JOHN P. BURNS

Publications

Books published


*The Hong Kong Civil Service and Its Future* (co-edited with Ian Scott) Hong Kong: Oxford University Press, 1988, x + 287 pp.


Books in progress


*Politicians and Bureaucrats in Hong Kong’s Policy Process: the Tung Years* (with B. Guy Peters, Lam Wai-fung, Li Wei) (forthcoming).

Refereed Journal Articles


“Administrative Reform in Hong Kong: an Institutional Analysis of Food Safety” International Public Management Review 8:2 2007. 15-30 (re-printed in B. Bowornwathana and C. Wescott (eds.) *Comparative Governance Reform in Asia: Democracy, Corruption, and Government Trust* Bingley, UK: Emerald, forthcoming)

“Downsizing the Chinese State: Government Retrenchment in the 1990s,” *The China Quarterly* 175 (September, 2003), 775-802.


"Representative Bureaucracy and the Senior Civil Service in Hong Kong," *Hong Kong Journal of Public Administration* 2:2 (June 1980), 1-20.


**Refereed Book Chapters**


“Civil Service Reform,” in Lau Siu-kai (ed.) The First Tung Chee-hwa Administration: the First Five Years of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (Hong Kong: Chinese University Press, 2002), 267-288.


"The 'Representativeness' of the Senior Civil Service in Hong Kong," (with J.H. Bacon-shone) in Y.C. Jao, et. al. (eds.) *Hong Kong and 1997: Strategies for the Future* (Hong Kong: Centre of Asian Studies, University of Hong Kong, 1985), 119-144.

"Job Satisfaction in the Hong Kong Civil Service," in Ian Scott and John P. Burns (eds.) *The Hong Kong Civil Service* (Hong Kong: Oxford University Press, 1984), 169-186.

"Profile of the Civil Service," (with Ian Scott) in Ian Scott and John P. Burns (eds.) *The Hong Kong Civil Service* (Hong Kong: Oxford University Press, 1984), 17-35.

"Trends and Prospects," (with Ian Scott) in Ian Scott and John P. Burns (eds.) *The Hong Kong Civil Service* (Hong Kong: Oxford University Press, 1984), 289-293.


Edited Translations, with Introduction


Reviews


Vivienne Shue, *The Reach of the State* in *The China Quarterly* 117 (March 1989), 146-147.


**Conference papers and participation (2005-11)**


‘Public Service Bargains: the Case of Hong Kong’s Politicians and Bureaucrats’ (with B. Guy Peters, Lam Wai-fung and Li Wei) European Consortium for Political Research, 6th General Conference, University of Iceland, Reykjavik, 25-27 August 2011 (proposal accepted).


‘Regime Type and Policy Coordination in Three Chinese Cities: Beijing, Hong Kong, Taipei’ (with B. Guy Peters and Wang Xiaojii) Conference on Regulation in the Age of Crisis, ECPR Third Biennial Conference, University of Dublin, Ireland, 17-19 June 2010 (refereed paper).

‘Western Models and Administrative Reform in China: Pragmatism and the Search for Modernity’ Professor B. Guy Peters Festschrift Conference, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh PA, 19-20 November 2009 (Refereed paper).

‘Explaining Civil Service Motivation: the Case of the Hong Kong Fire Services (with A. Chow, D. Ho, M. Lau, N. Li, S. Shen) presented at the International Public Service Motivation Research Conference, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, USA, 7-9 June 2009 (Refereed paper).
‘Accountability and Control in the Civil Service: the Case of the Hong Kong Fire Services’ (with A. Chow, D. Ho, M. Lau, N. Li, S. Shen), presented at 7th Annual Forum on Asian Public Management, National Chi Nan University, Puli, Taiwan, 12-13 December 2008.

‘Budgeting in Hong Kong’ presented at the OECD Workshop for Senior Budget Officials in Asia-Pacific, Bangkok, 11-13 January 2008.

‘The Impact of Regime Type on Policy Coordination: Food Safety Policy in Beijing and Hong Kong” (with Wang Xiaoqi) at European Group of Public Administration, Madrid, Spain 19-22 September 2007 (Refereed paper)

‘China’s Quest for a Competitive Civil Service: a Principal-Agent Analysis,’ (with Wang Xiaoqi) at International Conference on State Capacity of China in the 21st Century’ City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China 19-20 April 2007.

‘Reform of a Regulatory Policy: the Case of Food Safety in Hong Kong’, Conference of the Asian Public Administration Network, Korea University, Seoul, Korea, 10-11 November 2006 (Invited paper).

‘Regulatory Autonomy and the Coordination of Food Safety Policy: the Case of Hong Kong,’ Annual Meeting of the European Group of Public Administration, Milan, Italy, 6-9 September 2006 (Refereed paper).


“Policy Coordination and Public Sector Reform in China,” National Chengchi University, Taipei, Taiwan, 3 March 2006 (invited lecture).

‘Performance Management in Hong Kong’s Food and Environmental Hygiene Department,’ 5th Asian Forum on Public Management, the University of Hong Kong, 14-15 January 2006.

Meeting of Members of Comparative Public Organization Data Base for Research and Analysis (COBRA), Public Management Institute, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium, 1-2 December 2005 (invited participant).

‘Explaining Civil Service Reform in Asia,’ International Conference on Civil Service Systems in Comparative Perspective, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg Virginia, 29 September -2 October, 2005 (Invited paper).

‘Structural Bias and Illicit Business-Government Relations in Hong Kong: the Case the Cyberport,’ (paper presented at the 9th International Research Symposium on Public Sector Management, Milan, Italy, 6-8 April 2005) (Refereed paper).

Conference papers and participation (pre-2005)
‘Reform of the State in China,’ Conference on Reform of the State, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, USA, January 23-24, 2004 (invited paper)


“Horizontal Government: Policy Coordination in China,” (paper prepared for International Conference on Governance in Asia: Culture, Ethics, Institutional Reform and Policy Change, City University of Hong Kong, December 5-7, 2002) (Invited paper).

“Public Administration in the People’s Republic of China,” (paper prepared for the International Conference on ‘China’s Economy in the 21st Century,’ the University of Hong Kong, June 24-25, 2002) (Invited paper).


International Conference on Governance in Asia: Culture, Ethics, Institutional Reform and Policy Change, City University of Hong Kong, December 5-7, 2002 (refereed paper).

Conference on ‘China’s Economy in the 21st Century,’ the University of Hong Kong, June 24-25, 2002 (invited paper).

7th International Research Symposium on Public Sector Management, Hong Kong, October 2-4, 2003 (refereed paper)


Workshop on Governance in China, Institute for Development Studies, University of Sussex, UK September 2001 (invited paper).

Workshop on Rewards at the Top in the Pacific Basin, Hong Kong, City University of Hong Kong, July 2000 and March 2001 (invited paper)

National Conference of the American Society for Public Administration, Orlando, Florida, 10-14 April 1999 (refereed paper).

University of Hong Kong-Chulalongkorn University 2nd Inter-Departmental Conference, Bangkok, Thailand, March 12-13, 1998.

Workshop of Paradoxes in Public Sector Reform, Berlin, Germany, September 1997 (invited paper).

International Conference on Civil Service Systems in Comparative Perspective, Bloomington, Indiana, USA, April 5-9, 1997 (invited paper).

National Conference of the American Society for Public Administration, Atlanta, Georgia, June 29-July 3, 1996 (refereed paper).


"Administrative Reform in Hong Kong" (Paper prepared for the University of Hong Kong-Chulalongkorn University Inter-Departmental Conference, Hong Kong, May 17-18, 1996).

48th Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Honolulu, Hawaii, April 11-14, 1996 (refereed paper).

International Symposium on Administrative Reform (sponsored by the UNDP), Beijing, China, April 20-23, 1994 (invited paper).

Public Sector Reform: an International Colloquium (sponsored by the Department of Political Science, University of Hong Kong), Hong Kong, December 14-15, 1993.

Conference on the Changing Role of the State in Comparative Perspective, (sponsored by Chiangmai University, Chulalongkorn University, and IPSA-SOG), Chiangmai, Thailand, January 14-15, 1993 (discussant).


Workshop on China and Hong Kong, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada, June 11-12, 1992 (invited paper)


The China Quarterly Symposium on the 40th Anniversary of the Founding of the PRC, Hong Kong, January 4-7, 1989 (invited paper).


Invited speaker, Reform of Contemporary China's Civil Service System, Department of Political Science Seminar, University of California, San Diego, CA, USA, July 9, 1987.

Invited speaker, Colloquium on the Significance of Recent Leadership Changes in China, University of Hong Kong, February 7, 1987.

Invited speaker, Forum on the Hong Kong Civil Service, Institute of Political Science, the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, China, September 6, 1986.

Public Forum on Pay Policy and Pay Adjustment for the Hong Kong Civil Service, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, April 28, 1986 (refereed paper).

Conference on System Reform in China, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, March 17-22, 1986 (refereed paper)

American Enterprise Institute Conference on China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong, Hong Kong, March 13-14, 1986 (invited paper).

Seminar on Chinese Studies, University of California, Berkeley, CA, USA, April 12-13, 1985 (invited paper).

Conference on Hong Kong and 1997: Strategies for the Future, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, December 6-8, 1984.


Workshop on Policy Implementation in the Post-Mao Era, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, USA, June 20-24, 1983 (invited paper).

Invited speaker, Rural Decision Making and Political Participation in the PRC, Conference on China in the 1980s, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, USA, March 19, 1983.

Invited speaker, The Political Consequences of Recent Reforms of China's Agricultural Policies, Department of Sociology Seminar Series, University of California, San Diego, CA, USA, March 16, 1983.

California Regional Seminar in Chinese Studies, University of California, Berkeley, CA, USA, November 13, 1982 (invited paper)

Conference on Communication and Societal Integration in China, East-West Center, Honolulu, HA, USA, January 1979 (invited paper).
Workshop on the Pursuit of Political Interest in the People's Republic of China, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, USA, August 1977 (invited paper).

**Consultant's Reports and Knowledge Exchange**

‘Job Satisfaction of Police Officers in Hong Kong’ prepared for the HKSAR Police Force, May 2011.


"Public Sector Management Reform in China," (Paper prepared for the UNDP/MDGD Regional Workshop on Public Sector Reform, Lahore, 2-5 October 1995).


**Honors, Grants, and Fellowships, since 1990**


2006-09, Co-I, RGC/CERG, “Autonomy and Control in Hong Kong Government Bodies” (with Martin Painter, City U, PI), Total Grant: HK$ 823,360 (continuing).
2006-09, PI, RGC/CERG, “Policy Co-ordination in Three Cities (Beijing, Taipei, and Hong Kong) HKU 7405/05H (with W.F. Lam, B. Guy Peters and others), Total Grant: HK$ 859,929 (Completed).

2005-06, PI, HKU Leung Kau Kui and Run Run Shaw Research and Teaching Endowment Funds to translation into Chinese and up-dating of my book, Government Capacity and the Hong Kong Civil Service Total Grant: HK$80,000, (Completed).

1998-2002, PI, RGC/CERG, "The Impact of Reform of the Civil Service Selection System in China since 1993," HKU 7128/98H (with W.F. Lam, John Bacon-Shone) Total Grant: HK$ 1,200,000 (Completed; rated 'satisfactory').

1997-2001, Co-I, RGC/CERG, "Institutional Change in the Hong Kong Government," (with W.F. Lam, James Perry), Total Grant: HK$ 325,000 (Completed; rated 'satisfactory').

1992-95, PI, RGC/CERG "Comparative Civil Service Systems: Hong Kong and China" (with Ian Scott), Total Grant: HK$ 312,000 (Completed, rated 'excellent').

1987-92, PI, HKU Strategic Research Grant, "Contemporary China's Civil Service System" Total Grant: HK$ 105,865.00.

Professional Activities

Editorial activities, international
Associate Editor, Administration & Society (USA), 2007-present
Member, Editorial Committee, The China Quarterly (UK), 1991-present
Member, Editorial Board, Politics (UK), 2006-present
Member, Editorial Board, Review of Public Personnel Administration (USA), 2007-present
Member, Editorial Board, European Political Science Review (UK) 2007-present
Member, Editorial Board, International Section, Public Administration Review (USA), 2005-present
Member, Editorial Board, Journal of Public Administration Education (USA), 1997-2000

Editorial activities, regional
Member, Editorial Board, Taiwanese Political Science Review (Taiwan), 2010-Present
Member, Editorial Board, International Journal of Public Administration (Korea), 2007- Present
Member, Editorial Board, China: an International Review (Singapore), 2001-present
Member, Editorial Board, Public Administration Review (China, Tsinghua University) 2003-present

Peer review activities
(UK), Governance (USA), Hong Kong Public Administration, The International Journal of Public Administration (USA), Journal of Public Administration Education (USA), Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory (USA), Public Administration (UK), Public Administration and Development (UK), Review of Public Personnel Administration (USA), the Committee on Scholarly Communication with China (USA), the National Science Foundation (USA), European Research Council (EU), and Research Grants Council (Hong Kong).

Member, Hong Kong Research Grants Council, Humanities, Social Sciences & Business Panel, 2006-present.

Advisory Boards
HKSAR Solicitors’ Disciplinary Tribunal, 2002-2009

Membership of Professional Associations (current)
Member, International Political Science Association
Member, National Committee on United States-China Relations (USA)
Member, American Society for Public Administration (USA)
Member, UN Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration (EUROPA)
Member, Hong Kong Political Science Association (past President)

Administration and Service
Current, 2010
Member, University Research Committee, 2004-present
Member, University Selection and Promotion Committee, 2005-present
  [Chair, Arts Faculty Promotion and Tenure Panel, 2005-present]
Member, Working Group on the Four Year Curriculum, 2005-present
Member, Social Science Faculty Promotion and Tenure Panel, 2005-present
Member, Social Science Faculty Human Resource Committee, 2005-present
Member, Social Science Faculty Board, 1979-present

Recent previous appointments 1996-2009
Associate Dean, Graduate School, University of Hong Kong, 2002-2009
Chair, Board of Examination of the Graduate School, 2002-2009
Member, Board of Graduate Studies, 1998-2009. [Chairman in 2002]
Member, Policy Board of the Graduate School, 2002-present
  [Chair, Task Force on the Allocation of Research Postgraduate Studentships, 2005-2008]
Member, Working Group on Staff Development, 2006-08
Member, Senate Academic Reviews Committee, 2002-2009
  [Chair of the Review of the Faculty of Medicine, 2003, Chair of the Review of Language Education, 2004; Chair of the Review of the Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences, 2006]

Chair, Review of the Doctor of Education programme, Faculty of Education, 2008.
Core Member, Committee on the Selection of Senior Teachers, 1997-1999; 2003-05.
Member, Taskforce on the Internal Research Strategy Exercise, 2002-2003

Head of Department consisting of a staff of twelve. Duties included managing the budget and personnel matters for the Department; drafting all the Department's submissions to the University on such matters as centres of excellence, research and teaching evaluation, and teaching and learning audits; organizing the delivery of the Department's undergraduate teaching programme; coordinating the Departments MPA programme; and editing the Department's journal, *The Asian Journal of Public Administration*, 1996-1999.