



**Call for Papers
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To participate in the conference

**Asian Social Protection
in
Comparative Perspective**

*Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore
University of Maryland School of Public Policy
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management*

The main web page for the conference is:

<http://www.appam.org/conferences/international/singapore2009/index.asp>

Conference date: January 7 (dinner)–9, 2009

Location: Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Singapore

Asia's growing economic and geopolitical importance has led to increased interest in its social protection and social welfare programs. How do these diverse countries deal with aging, disability, drug and alcohol abuse, housing, income supports and welfare, health care coverage, old-age pensions, single mothers, social services, unemployment, and the working poor? Are there lessons in this experience for other parts of the world? Are there lessons Asia can learn from the experience of others? And, how can we encourage cross-national exchanges among researchers, academics, practitioners, and government officials?

In keeping with this interest, the [Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy](#) and the [University of Maryland School of Public Policy](#) in association with the [Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management \(APPAM\)](#) will hold a conference to explore these and other topics in Singapore, January 7 (starting at dinner) through January 9.

The conference is designed to attract a worldwide audience. It will highlight scholarly—but policy-oriented—papers on these and similar topics. At the conference, the papers will be presented in topic-oriented panels with both Asian and non-Asian discussants. The conference will close with a panel on "Implications Beyond Asia."

Papers are solicited on all aspects of social protection in Asia. The analysis should cover specific types of programs, programs within particular Asian countries or across them, or be comparative in nature. Cross-national and comparative papers are encouraged. All proposals should be submitted online through the APPAM website with a deadline of 15 July 2008.

Program co-chairs

Prof. M. Ramesh

Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy

Social Policy in East and South East Asia: Hong Kong, Korea, Singapore and Taiwan (2004)

Welfare Capitalism in Southeast Asia: Social Security, Health and Education Policies (2000)

Prof. Douglas J. Besharov

School of Public Policy, University of Maryland

Family and Child Well-Being after Welfare Reform (2003)

Co-editor, Comparative policy analysis series, Oxford University Press

President, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management

Program committee is composed of twelve social policy experts from Australia, China, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea, and the United States. For detailed information about the members on the committee, please click [here](#).

Schedule

15 Jul. 2008: Deadline to submit proposals

8 Aug. 2008: Proposal status notifications available

8 Sep. 2008: Early registration begins

30 Oct. 2008: Early registration ends, regular registration begins

15 Nov. 2008: Papers due for distribution/Program available online

19 Dec. 2008: Regular registration ends; all additional registrations must be made on-site

7 Jan. 2009: Opening night conference dinner

Proposal submission is now closed. **For instructions on submitting a late proposal**, please send an email inquiry by selecting, "Singapore Conference-Program" on our [contact form](#).

Registration will be made through the [Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management \(APPAM\)](#) beginning on 8 September 2008. Early registration will close on 30 October 2008, regular registration will close on 19 December 2008, and registration will be available on-site at the conference. For more information, please click [here](#).

Persons in low-income countries: You may be eligible for a waiver of the registration fee. There will be instructions for applying for a waiver when you complete the registration process.

Post-conference publication: Papers from the conference will be considered for publication in the Oxford University Press Series on "Comparative Policy Analysis," with information viewable about the series online at

www.welfareacademy.org/pubs/international/policy_exchanges/oup.shtml

Travel reservations and side trips: Protravel International, one of the country's leading travel management companies, is available to handle all your air reservations to and from the conference, as well as any additional journeys so that all your arrangements can be coordinated. Around the timing of the meetings in Singapore, Protravel is planning two side trips to Siem Reap/Angkor Wat (January 4-7, and January 10-13) and one side trip to Vietnam (January 10-18). To learn more and to make reservations, please click [here](#).

In Singapore, you may wish to approach these suggested Singapore-based travel agents: [Pacific Arena Pte Ltd](#) and [Safe2Travel Pte Ltd](#). Please contact them directly for more information on their tour packages and promotions. Information on some of the available regional tour packages from these agents can be found at: <http://www.safe2travel.com/promotions/PackagedTours/> and <http://www.pricebreaker.travel/pbHolidayDeals.aspx?p=6&c=1>.

Hotel accommodations: The Lee Kuan Yew School is coordinating hotel accommodations in Singapore for the conference. To learn more and to make reservations, please click [here](#).

Grants: The Lee Kuan Yew School will be offering a limited number of grants covering the cost of travel, accommodation, and registration for participants living in Asia. Applications for the grants must be made through the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy. To contact the school for more information, select "Singapore Conference-General" on the APPAM email [contact form](#). Additional information will be posted on the page for [registration](#).

Contact information: For general administrative questions about the conference please select "Singapore Conference-General" on the APPAM [contact form](#). Please note that the contact form will route your email to staff at the Lee Kuan Yew School in Singapore and it may require more than 24 hours for a reply. There also are other options on the contact form regarding the program and registration for the conference.