
WAPOR Regional Seminar in Hong Kong

“Public Opinion: East Meets West”

December 8-10, 2005

Second Call for Papers

Situated in an international city where East meets West, WAPOR’s regional seminar in Hong Kong is dedicated to the discussion of public opinion in a cross-cultural context. It is a logical follow-up to the WAPOR annual conference in Cannes, the theme of which is “Search for a New World Order — the Role of Public Opinion”.

After our first call for papers, we now have about 20 international papers covering the development of opinion polling in India, Mexico, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Taiwan and, of course, Hong Kong. Public opinion and democratic values will also be discussed in the wider context of development in America, China and Latin America. In this second call for papers, we would like to invite more papers on the following themes:

- Public opinion and the democratic process, especially on the freedom to conduct and publish opinion polls
- Opinion polling, media, and civil society, especially on the use and misuse of opinion polls
- The role of academia in public opinion polling, especially on the establishment of professional standards
- International public opinion, especially on issues related to the World Trade Organization

Please send paper and panel session proposals by **August 1, 2005** to seminar organizer Dr Robert Chung at robert.chung@hku.hk. To encourage international exchange, papers and presentations in Chinese will also be accepted. Submissions will be translated into English, and simultaneous interpretation will be available throughout the seminar.

This regional seminar is organized in collaboration with the Public Opinion Programme at the University of Hong Kong, where the seminar will be held. Registration and accommodation details will be publicized at <http://www.unl.edu/WAPOR> and <http://hkupop.hku.hk> in due course.

December 2005 will be an ideal time to visit Hong Kong. With the Hong Kong Disneyland having just opened in September, and the World Trade Organization’s ministerial meeting scheduled for December 13 to 18, Hong Kong will attract a lot of international tourists and activists. Professional pollsters should not miss the show and the intellectual experience. We have arranged a travel agent to take our participants to a half-day tour around Hong Kong on December 10, plus a package tour to Macau and South China from December 11 to 12. Details forthcoming in the two websites mentioned.



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Photographer: Maciej Dakowicz from Poland who once lived in Hong Kong.

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