

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Global Public Policy Network Conference**

### **“Globalising Asia or Asian Globalisation?”**

Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy  
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The Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy is pleased to have been selected to host the **2<sup>nd</sup> Global Public Policy Network Conference** on the **22nd and 23rd of October 2007** in Singapore. **Columbia University’s School of International & Public Affairs** (SIPA), the **London School of Economics & Political Science** (LSE) and the **Institut d’Etudes Politiques de Paris** (Sciences Po) are the founding members of the **Global Public Policy Network** (GPPN). A key objective of the GPPN is to bring together leading institutions from academia and practice to engage in a substantive dialogue around issues of global public policy concern.

In October 2006, the GPPN organised an inaugural conference that was hosted by Sciences Po in Paris. The conference attracted participation from leading academic institutions from North and South America, Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Asia. The topics discussed included Global Problems and Challenges for Public Policy in the 21st Century and Governing Global Cities. Several distinguished academics and practitioners, including Pascal Lamy, Director-General WTO, Sir Howard Davies, Director LSE and former Chairman of the UK Financial Services Authority, David Dinkins, former Mayor of New York City and Antanas Mockus, former Mayor of Bogota, provided many invaluable insights. For more information on the 2006 GPPN conference, please visit <http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/GPPN/Default.htm>.

Given our strategic location at the crossroads of Asia, we have, in consultation with our GPPN partners, selected the theme of the 2007 Conference to be **“Globalising Asia or Asian Globalisation?”** Asia has benefited greatly from the accelerating processes of globalisation. The rapid growth and success of Asian societies also means that Asian societies will play a bigger role in shaping the future processes of globalisation. Asians will go from being passengers on the bus of globalisation to becoming the co-drivers. But where will they drive this bus to? The conference in Singapore will attempt to address some of these larger global challenges.

A rich programme has been prepared to examine some of the critical issues that will need to be addressed as Asia begins to develop a greater impact on the key globalization processes.

The opening plenary sessions will examine the likely impact of Asia on the global economic and financial architecture and on the new political architecture of global governance. These sessions will address questions such as:

- How should multilateral institutions (both political and economic) adapt to accommodate the rise of Asia?
- What vision do Asia’s leading powers have for the future global political and economic order?
- What are the consequences for the world and global institutions if they fail to adapt?

The afternoon parallel sessions will examine Asia’s impact on social protection and on energy and the environment. These sessions will address questions such as:

- What is the future of the welfare state in an age of increasing global competition?
- How will pension systems adapt to changing demographics in Asia and elsewhere?
- What impact will the increased competition for scarce energy resources and the challenge of meeting climate change have on global energy security concerns?

The second day of the conference will discuss the future of public policy education and leadership in a rapidly changing world. A meeting may also be held to discuss the possibility of forming an expanded grouping of graduate schools of public policy which are keen to deepen their cooperation in further developing and enhancing global public policy research and education.

This event is open for all our faculty and students to participate in and by invitation only for others.

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