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INTER-INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (IIDS)

Completion Report

(for completed projects only)

- Submission Deadlines: 1. The unspent balance, if applicable, and auditor's report: within six months of the approved project completion date.
 - 2. Completion report: within 12 months of the approved project completion date.

Part A: The Project and Investigator(s)

1. Project Title

Innovative Data Approaches to Populism in the Asia-Pacific Region

亞太地區的民粹主義 一 創新數據研究方法

Investigator(s) and Academic Department(s) / Unit(s) Involved 2.

Research Team	Name / Post	Unit / Department / Institution
Principal Investigator	Dr. WANG, Shiru/Assistant Professor	Department of Social Science/The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong
Co-Principal Investigator(s)	Professor KAO, Lang/Professor and Department Head	Department of Social Science/ The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong
	Professor CHU, Yun-han/Professor of Political Science	Department of Political Science/National Taiwan University
Co-Investigator(s)	Professor CHANG, Yu-tzung/Professor and Department Chairperson	Department of Political Science/ National Taiwan University
	Dr. CHAN, Chi Kit/Associate Professor	School of Communication /The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong
	Dr. TANG, Gary Kin Yat/Assistant Professor	Department of Social Science/The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong

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	Dr. WU, Hsin-Che/Assistant Professor	Department of Political Science/Nanjing University
Others		

3. Project Duration

	Original	Revised	Date of RGC / Institution Approval (must be quoted)
Project Start Date	2021.01.01	-	
Project Completion Date	2021.12.31	2022. 12. 31	A
Duration (in month)	12	24	Approved by RGC on 2022. 5. 5 (further 6-
Deadline for Submission of Completion Report	2022.12.31	2023.12.31	months extension)

4.4 Please attach photo(s) of acknowledgement of RGC-funded activities.

 $Appendix \ A-Selected \ Photos \ of \ the \ Activities$

Part B: The Final Report

5. Collaboration with Other Self-Financing Degree-Awarding Institutions

	Name of Institution(s)	% of Participation	Distinctive <u>Element(s)</u> of the Institution in Responsible Project
Applying Institution	The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong	100%	The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong was the hosting institution and venue for the conference.
Collaborating Institution(s) (If any)#	N/A		
Total:			

If no other eligible local self-financing degree-awarding institutions are involved, please input "N/A" in this table.

6. Project Objectives

6.1 Objectives as per original application

This conference is to fulfill three broad objectives, examining populism in the Asia-Pacific region, promoting innovative data science methodologies, and publishing an edited book to fulfill the information diffusion purpose.

1. Contributing to the academic literature by examining populism in the Asia-Pacific region

The current understanding of populism is largely derived from the experiences of North American and European liberal democracies. The rise of populism and its electoral success have been suggested to stem from a shift in values, with the lower middle class feeling deeply frustrated, particularly due to the prolonged economic downturn (Milanovic, 2016; Norris and Inglehart, 2019; Quah, 2018). The frustration has generated the negative feelings towards immigrants, particularly Muslims from the underdeveloped part of Arabic world, who are portrayed as the competitor for limited resources. Anti-immigrant sentiment forms the basis of an "us" versus "them" narrative and emphasizes the interest of nationals in liberal democracies.

In contrast, post-World War II nationalism has long been embedded in the state-building process in Asia. In the multi-ethnic societies in South and Southeast Asia where Muslims account for one important or even dominant player, anti-terrorism hasn't emerged as a salient political issue in these societies as well as in the broader Asia-Pacific region (Vickers, 2017). Nationalism, thus, may not play the same role in fueling populism in this region.

Instead, cultural conservatism holds strong all along in Asia, even in those democratic and hybrid regimes. Social welfarism hasn't established the same significance in Asian cultures, as families and private corporations often serve as the primary providers of welfare (Chacko and Jayasuriya, 2018). Consequently, the democratic socialist component observed in Western populism is less prominent in the Asian-Pacific version. Exploring the interaction between populism and values in this context proves to be an interesting avenue for study.

Furthermore, it is essential to explore other factors that have shaped populism in Asia. The neoliberalist movement in the 1980s is argued to be a fundamental contributor to the rise of populism in the region, diverging from the protectionist nature often associated with populism in the West (Chacko and Jayasuriya, 2018). Asia encompasses a wide range of political regimes, including fully-fledged democracies, hybrid regimes, and autocracies. The core populist ideologies, such as the sovereignty of the people and anti-elitism, can manifest in either democratic or authoritarian contexts. It is important to understand how populism intersects with pro-democracy social movements in the Asia-Pacific region.

The Internet has emerged as an efficient platform for bottom-up demand for populism to meet with top-down supply. Examining populist practices against the backdrop of advancements in information communication technology offers an increasingly important perspective. It is crucial not to overlook geopolitical factors when studying populism in the Asia-Pacific region. The variations observed in populism between East Asia and Southeast Asia, as well as the significant influence of mainland China on the rise of populism in Hong Kong and Taiwan, highlight the importance of considering geopolitical dynamics in understanding populist practices.

The conference will delve into the issue areas discussed above, contrasting them with liberal democracies in North America and Europe, to deepen our understanding of the interaction between specific contexts in the Asia-Pacific and different aspects of populism. This approach will enable us to map out a comprehensive understanding of this complex phenomenon.

2. Promoting research methodology by investigating innovative data science methods

The conference grants a platform for researchers and participants to demonstrate different studies applying various research methods to answer questions related to populism.

3. Delivering research output by publishing an edited book to fulfill academic exchange and information diffusion purposes

As a research deliverable, the Organizational Committee of the conference will be responsible to edit one book and put it through for publication by a prestigious publishing house as the final product of the conference. The research deliverable will promote the understanding of the interaction between the Asia-Pacific context and populism and contribute to the extant literature on populism.

References:

Milanovic, Branko. 2016. Global Inequality: A New Approach for the Age of Globalization. Mass. USA: Harvard University Press.

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Priya Chacko & Kanishka Jayasuriya (2018) Asia's Conservative Moment: Understanding the Rise of the Right, Journal of Contemporary Asia, 48:4, 529-540.

Quah, Danny. 02 August 2018. The Geopolitics of Populism. Global-is-Asian. https://lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/gia/article/the-geopolitics-of-populism

Vickers, Edward. 2017. All Quiet on the Eastern Front? Populism, Nationalism, and Democracy in East Asia. Politics & Diplomacy 18 (2): 59-68.

6.2 Revised objectives

Date of approval from the RGC: Nov 15, 2021

Reasons for the change:

The type of publication largely depends on the final collection of complete papers. In view of the development of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is very likely that most participants will have to attend the conference virtually. To deal with uncertainty with manuscript submission and remain flexible, the research deliverable mentioned in Objective 3 is thus changed from an edited book to an edited book/a special issue in an academic journal.

- 1. Research Deliverables to change from an edited book to an edited book/a special issue in an academic journal
- 2. N/A
- 3. N/A

6.3 Realisation of the objectives

(Maximum 1 page; please state how and to what extent the project objectives have been achieved; give reasons for under-achievements and outline attempts to overcome problems, if any)

Overall, all the three objectives have been realized.

Objective 1. Contributing to the academic literature by examining populism in the Asia-Pacific region

Throughout the project period, we postponed the conference in an attempt to organize a face-to-face event to enhance academic communication and exchange. However, due to the unpredictable nature of COVID-19 and its ongoing fluctuations, we ended up hosting the rescheduled conference virtually in February 2023. Professor Paul Taggart, one of the founding scholars for the field of populism studies, gave the keynote speech. His address sparked a stimulating discussion about the application of theoretical frameworks on populism to the Asian context. Thirteen distinguished conference speakers from Asia and Europe presented their research findings on populist practices in various Asian societies, offering valuable insights from a comparative perspective. Engaging in rigorous theoretical discussions, this diverse group significantly contributed to enriching the academic discourse surrounding the subject of populism.

Objective 2. Promoting research methodology by investigating innovative data science methods

Conference speakers employed a diverse range of research methods to investigate populist practices in Asia. Alongside traditional qualitative analysis, which captured historical evolution, significant episodes of populism, and conceptual reflections, speakers also utilized discourse analysis and advanced quantitative techniques. These approaches allowed them to present a comprehensive understanding of populist practices in the Asian context.

Objective 3. Delivering research output by publishing an edited book to fulfill academic exchange and information diffusion purposes.

The conference resulted in an upcoming edited book on *Three Faces of Populism in Asia: Populism as a Multifaceted Political Practice*, scheduled for publication by Routledge in 2024. This volume examines eight cases across Asia, emphasizing the distinct features of Asian populism compared to Western experiences. The book offers valuable insights for scholars, students, and those examining populism comparatively in Asian politics. Please see Appendix E and Appendix F.

6.4 Summary of objectives addressed to date

Ol	ojectives	Addressed (please tick)	Percentage Achieved (please estimate)
1.	Contributing to the academic literature by examining populism in the Asia-Pacific region	✓	100%
2.	Promoting research methodology by investigating innovative data science methods	✓	100%
3.	Delivering research output by publishing an edited book/ a special issue in an academic journal to fulfill academic exchange and information diffusion purposes	✓	100%

6.5 Project progress

Original Implementation Schedule	Revised Implementation Schedule (Date of RGC's Approval)	Updated Progress
Jan 2021: Form the Organizational Committee and schedule regular Organizational Committee meetings to monitor the progress throughout the whole year; hire a research assistant (RA)	Against the backdrop of the fluctuating COVID-19 situations, the project was first proposed for a	Organizational Committee formed in Jan 2021; Research Assistant was hired in July 2021
Feb - May 2021: Design and manage webpage; call for papers; invite selected potential speakers	six-month extension and approved by the University on 12 January 2021, and subsequently proposed for another six-month extension	Conference website was created and published in July 2021; Call for papers were announced in July 2021
May 2021: Abstracts due; finalize the list of participants	and approved by RGC on 5 May 2022. The conference was proposed to be	13 overseas scholars were accepted to participate the conference in Jan 2022
Jun - Sep 2021: Plan for the logistics for potential speakers and participants; follow up with speaks and participants	postponed from 3-5 December 2021 to 25-26 February 2022, for a possibility of in-person academic exchanges, and approved by RCG on 15	Speakers confirmed their participation in the conference in Jan 2022 All full papers were received
Oct - Nov 2021: Full papers due; finalize the logistics; start to plan for publication; contact potential publishers	November 2021.	by mid-February 2022; An edited volume was planned for publication and potential publishers were considered in March 2022

	The conference was held on
Dec 2021:	25-26 February 2022 as
Host the Conference; finalize	planned. The upcoming
the plan and schedule for the	edited book is planned to be
publication	published in 2024 by
	Routledge.

6.6 Speaker(s) IIDS8 (Oct 2019)

Title / Name (Surname in Capital Letters)	Post / Institution	Title / Topic of Presentation / Course	Previous Research Links with Hong Kong Institutions (Nature and Date (Month / Year))
Professor Paul TAGGART	University of Sussex	Keynote Speech: Foxes in the Chicken Coop? Three Strategies of Populists in Government	N/A
Dr. Muhammed AFZAL P	Assistant Professor (Cultural Studies), Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, BITS Pilani, Pilani Campus	National-Popular, Popular Politics and Left Popular: The Left Movement in Kerala and the Reinvention of Leftwing Populism	N/A
Dr. Srikrishna AYYANGAR	Associate Professor, School of Policy and Governance, Azim Premji University	Populisms in India	N/A
Dr. Fizza BATOOL	Research Associate, Pak Institute for Peace Studies	Populism in Pakistan: The Exclusionary—Inclusionary Divide in Politics of Imran Khan and Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto	N/A
Dr. Rou-lan CHEN	Associate Professor, Department of Political Economy, National Sun Yat-sen University	The Han-wave Populism in Taiwan	N/A
Professor Sarah EATON	Professor of Transregional China Studies, Institut für Asienund Afrikawissenschaften - Humboldt University Berlin	Varieties of Chinese Populism: Mapping the mindsets of pro- and anti-system populists	N/A
Mr. Andreas EDER-RAMSAUER	PhD candidate, Freie Universität Berlin	Yamamoto Tarō and Reiwa Shinsengumi: Love, populism and radical democracy	N/A
Mr. Hyeonjun KIM	PhD Candidate, Double Degree Programme, Department of Political Science, Yonsei University/	The meta-narrative on populism studies as "a global phenomenon": Why populism in the Western countries	N/A

	SEAS, The University of Sheffield	or others but not in East Asia?	
Dr. Jason KUO	Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, National Taiwan University	Populism and COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy	N/A
Dr. Armin MÜLLER	Postdoctoral Fellow, Jacobs University	Co-author with Professor Sarah EATON	N/A
Mr. Yong-Jun PARK	PhD Candidate, Faculty of Education, University of Cambridge	South Korean Youth and the Far-Right: Populist Movement in the Post-Political Democracy	N/A
Dr. Andreas UFEN	Senior Research Fellow, German Institute of Global and Area Studies	Prabowo's Populism in Indonesia: Primary concept and secondary ideas	N/A
Dr. Wan Rohila Ganti WAN ABDUL GHAPAR	Lecturer of Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Development, Universiti Malaysia Terengganu	Pakatan Harapan in Malaysia: A Failed Populist?	N/A
Dr. Shiru WANG	Assistant Professor, Department of Social Science, The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong	A Cultural Potential for Populism in Asia: Comparative Evidence from ABS Data	Principal Investigator

6.7 Please provide details of the activities organized, including the theme / objectives of the activities, targeted participants, attendance, analysis of participants, e.g. country of origin, research background, etc., evaluation forms of the activities and a summary of the participants' evaluation. Photos of the activities are preferred.)

Due to the worsening COVID-19 situation in Hong Kong around February 2022, the conference was held online. The International Conference on Populism in Asia: The Same or Different Story? was successfully conducted virtually on 25-26 February 2022.

Studies on populism in North America and Europe have reached a consensus regarding the fundamental nature of populism in Western liberal democracies. Populism is understood as a "thin" ideology characterized by authoritarianism, anti-pluralism, a focus on welfare, and chauvinism. However, the exploration of populism in the Asia-Pacific region remains limited in literature. Existing literature does not provide conclusive agreement on the specific characteristics of populism in this region. While some argue that it follows a similar pattern as in North American and Western European democracies, others hold a different view.

The purpose of the conference was to bring together experts on the Asia-Pacific region to share their empirical observations and research findings on populism in Asian-Pacific countries. The primary objective was to obtain a comprehensive understanding of the phenomenon by constructing a robust comparative framework. This framework aimed to facilitate a thorough analysis of the models of populism within various political systems across the Asia-Pacific region, while also drawing explicit comparisons with the conventional wisdom derived from the West.

During the conference, one keynote speaker from the United Kingdom and 13 panel speakers from Asia (Malaysia, India, Pakistan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, South Korea) and Europe (Germany, United Kingdom) provided their insights on populism research from a multi-disciplinary standpoint. The online event was well-attended by approximately 60 participants.

Please see the following documents in the attachment.

Appendix A – Selected Photos of the Activities

Appendix B – Conference Poster

Appendix C – Conference Programme Rundown

Appendix D - Conference Proceedings

7. Research-Related Outcome

7.1 Potential for development into research proposal and the proposed course of action (*Maximum half a page*)

As Objective 3 of this project indicated, the proposed research outcome of this grant is an edited book.

3.Delivering research output by publishing an edited book to fulfill academic exchange and information diffusion purposes

As a research deliverable, the Organizational Committee of the conference will be responsible to edit one book and put it through for publication by a prestigious publishing house as the final product of the conference. The research deliverable will promote the understanding of the interaction between the Asia-Pacific context and populism and contribute to the extant literature on populism.

7.2 Research collaboration achieved (*Please give details on the achievement and its relevant impact*)

This conference served as a valuable platform for scholars researching populism in Asian societies, facilitating the exchange of findings within a comparative framework and fostering research collaboration. As a direct outcome of the conference, a forthcoming edited book on *Three Faces of Populism in Asia: Populism as a Multifaceted Political Practice* is expected to be published by Routledge in 2024. The book will include contributions from seven of the conference speakers, and to further enrich its content, two additional experts specializing in populism are invited to contribute to this volume.

Drawing on evidence from eight cases across three subregions of Asia, this volume highlights the distinctive features of Asian populism in comparison with Western experiences. In contrast to the latter, populist practices in Asia tend to exhibit an ambiguous nature, often characterized by ad hoc and mixed ideological add-ons.

The case studies shed light on the cultural dimension of populism, an aspect that has been largely overlooked in Western contexts. Empirical evidence shows that political culture, traditional values and identity politics exert an influence on populist practices in Asia. In the meantime, a composite scale of populism, constructed based on popular attitudes towards the role of politicians, the popular will and the relationship between the elite and the people, can serve as an explanatory variable for political outcomes in the region. The relationship between populism and democracy in Asia is observed to be more intricate than that in Western contexts. Populism is not necessarily endogenous to democracy, and thus its emergence may not solely be a response to the crisis of democracy.

The book presents a valuable resource for scholars and students of Asian politics and those looking at the phenomenon of populism through a comparative lens.

7.3 Any new development and/or challenging research topic(s) has / have been identified and any new initiative(s) for future research has / have been inspired.

The research collaboration conducted during the conference has not only resulted in the forthcoming edited book on populism but has also fostered the establishment of valuable networks for potential future collaboration.

The comparative framework proposed in the book presents an opportunity for further in-depth studies on populism in Asian countries. Following up on the publication of the edited book, some book launch activities are being planned, serving as a catalyst for continued research and engagement on the topic of populism in the region.

8. The Layman's Summary

(Describe <u>in layman's language</u> the nature, significance and value of the research activities, in no more than 200 words)

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The case studies in this book present the unique characteristics of Asian populism in contrast to Western experiences. Unlike Western populism, Asian populist practices often exhibit ad hoc and mixed ideological elements. This book sheds light on the cultural aspect of populism, which has been largely overlooked in Western contexts. Additionally, populist attitudes shape voting behavior and hence political outcomes in the region. The relationship between populism and democracy in Asia is observed to be more complex than in Western contexts. Populism is not inherently linked to democracy, and its emergence may not solely be a response to the crisis of democracy.

This book provides a valuable resource for scholars and students of Asian politics, as well as those examining populism from a comparative perspective.

Part C: Research Output

9. Recognized Conference(s) Paper(s) Related To This Project Was / Were Delivered (As Applicable)

(Please attach a copy of each conference abstract)

Month / Year / Place	Title	Conference Name	Submitted to RGC (indicate the year ending of the relevant progress report)	Attached to this Report (Yes or No)	Acknowledged the Support of RGC (Yes or No)
N/A					

10. Research Personnel Trained (As Applicable)

Name	Capacity	
	Research assistant (assisting with daily communication with	
	conference participants, conference promotion, and the	
	virtual implementation of the event)	

11. Other Impact (As Applicable) (e.g. prizes, collaboration with other research institutions, technology transfer, etc.)	
N/A	

12. Statistics on Research Outputs

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13. Public Access Of Completion Report

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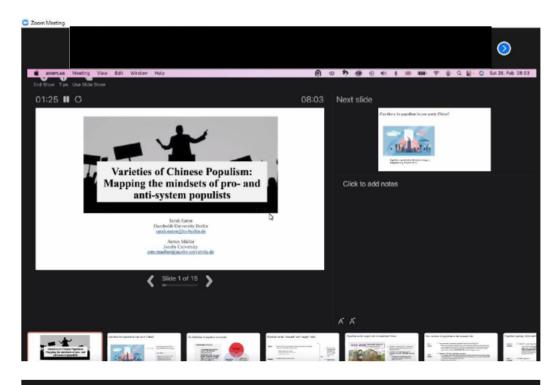
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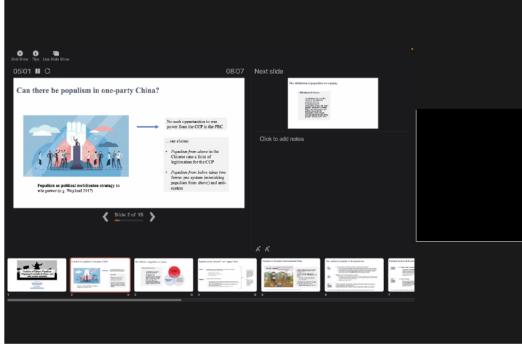
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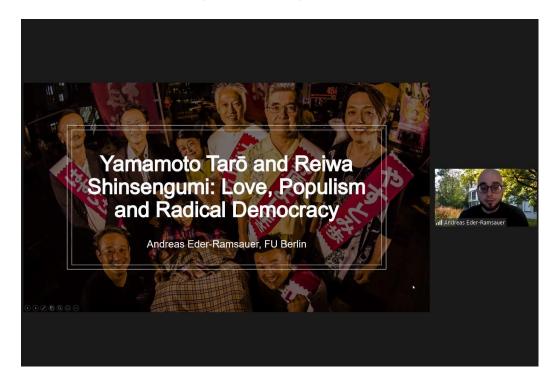


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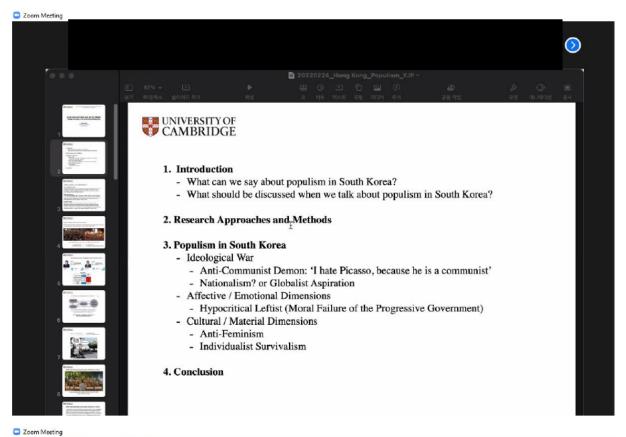


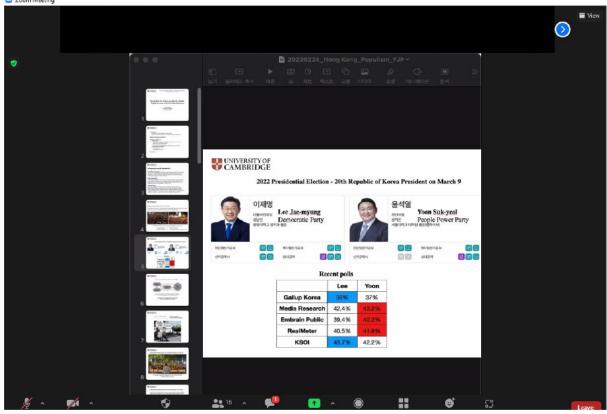


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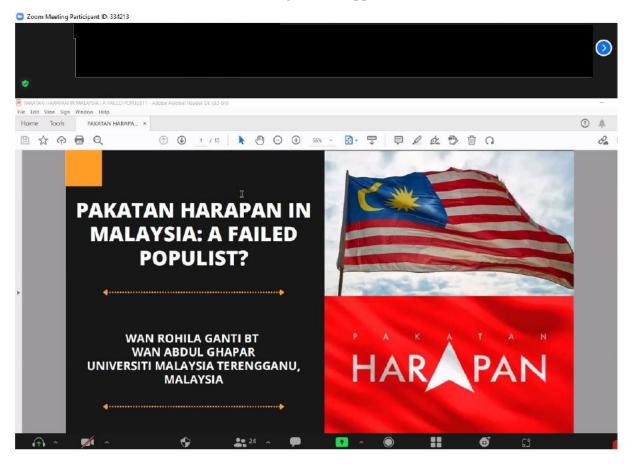




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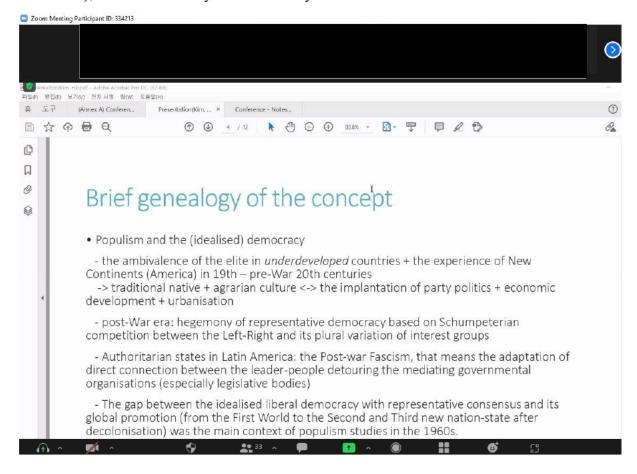
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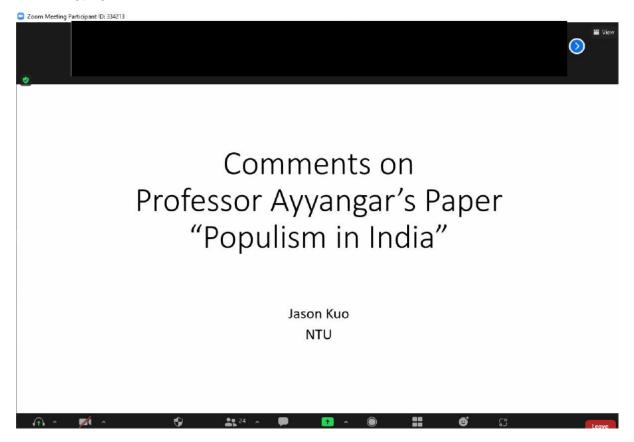
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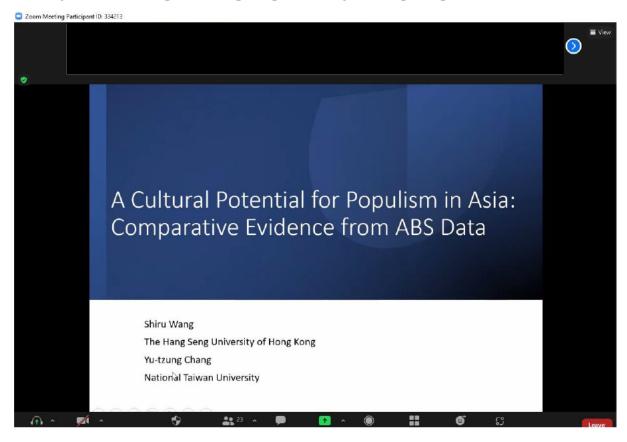
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A Discussion on Paper Populisms in India (by Dr. Srikrishna AYYANGAR, Azim Premji University) by Discussant Dr. Jason KUO



Presentation: A Cultural Potential for Populism in Asia: Comparative Evidence from ABS Data, by Dr. Shiru Wang, The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong.



Academic Exchanges: Dr. Shiru WANG, Assistant Professor of the Department of Social Science, HSUHK exchanged views with overseas speakers on Populism







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International Conference on Populism in Asia: The Same or Different Story? <u>Programme Rundown</u>

Date: 25-26 February 2022 Venue: Online via ZOOM

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15:10 - 15:40	Prabowo's Populism in Indonesia: Primary concept and secondary ideas
Germany Time	Dr. Andreas UFEN
8:10 - 8:40	Senior Research Fellow
	German Institute of Global and Area Studies
15:40 - 16:10	Pakatan Harapan in Malaysia: A Failed Populist?
Same time zone	Dr. Wan Rohila Ganti WAN ABDUL GHAPAR
	Lecturer of Faculty of Business, Economics
	and Social Development
	Universiti Malaysia Terengganu
16:10 - 16:40	Q & A
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16:50 - 18:05	Keynote Speech -
	Foxes in the Chicken Coop? Three Strategies of Populists in
UK Time	Government
8:50 - 10:05	
	Professor Paul Taggart
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11:00 - 11:30	National-Popular, Popular Politics and Left Popular:	
	The Left Movement in Kerala and the Reinvention of Leftwing Populism	
India Time		
8:30 - 9:00	Dr. Muhammed AFZAL P	
	Assistant Professor (Cultural Studies)	
	Department of Humanities and Social Sciences	
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11:30 - 12:00	Populism in Pakistan: The Exclusionary–Inclusionary Divide in Politics of	
	Imran Khan and Zulfigar Ali Bhutto	
Pakistan Time		
8:30 - 9:00	Dr. Fizza BATOOL	
	Research Associate	
	Pak Institute for Peace Studies	
12:00 - 12:30	Q & A	
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch	
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Discussant: Dr. Shiru	WANG (Hong Kong Time: 15:00 - 16:30)	
15:00 - 15:30	Varieties of Chinese Populism:	
	Mapping the mindsets of pro- and anti-system populists	
Germany Time		
8:00 - 8:30	Professor Sarah EATON	
	Professor of Transregional China Studies	
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	Humboldt University Berlin	
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	Postdoctoral Fellow	
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UK Time	Populist Movement in the Post-Political Democracy	
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7:30 - 8:00	Mr. Yong-Jun PARK PhD Candidate	
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Discussant: Professor S	Sarah EATON (Germany Time: 9:40 - 11:10)	
16:40 - 17:10	Yamamoto Tarō and Reiwa Shinsengumi:	
	Love, populism and radical democracy	
Germany Time		
9:40 - 10:10	Mr. Andreas EDER-RAMSAUER	
	PhD candidate	
	Freie Universität Berlin	
	(Japanese Studies)	
17:10 - 17:40	The Han-wave Populism in Taiwan	
Same time zone	Dr. Rou-lan CHEN	
	Associate Professor	
	Department of Political Economy	
	National Sun Yat-sen University	
17:40 - 18:10	Q & A	
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	Dr. Shiru Wang	
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