

Call for papers (deadline extension):

**Health Policy and Politics in Diversifying Societies: Asian and Global Issues
KYOTO, NOVEMBER 28-29, 2014**

Asian countries encounter several political and policy challenges in safeguarding access to health care and health insurance for their diverse and diversifying populations. Diverse policies and the politics of diversity are addressed in various contexts including differences in size and composition of populations, changes of régime, movements of people, multiculturalism, strategies for delivering services and raising revenue. Health policymakers face the need to devise appropriate arrangements for financing and providing health care services as well as collective public health.

On 28-29 November 2014, Ritsumeikan University's Institute of Human Sciences (IHS) will host a conference on "Health Policy and Politics in Asia's Diversifying Societies" in cooperation with the International Political Science Association's Research Committee on Comparative Health Policy (IPSA RC25). The conference aims to strengthen collaboration and communication among social scientists in Asia and across the world. While we are particularly interested in the development of comparative studies, papers featuring any of the following topics are welcome:

- Cross-national comparisons of health politics and policy with an emphasis on cultural and ethnic diversity
- Analytical papers on policies and politics about health and diversity in any dimension
- Multiculturalism, health policy and politics
- Strategies for delivering health services: targeting versus universality
- Comparative perspectives on ethnic minorities, youth, the elderly, maternal and child care, prison populations

Dates: 28 and 29 November 2014 (Friday & Saturday)

Venue: Kinugasa Campus, Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto, Japan

Organizing Committee: Ryozo Matsuda (Director, IHS, Ritsumeikan University), Kieke G.H. Okma (Chair of IPSA RC 25, Catholic University, Leuven), and James Warner Björkman (Institute of Social Studies, The Hague)

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Submission of abstracts: Interested scholars are kindly asked to send an abstract of 200-300 words to:

mestra.transis@gmail.com by **20 September 2014**, with your contact details, including the email address(es) and institutional affiliation(s) of each author. Notifications of acceptance will be sent by **08 October 2014**. Authors of accepted papers are expected to submit full papers for circulation among participants by **15 November 2014**.

Travel/accommodation: Participants must arrange and pay their own travel and lodgings. Limited subsidies towards travel costs may be available to selected participants from low-income countries. Details will be announced when notification of accepted papers is released.

The host: Located in Kyoto, Ritsumeikan University is a research university with more than twenty academic departments. Its Institute of Human Sciences is a multi-disciplinary research center whose researchers have backgrounds of psychology, sociology, political science and social services (<http://www.ritsumeihuman.com/en/>).

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