

Course Title	International Symposium for Public Management and Urban Governance
Course Code	PMS3203
Recommended Study Year	1
No. of Credits/Term	3
Mode of Tuition	Symposium
Class Contact Hours	N/A
Category	Experiential Learning
Discipline	Social sciences
Prerequisite(s)	N/A
Co-requisite(s)	N/A
Exclusion(s)	N/A
Exemption Requirement(s)	N/A

Brief Course Description

In collaboration with the partnering institutions and research networks of Lingnan University, an international symposium or annual seminar series will be organised at Lingnan University to engage students enrolling in the BSocSci in Public Management and Smart Governance programme (2 year part-time) to participate in research event to enhance their learning and research experiences. Throughout the international symposium or annual seminar series, students would have the opportunity to learn from leading researchers in the urban affairs management and policy studies. Research and policy dialogue among scholars and practitioners coming from the Asia Pacific region will focus on the main themes of city research and social policy. Special panels will be organised in the symposium or seminar to allow students to present their own researches. Additional seminars will be organised after the international event to allow students to organise and reflect their learning after attending the international event, with particular reference to build the links between what they are planning to research in their future study and the discussions highlighted in the international event.

Aims

To enhance student international learning experience through engaging them to actively participating in the international event. Students will be exposed to high level discussions during the symposium or seminar and they could also engage in policy and research dialogue with leading scholars and practitioners from other regions in the urban affairs management and policy studies fields.

Learning Outcomes (LOs)

Upon completion of this course, successful students will be able to:

- 1) Demonstrate appreciation of the international conference experience through active participation in the annual international symposium or seminar series;
- 2) Understand the most recent development and issues on urban affairs management and social policy confronted Asia Pacific region through listening to presentations from invited speakers in the international event;
- 3) Analyse major social policy responses in managing rapid social, economic, demographic and political changes in Asia Pacific by acting as discussants in the symposium or seminar series;
- 4) Build the links between what they propose to research and the discussions highlighted in the international symposium or seminar series; and
- 5) Establish a network of learning community in Asia Pacific for further research in urban

affairs management and policy studies.

Teaching Method

- 1) Discussion in international symposium or seminar series. Students will participate in major presentations by scholars and practitioners coming from the Asia Pacific region and especially Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area during the international event, followed by discussion.
- 2) Reflection of learning in de-briefing seminars. Each student is required to submit a reflective journal (minimum 2,000 words) based on their field observations and field visits.

Assessment Weightings

40% Discussion and Participation

60% Reflective Journal

Measurement of Learning Outcome

Learning Outcome	Discussion and Summary	Reflective Journal
1) Demonstrate appreciation of the international conference experience through active participation in the annual international symposium or seminar series.	✓	✓
2) Understand the most recent development and issues on urban affairs management and social policy confronted Asia Pacific region and Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area through listening to presentations from invited speakers in the international symposium or seminar series	✓	✓
3) Analyse major social policy responses in managing rapid social, economic, demographic and political changes in Asia Pacific and Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area by acting as discussants in the symposium or seminar series	✓	✓
4) Build the links between what they propose to research and the discussions highlighted in the international symposium or seminar series	✓	✓
5) Establish a network of learning community in Asia Pacific and Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area for further research in urban affairs management and policy studies.	✓	✓

Readings

Readings will be assigned when topics/themes of the international symposium or seminar series are decided upon annually. Since the international symposium or seminar series is guided by a special concept paper for discussion and presentation, students will be well informed before the event takes place.

Important Notes:

1. Students are expected to spend a total of 120 hours, including preparation for and attending symposium and/or seminar series, and personal study hours to achieve the course learning outcomes.
2. Students shall be aware of the University regulations about dishonest practice in course work, tests and examinations, and the possible consequences as stipulated in the Regulations Governing University Examinations and Course Work. In particular, plagiarism, being a kind of dishonest practice, is “the presentation of another person’s work without proper acknowledgement of the source, including exact phrases, or summarised ideas, or even footnotes/citations, whether protected by copyright or not, as the student’s own work”. Students are required to strictly follow university regulations governing academic integrity and honesty.
3. Students are required to submit writing assignment(s) using Turnitin.
4. To enhance students’ understanding of plagiarism, a mini-course “Online Tutorial on Plagiarism Awareness” is available on <https://pla.ln.edu.hk/>.
5. Students must adhere to the University’s guidelines and practices when using Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools. The official documents “Guidelines for Using GAI Tools at Lingnan University” and “Best Practices for Ethical and Responsible Use of GAI Tools in Course Assessments” can be found here: <https://www.ln.edu.hk/tlc/generative-artificial-intelligence/gai-guidelines-best-practices>.