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CPRsouth CONFERENCE, JANUARY 19-21, 2007

CALL FOR PAPERS

LIRNEasia is seeking proposals for papers to be presented at the inaugural CPRsouth conference. Selected presenters will be provided with travel to and from Manila and accommodation and meals at the conference venue for three nights. All incidental costs will have to borne by the participants.

LIRNEasia is a regional information and communication technology (ICT) policy and regulation research and capacity building organization. Communication Policy Research—South (CPRsouth), a new initiative by LIRNEasia and the International Development Research Centre of Canada (IDRC), intends to build Asian-based human capacity by reinforcing and developing the values and commitment of existing scholars in and with interest in the emerging Asia-Pacific. The overall objective is to create policy intellectuals capable of informed and effective intervention in ICT policy and regulatory processes in specific country contexts.

The conference agenda is appended to this letter. The main sessions and the session chairs are summarized here.

Day	Time	Session # & Topic	Chair	#Papers
1	1030-1140	2.0 Indicators for research and governance	Patrick Xavier	2
	1330-1440	4.0 ICT markets: How effective is competition?	Rekha Jain	3
	1440-1550	5.0 Participation in ICTs: Beyond universal access	Ashok Jhunhunwalla Myeong Cheol	2
2	0830-0940	7.0 Convergence is here, but, of what?	Park	3
	1010-1120	8.0 Regulating in an imperfect world	YuLi Liu	3
	1120-1230	9.0 Governance of ICT and ICT for governance	Xu Yan	3
	1330-1440	10.0 What goes through the tubes?	Millie Rivera	3

To submit a paper, please email a document containing (a) the title of the paper, (b) your name and contact information, (c) a 200-word abstract of the paper and (d) a one-page bio to info@cprsouth.org by or before October 15, 2006. The document should be named CPRsouth1_Abstract&Bio_YourLastName.

You will be notified of acceptance by November 15, 2006 with contact information for the assigned discussant and instructions on travel arrangements. All presenters are required to email the full paper to the discussant by or before January 10, 2007.

Sincerely,

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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**

Organized by LIRNEasia and the National College of Public Administration and Governance,
University of the Philippines, Diliman, and supported by the International Development Research
Centre of Canada

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

Conference Agenda

Version 1.01 (Subject to change)

Day 1: January 19th, 2007		
0830-1000	1.0 Opening session	Chair: Ledivina Carino/Dean <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote (invited by NCPAG, in consultation with LIRNEasia) • Rohan Samarajiva, LIRNEasia • IDRC • NCPAG
1000-1030	Break	
1030-1140	2.0 Indicators for research and governance	Chair: Patrick Xavier <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harsha de Silva on 2007 Indicators Project • 2 papers • Discussant: Deunden Nikomborirak
1140-1230	3.0 Asia-Pacific knowledge networks	Chair: Ledivina Carino <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sujata Gamage • Discussant NCPAG TBD
1230-1330	Lunch	
1330-1440	4.0 ICT markets: How effective is competition?	Chair: Rekha Jain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 papers • Discussant: Payal Malik



1440-1550	5.0 Participation in ICTs: Beyond universal access	Chair: Ashok Jhunjunwalla • 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 Jhunjunwalla
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: Jhunjunwalla • 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 <i>south</i> website, and close of conference	Discussion led by Samarajiva
1200-	Lunch; Departures begin	

