

**‘Reform and Transition in Public Administration Theory and Practice in Greater China:
1978-2008’**

Seminar to be held in the Faculty of Social Science, University of Hong Kong
4-7th February 2010.

In 2008 Mainland China celebrated 30 years of public administrative and policy reform. Since 1978 public administration theories and practice have played a major role in instigating the economic and social development in China. Simultaneously, reform of governance structures benefited greatly from the rapid economic development. Indeed, the interaction between economic and governance reform has characterized the entire reform and development process over the past 30 years, and singles out one of the important characteristics of the reform of public agencies and institutions. A second characteristic is the ongoing and centralized nature of decision-making and political control. These features separate the reform efforts in Mainland China from those seen elsewhere in the world. Reforms in Greater China are also not without important features—major political changes in Taiwan started in mid-1980s while the transitions in Hong Kong and Macao in late 1990s were also driven by new approaches to public administration.

Public administration and management reforms are extensively documented in the West. However, the role of public administration theory, research and practice in China’s transition has not been properly recognized nor has it been systematically analyzed. The objective of this symposium edition is to bring together a group of leading scholars to present and debate these topics and to publish a selection of the articles in one of the leading international English language journals, *Public Administration*. The Guest Editors are:

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Richard M. Walker, University of Hong Kong (rwalker@hku.hk)

Tentative schedule

The delegates would be accommodated at Robert Black College
(<http://www.hku.hk/rblack/introduction/index.html>) on the University of Hong Kong campus.

4th February Arrival and registration

17.00-19.00 Registration
19.00 Welcome address: Professors Su, Xue and Walker
19.20 Welcome dinner

5th February Seminar

9.00-10.30 Paper session 1

**Public Administration Research in China and Taiwan: An Assessment of Journal
Publications 1995-2008**

Wu Xun and Allen Lai

Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy
National University of Singapore
Singapore

Cooperative-Harmonious Democracy: A Tentative Model of Chinese Future Democracy

PENG Zongchao
MA Ben
XU Jiajun
School of Public Policy & Management,
Tsinghua University, China

Government-Business Relations in Greater China and Challenges for Public Administration

Kuotsai Tom Liou,
Department of Public Administration,
University of Central Florida, USA

10.30-11.00 Break

11.00-12.30 Paper session 2

Fighting the “War of Life and Death”: A 30-year Review and Critique of Mainland China’s Anti-Corruption Practices

Cheng Wenhao
School of Public Policy and Management
Tsinghua University, China

Innovations in Contemporary Chinese Public Sectors: Myths and Realities

Jiannan Wu
School of Public Policy and Administration,
Xi’an Jiaotong University, Xi’an, China
and
Liang Ma
Yuqian Yang
School of Management,
Xi’an Jiaotong University, Xi’an, China

Governance Reform, State Transformation, and the Logic of China’s Politico-economic Transition

Qinghua Wang
School of Public Economics and Administration
Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, China

12.30-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.30 Paper session 3

Protecting the Environment while Growing Local Economies and Building Communities:

Sustainable Development Community Practices in Taiwan

Frances S. Berry,
Askew School of Public Administration and Policy,
Florida State University USA

and

James Chaomeng Huang,
National Taipei University, Taiwan

Governing capacities in Hong Kong and Taiwan: A Comparative Study

Milan Tung-Wen Sun
Department of Public Policy and Administration,
National Chi Nan University, Taiwan

and

Timothy Ka-Ying Wong
Hong Kong Institute of Asian-Pacific Studies,
Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

The Application of Balanced Scorecard in China's: E-government Performance Evaluation

Jiang Ying
Public Administration,
Korea University
South Korea

15.30-16.00 Break

16.00-17.00 Discussion

6th February Seminar

9.00-10.30 Paper session 4

Mapping the Representational Dimensions of Nonprofit Organizations in China

Chao Guo
Department of Public Administration & Policy
University of Georgia
USA

and

Zhibin Zhang
School of Humanities and Social Sciences
Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Resources, Constraints, Networks, and Advocacy Capacity Building: A Longitudinal Study of Environmental NGOs in China

Shui-Yan Tang
School of Policy, Planning, and Development
University of Southern California, U.S.A.

and

Xueyong Zhan

Assistant Professor in the Department of Management and Marketing, *The Hong Kong Polytechnic University*, Hong Kong.

Government–Business Collaborative Mechanism in Environmental Pollution: Voluntary Approach in China and Taiwan

Tsuey-Ping Lee,
Department of Political Science,
National Chung-Cheng University, Taiwan.

10.30-11.00 Break

11.00-12.30 Paper session 5

Towards More Scientific and Democratic Decision Making: The Role of Chinese Experts in Policy Changes

Xufeng Zhu
Zhou Enlai School of Government,
Nankai University, China,

Can The Same Key Open Different Locks? Administrative Values Underlying Performance Measurement In China

Hon S Chan
and
Jie Gao
Department of Public and Social Administration
City University of Hong Kong
Hong Kong

Estimating the Global Responses to China in the Aftermath of Wenchuan Earthquake

Jiuchang Wei
Dingtao Zhao,
Lei Shi,
Jin Hong
School of Management, *University of Science and Technology of China*, China

12.30-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.30 Paper session 6

Entrenchment or Retrenchment? A Historical-Institutional Analysis of the Central Government Reorganisation in Taiwan

Guang-Xu Wang
School of Sociology and Social Policy
University of Nottingham
Dept. of Public Administration
National Chengchi University
Taiwan
and
Mei-Chiang Shih

Dept. of Public Management and Policy
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Working in the Sphere of Politics-Administration Dichotomy: A Study of the Legislative Liaison Agents' Belief System with Q-methodology

Don-yun Chen

Associate Professor, Department of Public Administration,
National Chengchi University, Taiwan.

Tun-Wen Sun

Department of Public Administration and Public Policy,
National Chi-Nan University, Taiwan.

and

Szu-yu Kuo

Department of Public Policy and Management,
Shih Hsin University, Taiwan.

Reforming the Budgetary Process in China: An Analysis of the Gap between the Original and Final Budget

Shulian Deng

School of Public Economics and Administration,
Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, China

and

Jun Peng

Arizona University, USA and
Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, China

15.30-16.00 Break

16.00-17.00 Discussion

19.00 Conference dinner

7th February Delegates depart