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Conference on Harnessing AI for Population and Policy Change:
Asian Insights, Global Comparisons

Tentative Programme

Date: October 17, 2025 (Friday)

Venue: Social Sciences Chamber, 11/F, The Jockey Club Tower, The University of Hong Kong

TIME	PROGRAMME
0915 – 0930	Registration
0930 – 0945	Welcoming Remarks Eric Fong Chair Professor in Sociology Associate Dean (Teaching & Learning), Faculty of Social Sciences Director, HKU Research Hub of Population Studies The University of Hong Kong
	Group Photo
0945 – 1040	<u>Session 1: Building AI as a Global Enterprise</u> <i>From Domestic Governance to Global Collaboration: China's Path in Advancing AI Application</i> Jingyu Wang Research Fellow School of Public Policy and Management Tsinghua University <i>AI Globalisation and Cross-Border Data Flow: Conflicts and Solutions</i> Hongyu Fu Director AI Governance Center and the Data Economy Center of Alibaba Research Institute Alibaba <i>Open Floor Discussion</i>

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1040 – 1155	<p><u>Session 2: Models for AI Innovation in Asia</u></p> <p><i>Open Source AI Development and Governance: China and Abroad</i> Kai Jia Associate Professor School of International and Public Affairs Shanghai Jiao Tong University</p> <p><i>Digital China, Analogue Japan?: A Case of Large Language Model Development</i> Asei Ito Associate Professor Institute of Social Science The University of Tokyo</p> <p><i>Technocratic Urban Governance Hubs and The Spectre of AI: Singapore in Southeast Asia</i> Orlando Woods Professor of Geography Associate Dean (Research and Postgraduate Programmes) Director, SMU Urban Institute Pillar Lead, Urban Experiences Singapore Management University</p> <p><i>Open Floor Discussion</i></p>
1155 – 1310	Lunch Break

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1310 – 1405	<p><u>Session 3: Artificial and Hybrid Intelligence in Public Policy</u></p> <p><i>An LLM-based Framework to Investigate Global Policy Issues</i> Sungjoo Lee Professor Department of Industrial Engineering Seoul National University</p> <p><i>Hybrid Intelligence in the Public Sector</i> Helen K. Liu Professor Department of Political Science National Taiwan University</p> <p><i>Open Floor Discussion</i></p>
1405 – 1520	<p><u>Session 4: AI across Populations: Perceptions, Attitudes, and Reactions</u></p> <p><i>What If You See It? Workers' Perceptions of and Reactions to LLMs</i> Aina Gallego Associate Professor Department of Political Science Constitutional Law and Philosophy of Law The University of Barcelona</p> <p><i>When do Citizens Resist Using AI Algorithms in Public Policy?</i> Shir Raviv Assistant Professor of Political Science Tel Aviv University</p> <p><i>Foreign Competition and Technological Attitudes</i> Nicole Wu Assistant Professor Department of Politics and Public Administration Faculty of Social Sciences The University of Hong Kong</p> <p><i>Open Floor Discussion</i></p>
1520 – 1545	Tea Break

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1545	Plenary Session: Emerging Perspectives on AI as a Global Opportunity <i>(Exclusively to HKU Staff and Students Only)</i>
1545 – 1600	Speakers and Moderator Introduction Kwan Nok Chan Associate Professor Department of Politics and Public Administration Assistance Dean (Teaching & Learning), Faculty of Social Sciences The University of Hong Kong
	Group Photo
1600 – 1715	<u>Plenary Session: Emerging Perspectives on AI as a Global Opportunity</u> <i>Moderator to Introduce Topics and Issues</i> Crystal Fok Director of AI Applications Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited <i>Open-source AI Building up a Global Ecosystem</i> Hongyu Fu Director AI Governance Center and the Data Economy Center of Alibaba Research Institute Alibaba <i>AI Literacy, Ethics AI and Responsibility AI</i> Kenneth Wong Sales Director of Strategic Enterprise and Public Sector Google Hong Kong <i>A More Divided Digital World: Different Regulatory Approaches to AI in the Asia Pacific Region</i> George Chen Partner & Co-Chair Digital Practice The Asia Group <i>Q&A Session with Moderator</i> <i>Open Floor Discussion</i> Crystal Fok Director of AI Applications Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited
1715 – 1730	Closing Remarks Kwan Nok Chan Associate Professor Department of Politics and Public Administration Assistance Dean (Teaching & Learning), Faculty of Social Sciences The University of Hong Kong
1730 – 1800	Closed Door Discussion <i>(for speakers only)</i>
End of Programme	

September 22, 2025