



## Call for Papers

**International Conference on “Globalization: Cultures, Institutions and Socioeconomics”**

**To be held in Hong Kong, December 12-13, 2008**

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Along the recent trend of globalization, perhaps one of the most significant focal points is the study on issues related to “Greater China,” a notion that originally entails potential economic integration of China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong (including Macau) and has lately been broadened to include Singapore, Southeast Asian Chinese communities, and overseas Chinese in other countries. Despite some political repercussions, Greater China has become an indisputable economic reality today. But economy is not the strongest element at play; rather, a more prevalent and consequential factor is culture and the underlying formal institutions and informal social customs.

This conference is designed to study the causes and consequences of globalization from cultural, institutional and socioeconomic perspectives, focusing more on topics related to Greater China. It invites scholars to investigate:

- What perspectives can we deploy to investigate the different and yet similar cosmopolitan cultures of Hong Kong, Taipei, Shanghai, Beijing, Singapore, Macau, Shenzhen, and others?
- How do cultures of these cities work in practice and how are they embedded in everyday-life situations as locatable phenomena?
- What approaches can we use to explore the experience of place and space, the dynamics between local and global, culture and economy, and the dilemmas of knowledge?
- How do states, empires and nations, corporations, shops and goods, literature, music, film, etc., figure in our examination of the cultures of consumption and production?
- How do places develop meanings for people? What are the struggles over defining who belongs in a place?
- What role do travel, information technology, and other means of communication play in shaping a global city network among these three cities and beyond?

The conference will feature several distinguished keynote and plenary-session speakers, including Nobel Laureate Douglass North and Professors Frank Dikotter, Robert Hegel, Chang-Tai Hsien, Gordon Mathews, Hui Wang, and Shaoguang Wang. All sessions will be held on the Chinese University of Hong Kong campus, while the conference dinner will be housed at the world-known Hong Kong Jockey Club.

Although we prefer complete papers, submissions of long abstracts will be considered. Submissions of organized sessions are also welcome. All submissions must be made through e-mail to all the co-chairs of the program committee no later than **May 31, 2008**: Lingchei Letty Chen ([llchen@artsci.wustl.edu](mailto:llchen@artsci.wustl.edu)), Ann Louise Huss ([ahuss@cuhk.edu.hk](mailto:ahuss@cuhk.edu.hk)), Laikwan Pang ([crsdept@cuhk.edu.hk](mailto:crsdept@cuhk.edu.hk)), and Ping Wang ([pingwang@artsci.wustl.edu](mailto:pingwang@artsci.wustl.edu)). We anticipate having the preliminary program posted by June 15, 2008.