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November 30-December 1, 2019

**Governance in the Asia Pacific: Politics,
Economics, Business and Environment**

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Governance in the Asia Pacific: Politics, Economics, Business and Environment

Communities of every sort and every level need some form of governance. The global community of states as manifested in the United Nations and other international organizations is going through a major shift in the power balance among its members, which inevitably poses various challenges to its existing rules and norms. At the regional level, new communities are being formed, as some existing ones break up and wane, redefining the notion of a “region.” Domestically, governance at the national and local levels faces demands of efficiency, justice, and political support, in the ever more complex contexts of globalization, changing and competing notions of region, and cultural pluralism.

Governance also takes place within private organizations, including for-profit businesses and nonprofit organizations, and the boundaries between public and private domains are constantly renegotiated. In the academy, thinking about governance challenges disciplinary boundaries.

With governance as its theme, the 17th annual Asia Pacific Conference will provide a venue for sharing research, mobilizing cooperation and affirming commitment toward improving governance in the Asia-Pacific region and beyond. We therefore invite papers and panels that can provide research-based glimpses and thoughts on topics, as suggested below, illustrating and evincing forms of better governance.

Join us in the vibrant atmosphere of our international campus in the beautiful city of Beppu, Japan.

The Conference welcomes individual papers and invites organizers and conveners for panel presentations on relevant topics such as the following:

- International Peace Building and Human Rights
- Democracy and the Challenge of Populism
- Variations of Democracies and Competing Interests in a Globalizing World
- Bilateral and Multilateral Governance Mechanisms
- Cooperation between Public and Private Sectors
- Regional Security Architecture
- Governance and Responsible Management of Economic Development
- Regionalism and Globalism in International Trade
- Corporate Governance, Business Ethics and International Standards
- Globalizing Standards of International Business Competition
- International Finance and Regional Stakeholder Participation
- Governance and Management of Digitization and New Media Marketing
- Norms and Rules in International Environmental Governance
- National and Institutional Cultures of Governance
- Strategies and Frameworks for Responsible Tourism
- Intellectual Property Rights and Intangible Cultural Heritage
- Educational Standards and Socio-Linguistic Diversity
- Governance and Future Studies

What is the Asia Pacific Conference?

The Asia Pacific Conference (AP Conference) started in 2003. Every year, presentations and panel sessions by scholars and researchers encompass a wide range of topics. We also invite well-known researchers and prominent individuals to give keynote speeches. The conference is one of the largest conferences held in English in Japan, with a focus on humanities and social sciences.

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| Date | November 30 (Sat) - December 1 (Sun), 2019 |
| Conference Theme | Governance in the Asia Pacific: Politics, Economics, Business and Environment |
| Place | Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU) 1-1 Jumonjibaru, Beppu, Oita, Japan |
| Language | English / Japanese |
| Application Deadline | May 31 (Fri), 2019 |
| Application (Online) | http://en.apu.ac.jp/apconf/ |
| Registration Fee | Non-APU participants: ¥12,000 (Student ¥6,000) APU participants: ¥6,000 (Student ¥0) * The registration fee includes lunch for 2 days and reception dinner |
| Audience | Audience admission to the conference is free. Audience needs to pay for lunch and/or may attend the reception upon paying a fee. |
| Contact | AP Conference Secretariat: apconf@apu.ac.jp |

* For Graduate Students Only: Opportunities for the registration fee to be waived and to be considered for a Best Paper Award are available. Please visit the AP Conference Website for details.

