



**7<sup>th</sup> Asian Political and International Studies Association (APISA)**

**Annual Congress for 2013**

organized by

**Middle East Technical University**

**Department of International Relations & Asian Studies Program**

**PEOPLE ON THE MOVE!**

**Citizen Engagement and Collective Action Within and Across Asian  
Societies**

**25-26 October, 2013**

**Middle East Technical University Ankara, Turkey**

Keynote Speaker: Prof. Dr. Prasenjit Duara, National University of Singapore

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**Deadline for Application: 15 May 2013**



## **Significance of the Conference**

Merchants, scholars, travelers, warriors –people- moved across the Silk Road and established the Eurasian region through economic, cultural and institutional networks and interactions.

A millennium later, Asia is still connected, but now by different kinds of forces of globalization such as neoliberal restructuring, international normative regimes, spread of pop culture, transnational flows of workers, refugees, expats and students.

While scholars examine the human landscape of Asia at the global and subnational levels, the Asian state is often regarded as an object of curiosity in this historical journey with regards to their relations with the forces of production and their citizens as well as with the international system.

The annual congress of Asian Political and International Studies Association (APISA), which was previously held only in East and Southeast Asia, is now to be held for the first time in the western edge of Asia. APISA 7 at Middle East Technical University (METU) offers an opportunity to discuss, compare and contrast domestic dynamics as well as regional and international connections within Asia and with the West. It is also an opportunity to assess the conceptual and methodological tools we employ in understanding Asia and evaluate how Asian scholarship communicates with other epistemic communities and, finally, where do we go from here.

## **Objectives of the Conference**

APISA 7 at METU aims at contributing both to the scholarship on Asia and the current debates on theory and methodology in social sciences in an interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary environment. Therefore, we welcome papers and panels

+ producing theoretically informed knowledge about Asia in a comparative perspective.

+ providing new perspectives to current issues and themes in various social science disciplines through scholarship on Asia.

## **Themes of the Conference**

- Social movements in modern and contemporary Asia
- Citizen engagement and political participation in modern and contemporary Asia
- Organized interest representation, nongovernmental organizations and civil society in Asia
- Formal representation and electoral systems
- Deliberative democracy and participatory politics
- Governance and democratization
- Different forms of resistance in Asian societies
- Communities at the margins
- Politics of internal migration
- International migration, transnationalization of migration and diaspora politics
- Transnational issues, environmental politics, energy politics

- Changing state-society relations
- Developmentalism in Asia
- Urban politics
- Popular culture, new and old traditions
- Gender, sexual identity and power
- Representations of the past and collective memory in Asia
- Conflict resolution within and across societies in Asia
- Critical security studies and new security issues in the context of Asia
- Asian regionalism and non-state actors
- Debates over Asian International Relations
- Cross-regional relations with the Middle East, Europe, Africa and Americas

Panel proposals are encouraged and may be considered for special issue publications.

## **Submission Guidelines**

Individual paper abstracts: 300 words maximum

Panel proposals: Panel description (200 words maximum) and paper abstracts (150 words maximum)

Panel proposals must include no more than four papers

All submissions should include a short bio, institutional affiliation, and contact information of each participant

## **Important Dates**

15 May 2013: Deadline for submission of panel proposals and paper abstracts

15 June 2013: Program announcement

1 September 2013: Deadline for participant registration

1 October 2013: Deadline for submission of papers

## **Conference Fee**

Registration fee: \$40

Student fee: \$20

\* A number of conference fee waivers will be offered primarily to graduate students, junior scholars, and participants from developing countries.

## **Travel and Accommodations**

Travel & accommodation funding will be selectively offered to participants from developing countries and graduate student panel proposals.