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## INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY IN ASIAN CULTURES AND THEOLOGIES (IASACT)

*Inviting you to join a 3-day conference for celebration, evaluation and reflection*

### ***IASACT Academic Conference cum the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration*** ***3 - 7 July 2019***

#### **Theme:**

Re-imagining Hospitality and Spirituality in Asia

#### **Sub-themes:**

- Multi-faith Traditions and Asian Cultures
- Information Age and Future Society
- Glocalization and Economic and Social Disparity
- Marginalized Communities
- Gender and Sexuality
- Ecology and Sustainability

**What  
IASACT  
2019  
is ?**

**Since** 2004, IASACT has provided space and time for scholars to deepen their understanding of Asian religions, theologies, and cultures. As of 2018, 230 scholars from over 100 institutions in 24 countries / areas have benefited from the reflection, interaction, and network-building that IASACT provides.

**IASACT** will celebrate its 15th Anniversary in 2019 and plans to mark this milestone with an international academic conference. We hope this will be a time of deep reflection, evaluation as well as exploration of innovative ideas for ways forward.



In providing  
this opportunity,  
IASACT 2019  
aims at:

Celebration

Sharing and  
exchanging  
ideas

Evaluation



# Thematic Rationale of Re-imagining Hospitality and Spirituality in Asia



△ Despite the development of modernity and the increasing ease of travel and communication, the value and practice of hospitality has not been enhanced accordingly. Instead we are overshadowed by commercial interest, populism, exclusivism and the like. However, there is a revival of interest in hospitality across different disciplines and in various contexts over the last few decades. The virtue of hospitality is the basis for living together and building up a just society and world order. Asian cultures, religions and spiritualities have good resources for re-imagining and envisioning the practice of hospitality.

△ In view of this, the United Board and the Divinity School of Chung Chi College will co-organize a conference on “Re-imagining Hospitality and Spirituality in Asia”. The goal of the conference is to retrieve and reflect Asian resources so that we can contribute to a hospitable way of life in a fragile, hostile and alienated world.

△ Given the richness of the concept, and its theological and practical relevance to the Asian context, subthemes are listed for the IASACT conference in 2019 including multi-faith traditions and Asian cultures, marginalized communities, gender and sexuality, ecology and sustainability, glocalization and economic and social disparity, information age and future society.



## ACCOMMODATION

- Scholars will be housed in a shared air-conditioned room (with internet connection) at either a student hostel or Theology Building.
- No room upgrade request will be accommodated.
- Scholars may choose to stay at a hotel other than the accommodation provided at your own cost. Please feel free to make your own arrangement.



## APPLICATION

The IASACT application form is available at <http://www.theology.cuhk.edu.hk/academics/iasact>

Applicants should submit their completed application, including their research topic and abstract related to the theme in maximum 300 words no later than **8 January 2019** through the online form.

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