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Conference on Communication Policy Research for Improving ICT governance in the Asia-Pacific
January 19-21, 2007, at the Asian Institute of Management, Manila

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Objectives

Communication Policy Research: *south (*CPR*south)*
- Identify current and future scholars with likelihood of becoming in-situ experts capable of contributing to ICT policy and regulatory reform in the South
- Create an environment conducive to the development of these scholars and mutual reinforcement
- Assist the scholars to raise their Internet profiles and otherwise disseminate their research more effectively

CPR*south* 1: The Conference
- Launch CPR*south* with an initial focus on Asia
- Contribute to the achievement of the aims of CPR*south* by identifying mid-career scholars in Asia and encouraging a subset among them to improve the quality of their scholarly work and to create networking opportunities for them
- Contribute to fostering the next generation of active scholars, by identifying graduate students and others starting on scholarly careers and providing them with foundational knowledge on ICT policy and regulation research in the Asia Pacific

Pre-conference tutorial sessions: Agenda
Version 1.01 (Subject to change)

Day 1: January 17th, 2007		
0830-0900	Introduction and welcome	Rohan Samarajiva
0900-1030	How the policy process works and the role of research	Samarajiva
1030-1100	Break	
1100-1230	Basics of infrastructure economics	Harsha de Silva
1230-1330	Lunch	
1330-1500	What is regulation? Is it different in the Asia Pacific?	Samarajiva
1530-1600	Break	
1600-1700	Measuring the effects of ICT: Introduction	De Silva
1930-	Dinner in common location	
Day 2: January 18th, 2007		
0830-1000	Basics of communication technology: A primer for non-engineers	Ashok Jhunjhunwalla
1000-1030	Break	
1030-1200	Introduction to data analysis in the ICT policy and regulation	Patrick Xavier
1200-1300	Lunch	
1300-1500	Discussion of student research problems	Panel of scholars
1500-1930	Free time	
1930-	Dinner on own	

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Day 1: January 19th, 2007		
0830-1000	1.0 Opening session	Chair: Ledivina Carino/Dean • Keynote (invited by NCPAG, in consultation with LIRNE*asia*) • Rohan Samarajiva, LIRNE*asia* • IDRC • NCPAG
1000-1030	Break	
1030-1140	2.0 Indicators for research and governance	Chair: Patrick Xavier • Harsha de Silva on 2007 Indicators Project • 2 papers • Discussant: Deunden Nikomborirak
1140-1230	3.0 Asia-Pacific knowledge networks	Chair: Ledivina Carino • Sujata Gamage • Discussant NCPAG TBD
1230-1330	Lunch	
1330-1440	4.0 ICT markets: How effective is competition?	Chair: Rekha Jain • 3 papers • Discussant: Payal Malik
1440-1550	5.0 Participation in ICTs: Beyond universal access	Chair: Ashok Jhunjhunwalla • Ayesha Zainudeen on Shoestrings 2 • 2 papers • Discussant: Erwin Alampay
1550-1620	Break	
1620-1730	6.1 Breakout for discussion. Focus on common themes	Chair: Jain • Resource persons: Malik and Alampay • Rapporteur: Tahani Iqbal
1620-1730	6.2 Breakout for discussion. Focus on common themes	Chair: Xavier • Resource persons: Nikomborirak & NCPAG TBD • Rapporteur : Sabina Fernando
1930	Conference dinner	Speaker: Ashok Jhunjhunwalla
Day 2: January 20th, 2007		
0830-0940	7.0 Convergence is here, but of what?	Chair: Myeong Cheol Park • 3 papers • Discussant: Joseph Wilson
0940-1010	Break	
1010-1120	8.0 Regulating in an imperfect world	Chair: YuLi Liu • 3 papers • Discussant: Malathy Knight John
1120-1230	9.0 Governance of ICT and ICT for governance	Chair: Xu Yan • 3 papers • Discussant NCPAG TBD
1230-1330	Lunch	
1330-1440	10.0 What goes through the tubes	Chair: Millie Rivera • 3 papers • Discussant Lorraine Salazar

1440-1510	Break	
1510-1620	11.1 Breakout for discussion. Focus on common themes	Chair: Liu • Resource persons: Wilson, Knight • Rapporteur: Divakar Goswami
1510-1620	11.2 Breakout for discussion. Focus on common themes	Chairs: Rivera • Resource persons: Salazar & NCPAG TBD • Rapporteur: Helani Galpaya
1620-1750	12.0 Concluding session: Next steps	Chair: Jhunjhunwalla • Rapporteurs from breakouts: Fernando, Galpaya, Goswami and Iqbal
1930-	• Dinner in self-organized groups	
Day 3: January 21st, 2007		
0830-1000	13.0 Example of policy relevant research: Comparative research in six Asian countries	Chair: Galpaya • Payal Malik (India) • Divakar Goswami (Indonesia) • Joseph Wilson (Pakistan) • Lorraine Carlos Salazar (Philippines) • Malathy Knight John (Sri Lanka) • Deunden Nikomborirak (Thailand)
1000-1030	• Break	
1030-1200	14.0 Strategies for increasing usability of scholarly research, including CPR*south* website, and close of conference	Discussion led by Samarajiva
1200-	Lunch; Departures begin	