Zhigang Tao

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Professor Tao is Senior Fellow at Tsinghua University's National Centre of Economic Research, Senior Fellow at Tsinghua University's Center for China in the World Economy, and Visiting Professor at Fudan University School of Management. He is also Co-Director of the Asia Competitiveness Program of Hong Kong Institute of Economics and Business Strategy.

His research interests are international economics, development economics, China business and economics, and economics of organizations and strategy. He has published in various economics and management journals such as American Economic Review, International Economic Review, Journal of Business Venturing, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economics and Management Strategy, Journal of International Economics, Management International Review, and Rand Journal of Economics. Professor Tao has also written books about the competitiveness of China's manufacturing industries, and China's Yanqtze River Delta.



Karen Thornber

Victor and William Fung Director, Harvard University Asia Center

Karen Thornber is Professor of Comparative Literature and of East Asian Languages and Civilizations at Harvard University, where she is also Victor and William Fung Director of the Harvard University Asia Center and Chair of the Harvard Asia Center Council. Her primary research focuses are the literatures and cultures of East Asia and more recently the Indian Ocean Rim, the environmental humanities and social sciences, and the medical humanities. Her publications include two multiple international award-winning scholarly monographs – "Empire of Texts in Motion: Chinese, Korean, and Taiwanese Transculturations of Japanese Literature" (2009) and "Ecoambiguity: Environmental Crises and East Asian Literatures" (2012), and she has recently finished a new book: "Global Healing: Literature, Advocacy, Care" which draws on literatures from six continents and dozens of languages. Thornber is co-editor of "The Poetics of Aging in the Japanese Narrative Arts" (2015) and "Global Indigeneities and the Environment" (2016) as well as of several special journal issues on comparative Asian literatures, world literature, and global health. Professor Thornber is also an award-winning translator of Japanese atomic-bomb poet Tōge Sankichi and has published more than seventy articles/book chapters on comparative and world literatures, environmental and medical humanities, diaspora, gender, indigeneities, transculturation (translation), and trauma, as well as the literatures and cultures of China, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, and the Indian Ocean Rim (South and Southeast Asia, the Middle East, and Africa).



Joseph C Tsai

Executive Vice Chairman, Alibaba Group

Joseph C Tsai joined Alibaba Group in 1999 as one of the eighteen founders of Alibaba. He served as Chief Financial Officer of the company until May 2013 and currently is Executive Vice Chairman of the company. Mr Tsai oversees Alibaba's strategic acquisitions and investments. He has been a member of the company's board of directors since its inception, and is a founding member of the Alibaba Partnership, serving on its partnership committee.

Mr Tsai serves on the boards of several of Alibaba's investee companies, including Koubei (local services), Ele.me (food delivery), Cainiao (logistics), Alibaba Health and Magic Leap.

From 1995 to 1999, he was a private equity investor based in Hong Kong with Investor AB, the main investment vehicle of Sweden's Wallenberg family. Prior to that, he was general counsel of Rosecliff, Inc., a New York management buyout firm and from 1990 to 1993, was a tax associate with the New York-based law firm Sullivan & Cromwell LLP.

Mr Tsai is a qualified lawyer in the State of New York. He received his Bachelor's degree in Economics and East Asian Studies from Yale College and a Juris Doctor from Yale Law School. He played lacrosse as an undergraduate at Yale and lots of pick-up basketball as a law student.



Mark E Tucker
Group Chairman, HSBC Holdings plc

Mark Tucker was appointed to the Board of HSBC Holdings plc with effect from September 1, 2017 and assumed his role as non-executive Group Chairman on October 1, 2017.

He has over 30 years' experience in the financial services industry in Asia and in the UK, including 25 years based in Hong Kong.

Mr Tucker was most recently Group Chief Executive and President of AIA Group Limited (AIA). He joined AIA in July 2010 and spearheaded its record-breaking initial public offering in Hong Kong in October 2010. Under Mr Tucker's leadership, AIA became the largest independent publicly-listed, pan-Asian life insurance group, covering 18 markets.

Prior to AIA, Mr Tucker held various senior management roles with Prudential plc. He was the founding Chief Executive of Prudential Corporation Asia Limited from 1994 to 2003, expanding its geographic portfolio from 3 to 12 markets. Mr Tucker was also on the Board of Prudential plc for 10 years, serving as its Group Chief Executive from 2005 to 2009. From 2004 to 2005 Mr Tucker was Group Finance Director, HBOS plc.

Mr Tucker served on the Court of The Bank of England as a non-executive director from June 2009 to May 2012, where he was a member of both its Financial Stability and Audit and Risk Committees. From November 2012 to April 2017 he was an independent non-executive director of the Goldman Sachs Group.

Mr Tucker is an Associate Professor at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. He serves on the Asia Business Council and the Advisory Board of the Asia Global Institute. He is also a member of the International Advisory Boards of the Lingnan College, Sun Yat-Sen University in China, the Discovery Group of South Africa and the Edinburgh Festival International.

Mr Tucker qualified as an Associate of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ACA) in 1985. He is married with two children and his interests include football and the arts.



Xiaogang WangPrincipal Research Consultant, SenseTime Group Limited

Xiaogang Wang received his Bachelor degree in Electronic Engineering and Information Science from the Special Class of Gifted Young at the University of Science and Technology of China in 2001, MPhil degree in Information Engineering from the Chinese University of Hong Kong in 2004, and PhD in Computer Science from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2009. He is an associate professor in the Department of Electronic Engineering at the Chinese University of Hong Kong since August 2009. He received PAMI Young Research Award Honorable Mention in 2016, the Outstanding Young Researcher in Automatic Human Behaviour Analysis Award in 2011, Hong Kong RGC Early Career Award in 2012, and Young Researcher Award of the Chinese University of Hong Kong. The SenseTime-CUHK team led by him won three championships in object detection, object detection/tracking from videos, and scene parsing in ImageNet Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge (ILSVRC) 2016. He is the associate editor of the Image and Visual Computing Journal, Computer Vision and Image Understanding, IEEE Transactions on Circuit Systems and Video Technology. He was the area chair of CVPR 2017, ICCV 2011, ICCV 2015, ICCV 2017, ECCV 2014, ECCV 2016, ACCV 2014, and ACCV 2015. His research interests include computer vision and deep learning.



Chris Webster

Dean and Chair Professor, Faculty of Architecture, The University of Hong Kong

Chris Webster is Dean of the Faculty of Architecture, The University of Hong Kong, and leads the HKUrbanLab. He has degrees in urban planning, computer science, economics and economic geography and is a leading urban theorist and spatial economic modeller. He has published over 150 scholarly papers on the idea of spontaneous urban order and received over US\$20M grants for research and teaching and learning projects. He was co-editor of Environment and Planning B for ten years. Books include "Property Rights, Planning and Markets," "Private Cities," "Urban Poverty in China," "Marginalisation in Urban China," and "Healthy Cities: Public Health Through Urban Planning". Professor Webster has nine prize-winning academic papers on urban theory.

He has many research interests on the go, including leading HKU's Healthy High Density Cities research group. His current research agenda for this group is to establish systematic evidence for the relationship between urban configuration (planned and spontaneous) and individual health. To do this he has teamed up with the Oxford University based UKBiobank (N=500,000), the HKU LKS Faculty of Medicine's Family cohort (N=40,000) and other national-scale epidemiology studies (N=500,000) to create large scale medical- built-environment platforms for healthy-city science. Professor Webster also co-leads HKU's One Belt One Road Observatory (OBORObs), which has the objective of modelling and predicting connectivity improvements in the Eurasian urban network and advising city governments on smart land policy to capture more of the land value uplift of OBOR infrastructure for the urban poor.



Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala II

Chairman and CEO, Ayala Corporation

Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Ayala Corporation, the holding company of the oldest business group in the Philippines. Ayala Corporation has subsidiaries and affiliates in real estate development, telecommunications, banking and financial services, electronics manufacturing, water distribution, automotive dealerships, business process outsourcing and overseas real estate investments.

Apart from his responsibilities on the boards of the Ayala Group companies, Mr Zobel is a member of various international and local business and socio-civic organizations, including the JP Morgan International Council and Mitsubishi Corporation International Advisory Committee. He is also Chairman of the Harvard Business School Asia-Pacific Advisory Board, a member of the Harvard Global Advisory Council, Chairman Emeritus of the Asia Business Council, Chairman of the World Wildlife Fund Philippine Advisory Council, a member of board of trustees of Endeavor Philippines and the Singapore Management University (SMU). He is also the Philippine Representative to the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Business Advisory Council.

In 2007, he received the Harvard Business School Alumni Achievement Award, the school's highest recognition. Mr Zobel is a 2009 recipient of the Presidential Medal of Merit, awarded by the President of the Republic of the Philippines for enhancing the prestige and honor of the Republic of the Philippines both at home and abroad. Subsequently, Mr Zobel was bestowed the Philippine Legion of Honor, with rank of Grand Commander, by the President of the Republic of the Philippines in recognition of his outstanding public service to the Republic.

Mr Zobel studied at Harvard University where he earned his BA in Economics (with honors) in 1981 and his MBA in 1987. He is married to Ms Elizabeth Eder Zobel de Ayala and has four children. He enjoys adventure motorcycling in his spare time.

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