

**2022 Asian Universities Alliance (AUA) Academic Conference on
“Migration, Urbanization and Public Policy in Asia”**

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

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Asian societies face similar challenges and opportunities for development and social issues, such as urbanization, rural-to-urban migration, and environmental challenges. The mission of the Asian Universities Alliance (AUA) is to jointly address regional and global challenges, specifically related to higher education and economic, scientific, and technological development, by strengthening collaboration among member institutions. AUA acknowledges and promotes shared identity and values in working towards this mission. For this purpose, Tsinghua University and the University of Colombo under the guidance of AUA proposed an academic conference to foster communication of research ideas on the topics of “migration, urbanization and public policy in Asia.”

The international conference will **be held in the middle of April 2022 online**. The exact date of the conference will be announced early next year. It intends to bring together scholars from AUA member universities to share their research that addresses challenges in sustainability issues of Asian societies, such as urbanization, rural-to-urban migration, and environmental sustainability. The conference organizers hope to create a platform for academic exchange among AUA member institutions and to further explore possible opportunities for future cross-country, multi-disciplinary collaborations in academic research and policy learning to promote equitable and sustainable urban civilization in Asian countries.

The format of the event will be a two-day conference, hosted by the School of Public Policy and Management of Tsinghua University. We plan to invite 25-30 scholars from various departments and schools at Tsinghua, as well as social scholars from other AUA member universities and a few non-AUA member universities. The conference will

consist of several special-topic sessions, in which scholars are expected to present their recent research papers, and thus forming a cross-country comparative dialogue on similar topics.

The themes of the sessions include but are not limited to:

1. Rural-to-Urban Migration and Urban Social Cohesion
2. Informal Settlement and its Transformation and Governance
3. Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change
4. Culture, Identity, and Civilization in the Era of Urbanization
5. Public Policy for Common Prosperity

The conference may also include a special roundtable session on the second day to discuss common interests and possible opportunities for research collaborations among AUA members in the future.

We welcome faculty members, researchers, and graduate students from AUA member institutions to participate in the conference. **Registration for this conference is free.** Interested scholars and students may register for the following categories by submitting all required information stated below to the email sharp@tsinghua.edu.cn by **February 15th (Tue), 2022**. Any submitted **abstract should be no more than 1000 words**.

A. Individual Paper Submission

If you are **interested in presenting a paper** at this international conference, please submit 1) *the title and extended abstract of the paper*, 2) *the names, titles and institutions of all coauthors*, and 3) *the name of the presenter*. Please also indicate if you are willing to serve as a chair or discussant.

B. Panel Submission (Conference in Conference)

You may also **submit a panel with about 3-7 paper presentations**. In the panel submission, please specify the following information for **all the papers**: 1) *the titles*

and extended abstracts of the papers, 2) the names, titles and institutions of all coauthors, and 3) the name of the presenter. Please also indicate the chair and discussants if possible.

C. Graduate Student Submission

Graduate students are encouraged to submit their abstract proposals with the individual-submission rule as mentioned above. We will hold **graduate student sessions** and invite faculty members to give detailed discussions on your work-in-progress projects.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at sharp@tsinghua.edu.cn.