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## *Preliminary Agenda*

### **August 9**

08.45-09.15 Registration

09.15-09.30 Welcome Remarks

Yu-shan Wu, IPSAS

Andrew J. Nathan, Columbia University

Yun-han Chu, IPSAS

09.30-11.00 Session I. Forces of Modernization

Moderated by Yun-han Chu

1. Does Modernization Foster the Growth of Democratic Legitimacy?

*Robert Albritton and Thawilwadee Bureekul*

2. Are Younger Generations More Supportive of Democracy in Asia:

Generational Changes or Life Cycle?

*Wang Zheng-xu and Tan Ern-Ser*

Discussants: 1. Ying-hwa Chang

2. Jih-wen Lin

11.00 - 11.15 Coffee Break

11.15 - 12.45 Session II. Does Culture Matter?

Moderated by Linda Luz Guerrero

3. How Do Traditional Social Values and Democratic Values Affect Democratic Legitimacy under Different Regime Types?

*Andrew J. Nathan*

4. How Do Confucian Values Shape Conception of Democracy?

*Yun-han Chu and Yutzung Chang*

Discussants: 3. Shiow-Duan Hawang

4. Timothy Wong

12.45-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.30 Session III. The Effect of Economic Performance

Moderated by Pham Thanh Nghi

5. Does Economic Performance Matter?

*Huoyan Shyu*

6. Income Inequality and Satisfaction with Democracy: Evidence from East Asia

*Chin-en Wu and Yun-han Chu*

Discussants: 5. Being invited

6. Ibrahim Suffian

15.30-15.45 Coffee Break

15.45-17.45 Session IV. Civil Society and Democracy

Moderated by Andrew Nathan

7. Social Capital and Civic Competence as Determinants of Attitudes toward the Regime

*Ken'ichi Ikeda and Masahiro Yamada*

8. Are Associations the Schools of Democracy in East Asia?

*Chong-Min Park and Jaechul Lee*

9. Does Participation and Voting Reinforce Citizens' Commitment to Democracy?

*Tianjian Shi and Jie Lu*

Discussants: 7. Being invited

8. Bridget Welsh

9. Chung-li Wu

17.45-20.00 Reception Hosted by Yu-shan Wu

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### **August 10**

09.30-11.00 Session V The Significance of Regime Evaluation

Moderated by Dorie Meerkerk

10. Is Not So Bad Good Enough? Retesting Churchill's Lesser-Evil Notion of Democracy in East Asia

*Doh Chull Shin*

11. Perceived Quality of Governance and Support for Democratic Regime

*Yu-tzung Chang and Yun-han Chu*

Discussants: 10. Saiful Mujani

11. Larry Diamond

11.00-11.15 Coffee Break

11.15-12.45 Session VI Synthetic Analysis

Moderated by Damba Ganbat

12. A Synthetic Analysis of Sources of Democratic Legitimacy

*Yun-han Chu and Min-hua Huang*

13. Why East Asians React Differently to Democratic Regime Change:

Discerning Their Routes to Becoming Authentic Democrats

*Doh Chull Shin*

Discussants: 12. I-chou Liu

13. Hsin-Chih Kuan

12.45-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.20 Roundtable on “Why Asians Support Democracy and Why Not, and  
Implications for the Consolidation of Democracy in Asia”

Moderated by: Fu Hu

Panelists: Yun-han Chu, Larry Diamond, Hsin-Chih Kuan, Andrew J.  
Nathan, and Suhas Vasant Palshikar