

Call for Papers

Doctoral Symposium: Global Perspectives on Social Problems, Policy, and Practice

**Seoul National University
December 12 - 16, 2022**

Internationally, globalized processes such as urbanization, economic liberalization, and migration have had significant impact on the kinds of social problems experienced locally and the kinds of responses that have been embraced to address them at national and local levels. While urbanization, migration, advances in technology, and shifts in the modes and distribution of economic production (for example, from manufacturing to service economies) have produced some social benefits, these changes have also led to a number of social problems and policy challenges across a range of social arenas. While economic liberalization and growth, for example, have fostered increases in individual wealth and an expanding middle class in some places, growing inequalities in wealth and income are also evident, along with resulting social disparities in health, education, access to opportunity, and political influence. In addition to the challenges experienced by marginalized populations, these challenges also place significant burdens, and often new responsibilities, on social service systems and governance regimes, both regarding their efforts to alleviate the problem at hand and to spearhead efforts to design systems and strategies for prevention. These changes have also been accompanied by changing relationships among the state, market, and civil society actors. Each actor is not only asked to play a unique and shifting role, but also may be increasingly involved in the design and implementation of social policies through, for example, public-private partnerships and collaborative governance arrangements.

This doctoral symposium will provide the opportunity for selected doctoral students from four universities—The University of Chicago, Hong Kong Baptist University, Seoul National University, and The University of British Columbia—to present their work and engage in scholarly exchange, comparative analysis, and networking with their counterparts around the world.

Up to four doctoral students from each university will be selected based on the quality of the proposal, thematic focus, and its fit with other submissions. The symposium will be held over two days in December (15-16), preceded by three days (12-14) of programming in Seoul that will include site visits to local communities experiencing, and organizations addressing, contemporary social problems related to the themes outline above.

The organizer of this Symposium will arrange accommodation (shared room), food and local transportation. As to date, the estimated total cost per person for six days, including a shared room, lunches/dinners, and local transportation is about \$850, plus the cost of the air-ticket. **The UBC Centre for Migration Studies will provide financial support for one doctoral student who is affiliated with the Centre and whose proposed paper fits**

the theme of “migration, displacement, and refugees” to attend this symposium. The student will receive up to \$1,700 or 75% (whichever is lower) of the cost. We encourage interested doctoral students to seek further support from their supervisor or home department.

Interested doctoral students should provide an abstract of the paper they wish to submit (500 words maximum). The abstract, which should indicate relevance to the suggested theme, will be adjudicated by an ad hoc committee including the CMS Director, CMS Research Manager and CMS Mentor-in-Residence.

The deadline for submission is October 24, 2022. Paper abstracts should be submitted to manager.migration@ubc.ca with the subject heading “**Seoul Doctoral Student Symposium submission**”.

For questions or requests for additional information, please contact us at manager.migration@ubc.ca.