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CONFERENCE FOR eDEMOCRACY & OPEN GOVERNMENT

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Smart (or Dumb) Governance: Digital Innovation in the Era of Populism and Political Polarization

Call for Papers

CeDEM Asia 2018 aims to bring together academics, policy-makers, industry professionals, and civil society activists to discuss the role of social media, mobile technology, big data, and digital innovation in the future of citizenship and governance in Asia and worldwide. The conference aims to promote the exchange of ideas, networking, and collaboration on the topics of citizen engagement, campaigning, political polarization, populism, e-government, smart cities, and other emerging topics.

Main conference themes: political polarization, campaigning, populism, civic engagement, e-government, smart cities

Important Dates:

- **Conference Date:** 12-13 July, 2018
- **Submission deadline:** February 15th, 2018 (via [EasyChair](#) from January 5th, 2018)
- **Notifications:** March 15th, 2018

Location: Yokohama, Japan

Confirmed Keynotes:

- **Shanto Iyengar**, Stanford University
- **Francis Lee**, Chinese University of Hong Kong

Conference Chairs:

- **Marko M. Skoric**, City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong S.A.R., China
- **Tetsuro Kobayashi**, City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong S.A.R., China
- **Peter Parycek**, Danube University Krems, Austria
- **Nojin Kwak**, University of Michigan, USA
- **Torben Stephan**, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Singapore

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- **Muneo Kaigo**, University of Tsukuba



Track 1: Social Media and Citizen Participation

Track Chairs: Natalie Pang, Robert Krimmer

- Social movements and citizen networks
- Online campaigning and elections
- Digital divide and literacy
- Social media, citizen mobilization & engagement; Sustainability of e-participation
- Social media-enabled crisis and disaster management

Track 2: E-government and E-democracy

Track Chairs: Liang Ma, Thomas Lampoltshammer

- ICTs and their use for governmental transformation
- Open data, transparency, participation and collaboration in government
- Big Data, data-driven decision making, automatization, governance and artificial intelligence
- Cultures of governance, access and openness, crowdsourcing for government
- Roles of policy-makers, industry professionals, and civil society activists in facilitating open governance
- Electronic identity, Internet freedom and censorship; Surveillance, privacy, and cyber-security
- Cross-border interoperability of e-government artefacts – approaches and standards

Track 3: Smart Cities and Emerging Topics

Track Chairs: Yueping Zheng, Gabriela Viale Peireira

- Becoming a smart city: Best practices, failures and practical challenges;
- Successful technologies for integrating all dimensions of human, collective, and artificial intelligence within the city;
- The internet of things and co-production; Interoperability
- Relations of innovative technologies, democratic societies & concepts of "Smartness"
- The social implications of technology, social cities, the best options for citizens, avoiding the negative impacts of technology
- Smart cities, citizen science and urban informatics

Track 4: Political Polarization Workshop – Social Media and Political Polarization in Non-U.S. Contexts

Workshop Chairs: Tetsuro Kobayashi and Marko M. Skoric

Social media allow us to tune in selectively to the sources that share our partisan and ideological leanings, potentially resulting in attitudinal and affective political polarization. Although selective exposure has been well documented in both experimental and observational studies, with few exceptions, most extant research has been conducted in the United States. The high level of ideological polarization in the U.S. may be idiosyncratic from a global perspective, so cross-cultural investigation is necessary for assessing the generalizability of the findings. This panel specifically focuses on the relationship of social media use and political polarization in non-U.S. contexts, broadly defined. We are particularly interested in studies examining the role of social media in political polarization in emerging democracies, semi-democracies, and authoritarian states in Asia. The topics for this panel may include, but are not limited to:

1. Survey studies on the impact of social media use on selective exposure/avoidance and consequential political polarization in the non-U.S. contexts.
2. Experimental studies testing the impact of social media use on selective exposure/avoidance and consequential political polarization in the non-U.S. contexts.
3. Cross-national studies examining the generalizability of the association between social media use and political polarization.

Full papers for the workshop are due on February 15, 2018 and should have a length of 6,000-8,000 words (excluding tables, figures, and references). Selected papers will be published in a special issue of a journal



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(SSCI). The authors of all accepted papers for the **Political Polarization workshop** will receive a registration fee waiver, free hotel accommodation, and a travel support grant.

General Submission Guidelines

The **conference proceedings** will be published and made available online under a Creative Commons License for open access. In addition, a selection of best papers and case studies from CeDEM Asia 2018 will be published with the **OA eJournal of E-Democracy and Open Government** (www.jedem.org).

Website and submission: <https://wp.me/ptoXX-4mS>

Submission Categories

Submission must be made in English. Authors can choose among the following categories:

- **Research papers, case studies and policy papers** should be 12 pages maximum and will be peer-reviewed. If you submit in this category, please follow the instructions for **peer-review**.
- **Reflection papers, work-in-progress and ongoing research papers** should 6 pages maximum and will be selected by the chairs.
- **Workshop proposals** should be no more than 2 pages and will be selected by the chairs.

Submission: via EasyChair: please upload your submission [here from January 5th, 2018](#).

Peer Review

This is only relevant for papers submitted in the category **research papers, political polarization workshop papers, case studies and policy papers**: To ensure the integrity of the double-blind peer-review for submissions to this conference, every effort should be made to prevent the identities of the authors being known to reviewers. The authors of the document shall replace their names in the text, references, footnotes and metadata with "authors" only.

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