

Conference for Higher Education Research – Hong Kong 2025

The Quest for Internationalisation of Higher Education: Comparative Perspectives and International Experiences

Date: 29-30 April 2025

The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong (HSUHK) | Hybrid

*(Tentative Rundown
– 2 April version)*

Conference Day 1 – 29th April 2025 (Tuesday)

Venue: Fung Yiu King Hall (A401), 4/F S H Ho Academic Building, North Campus, Shatin, HSUHK

09:30 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 10:15	Welcoming Address Professor Simon HO Shun-man, President, The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong Guest of Honor Speaker: Dr Hon NGAN Man-yu Legislative Council Member, Legislative Council, HKSAR Group Photo
10:15 – 10:30	Ceremony Welcoming to new partner institutions to the Asia Pacific Higher Education Research Partnership (APHERP) <i>Presenting awards to the representatives of below Institutions:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Beihang University• Durham University• The University of Manchester• Tongji University• Tsinghua University• Xiamen University Chair by Professor Mok Ka-ho Co-Director of the APHERP cum Provost and Vice President (Academic and Research) The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong
10:30 – 11:30	Roundtable Discussion I Theme: <i>Questing for International Higher Education Hub in Asia: The Role of Public and Private Universities</i> Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Jeff SZE Chun-fai, JP, Under Secretary for Education, Education Bureau, The HKSAR Government• Professor Anthony CHEUNG Bing-leung, GBS, JP Former Chairman, Committee on Self-Financing Postsecondary Education• Professor Simon HO Shun-man, President, The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong• Professor Paul LAM Kwan-sing, SBS, JP President, Hong Kong Metropolitan University• Professor CHAN Sheng-ju Vice President, National Chung Cheng University Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professor Joshua MOK Ka-ho, The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong
11:30 – 11:45	Refreshment Break

11:45 – 12:30	<p>Keynote Presentation I</p> <p>Speaker: Professor CHENG Kai-ming, SBS, JP Emeritus Professor, The University of Hong Kong</p>	
12:30 – 14:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Lunch Break (VIP lunch for invited guests)</p>	
14:00 – 14:45	<p>Keynote Presentation II</p> <p>Topic: <i>The Emerging Geopolitics Of Higher Education: Implications Of Western Nativism And Deglobalisation</i></p> <p>Speaker: Professor Simon MARGINSON, University of Oxford</p>	
14:45 – 15:45	<p>Special Panel Discussion I <i>[Session will be conducted in Putonghua]</i></p> <p>Theme: <i>Riding over the Impact of Geo-politics on Higher Education: Searching for Productive Inter-University Collaborations in the Greater China Region</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor SHEN Wen-qin, Peking University • Professor SHI Zhong-ying, Tsinghua University • Professor LIU Yang, Beihang University • Professor Cai San-fa, Tongji University • Professor HOU Yung-Chi, National Chengchi University • Professor BIE Dun-rong, Xiamen University • Professor Joshua MOK Ka-ho, The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Scarlet TSO Hung Dean of School of Communication, The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong 	
15:45 – 16:15	<p style="text-align: center;">Refreshment Break</p>	
16:15 – 17:30	<p>Parallel Presentations* - Breakout rooms</p> <p>Session 1 <i>Sino-foreign cooperation in higher education: Opportunities, challenges, and institutional dynamics</i></p> <p>Session 2 <i>Transnational higher education in China: Governance, curriculum, and student experiences</i></p> <p>Session 3 <i>International student mobility and cultural integration</i></p>	<p>Roundtable Discussion (D801)</p> <p>Theme: <i>Idea Exchange for Inter-university Collaboration</i></p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Joshua MOK Ka-ho The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong
	<p style="text-align: center;">Gala Dinner for invited VIP guests</p>	

Conference Day 2 – 30th April 2025 (Wednesday)

Venue: The Create, 15/F, M+ Tower, West Kowloon Cultural District, Kowloon [Town Center of HSUHK]

09:30 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 10:45	Keynote Presentation Topic: <i>From Fragmentation to Flexibility: Rethinking Quality Assurance and Frameworks for Micro-Credentials in Asian higher education</i> Speaker: Professor HOU Yung-Chi, National Chengchi University
10:45 – 12:00	Parallel Presentations* - Breakout rooms Session 4: <i>Policies and Strategies for Attracting International Students</i> Session 5: <i>Pathways to Higher Education: Transitions, Access, and Social Mobility</i> Session 6: <i>Transnational Higher Education: Identity, Language, and Cross-Cultural Experiences</i> (Hosted by: Joint Research Centre for Cross-Border Education, The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong and South China Normal University) Session 7: <i>Rethinking Internationalization in Higher Education</i> Session 8: <i>Navigating Global Education: Mobility, Engagement, and Intercultural Challenges</i>
12:00 – 12:45	Refreshment Break & Poster Presentation
12:45 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 15:15	Panel Discussion I Theme: <i>Power, Politics, and Student Rights in Contemporary Higher Education</i> Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Rille Raaper, University of Durham• Dr William LO Yat-wai, Durham University (Online)• Anas Almassri, Durham University (Online)• Dr Kun Dai, The Chinese University Hong Kong (Online) Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Miguel Antonio LIM, University of Manchester
15:15 – 16:30	Parallel Presentations* - Breakout rooms Session 9: <i>AI in higher education: Policies, practices, and global perspectives</i> Session 10: <i>Empowering the Next Generation: Sustainability, Engagement, and Innovation in Higher Education</i> Session 11: <i>Student Success and Well-Being in Higher Education</i> Session 12: <i>Enhancing Professional Practice: Teacher Development, Innovation, and Community Well-Being</i> Session 13: <i>Globalization and Policy Shifts in Higher Education</i>
16:30 – 17:00	Closing Remark Professor Mok Ka-ho Provost and Vice President (Academic and Research) The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong