2021 APSA ASIA WORKSHOP
CALL FOR LEADERSHIP PROPOSALS

The American Political Science Association (APSA) is pleased to announce a call for proposals from political scientists interested in serving as co-leaders for the 2021 APSA Asia Workshop. Due to ongoing uncertainty regarding coronavirus and travel restrictions, the 2021 program will be held virtually in spring/summer 2021. For more information and a full description of the program see https://connect.apsanet.org/asia/

Background
Funded by Henry Luce Foundation, the Asia Pacific Workshops are a multi-year effort to support political science research and networking among early-career scholars across the East and Southeast Asia. Each program is dedicated to a substantive issue in political science, with an intensive schedule of lectures, topical presentations and debates, peer review sessions, and professional development seminars. Throughout the program, fellows receive critical feedback on their own research and work to refine their manuscripts for publication.

The 2021 Workshop will be led by a team of two scholars based at universities in Asia and two scholars based in the U.S. Approximately 12-16 competitively-selected PhD candidates and post-doctoral researchers from across East and Southeast Asia will be selected to participate. Workshop co-leaders serve as academic directors of the program and are responsible for assembling a unique set of resources (readings and/or short video lectures) to guide discussion of the workshop theme, moderating weekly zoom discussion groups, and providing detailed feedback on participants’ research. Co-leaders will receive a $2,500 honorarium and join a growing community of Asian and American scholars who have participated in APSA’s Asia Workshops program.

Proposals
Workshop proposals should be submitted jointly by the four co-leaders and should include sections on:

I. Workshop Theme and Program (2 pages)
The workshop theme statement should provide a coherent intellectual foundation for the overall program. Prospective co-leaders should specify a thematic focus and outline approximately four relevant sub-themes from which they will build a reading list and set the program schedule. Proposals should address how the theme will incorporate new developments in the field and literature, how it can spotlight research methods suited to pandemic restrictions (such as utilizing online surveys, digital archives or data sets, social media, GIS, etc.), and how the program can support regional networking and publication. We envision a virtual workshop of 4–6 weeks in duration, with 1–2 group interactions per week, via zoom (see example programs online). The program will incorporate elements of research feedback, thematic discussion, professional development, and mentoring. APSA staff and workshop co-leaders will work together to finalize the specific program schedule and dates (preferably some-time between May and September) once a team has been selected.

II. Workshop Leaders (2 pages)
Identify the workshop co-leaders and describe the division of labor/expertise among them as it relates to the workshop theme. Describe any previous collaboration among team members, any relevant experience among the team leaders in organizing virtual workshop or events, and how the team will represent diverse communities across East Asia, Southeast Asia, and the United States. Include CVs for all co-leaders.

Application Timeline and Information
Proposals should be submitted via the online form no later than Sunday February 21, 2021. Team selection will be announced in early March. Prospective leaders interested in discussing their proposal ideas and/or receiving feedback on a draft proposal are encouraged to contact asiaworkshops@apsanet.org well before the deadline.