10th Global Social Sciences Graduate Student Hybrid Conference on

**(Re)thinking Futures: Introspection, Retrospection and Prospection**

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Throughout history, human societies have struggled and triumphed in the face of adversity, and we continue to confront challenges that are unique to our era, such as globalization, immigration and refugees, women’s rights, sustainable environment, educational disparity, and the Covid-19 pandemic. Zooming in for a closer look, zooming out to get a sense of the big picture, or reflecting inward and outward through a mirror to foresee the many future possibilities might help us untangle some of the threads. The lenses and mirrors we use to unravel the complexity of these social issues are the tools we adopt to conduct research in social sciences, whether the research is in sociology, social work, politics and policies, history, psychology, education, well-being or geography.

What can we learn from history, ourselves, and the imagined futures through research of social sciences? The interdisciplinary conference aims to foster dialogues and discussions among young researchers and graduate students, providing a platform for them to explore the various envisioned futures through the lens of social sciences.

Potential areas for exploration may include but are not limited to：

* Unearthing new opportunities, governance, and public policy in perspective
* Rethinking education: teaching and learning, schools and society, mainstreams and alternatives
* Rethinking forms of social realities, structures, and agencies
* Historical change and continuity from a global perspective
* Rethinking the contribution of social work in the changing society
* Smart society and future earth: challenges and opportunities in Geography
* New challenges and perspectives in sport, physical education, and health

We invite young scholars and social sciences graduate students, including doctoral and master students, to present your research findings. We would like to create a safe space for you to share your views on **(Re)thinking Futures: Introspection, Retrospection and Prospection**. We hope the conference can provide you with the opportunities to

* showcase your research findings and exchange knowledge
* improve your academic writing and presentation skills
* broaden your academic connection
* explore possible collaborative partnerships

Please kindly note the following guidelines:

**Form of Presentation:**

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| Type of Presentation | Oral presentation in 10-15 minutes each plus 5 minutes for Q&A |
| Language | English |

**Registration and Abstract Submission:**

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| Word Limit | 200-300 words.  *No references, figures, or charts should be included in the abstract.* |
| Registration | <https://hkbu.questionpro.com/t/AVs4zZwE6X> |
| Submission Deadline | 23:59 pm, 1 April 2023 (HKT) |
| Notice of Acceptance | 6 April 2023 (HKT) |
| Date & Time of Conference | 9 am - 5:30 pm, 19 May 2023 (HKT) |

**Additional Information:**

1. Participation and registration fees are waived.
2. Topics shall be related to the conference theme.
3. Abstracts can be in the form of empirical research or conceptual / literature review.
4. Please observe the abstract format guideline on the next page.
5. A list of inns/hotels near HKBU will be provided after the closure of registration.
6. For overseas participants joining physically, you are kindly requested to check the relevant Hong Kong visa requirements as soon as possible. It is the participants’ responsibility to check the visa requirements and to apply for a visa, if necessary.
7. Enquiry email: [soscrpgconf@project.hkbu.edu.hk](mailto:soscrpgconf@project.hkbu.edu.hk)

**Abstract Submission Formats for the  
10th Global Social Sciences Graduate Student Hybrid Conference**

**Title in Title Case**

**First Name, Surname**

Institute/Company

First author’s email

**First Name, Surname**

Institute/Company

Second author’s email

**Abstract**

Maximum length of the abstract is 300 words. It should appear at the top of the first page, after the names of the author(s), in a section titled "Abstract".

**Keywords:** 3 - 6 keywords