The Asian Energy Studies Centre organised the Conference on "Governance for Sustainable Energy Transitions: The Perspectives of the Asian-Pacific Region" and Other Research Events from 16-18th July 2017

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The Asian Energy Studies Centre (AESC) led the efforts in organising a series of events around research on governance for sustainable energy transitions on the Asia-Pacific Region from 16-18th July 2017. These events provided a critical forum for academics and other stakeholders to learn about, share, and contribute to better understanding of governance issues and practices of sustainable energy transitions from Asian perspectives. The networking, discussions, and developed research plans as a result of these events affirm AESC's mission to become an increasingly recognised hub for sustainable energy studies on the Asian region.

Conference on "Governing for Sustainable Energy Transitions: The Perspectives of the Asian-Pacific Region" (17 July)

The Conference on "Governance for Sustainable Energy Transitions: The Perspectives of the Asian-Pacific Region" occurred on 17 July 2017. The Conference aimed to provide a forum for academics to share governance issues and practices on sustainable energy transitions with cases from the Asian-Pacific Region. The Conference featured three sessions: (1) Energy Transitions and Public Engagement: Cases in Nuclear Governance; (2) Energy Governance, Policy, and Politics: The Chinese Experience; and (3) Connecting Energy and Equity in the Asian-Pacific Region.

Prof. Qi Ye, from Tsinghua University and Brookings-Tsinghua Center for Public Policy, presents his keynote "Growth Beyond Numbers: Green Economic Transition and Decarbonization of Energy System in China".

Keynote speakers included Prof. Qi Ye from Tsinghua University and Brookings-Tsinghua Center for Public Policy, and Dr. Vanesa Castan Broto from University College London. Speakers, session chairs, and panel moderators came from China, Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Australia, the UK, and France. About 40 people from utility companies, businesses, academia, NGOs, consultants, and students from HKBU and local universities participated in various sessions of the Conference.

Dr. Vanesa Castan Broto from University College London presents her keynote "Urbanization, Energy Access and Justice: A Comparative Perspective".

The Conference was co-organised with the Department of Geography at Hong Kong Baptist University, Centre for European Studies at Sciences Po, and the Barlett Development Planning Unit at University College London. It was sponsored by Hong Kong Baptist University and the Faculty of Social Sciences at Hong Kong Baptist University.

(Top left): Prof. Hideaki Shiroyama answers questions from the floor during the morning panel session; (top right): Participants and Prof. Qi Ye from Tsinghua University and Brookings-Tsinghua Center for Public policy during coffee break; (bottom left): A participant asks a question after one of the presentations; (bottom right): Dr. Kevin Lo answers a question from the floor during the afternoon panel session.

Prof. Atara Sivan, Acting Dean of HKBU's Faculty of Social Sciences delivers the opening remarks of the conference.

"…I am honoured to join with the organisers in affirming the value of your scholarship. While scholarship on governance for sustainable energy transitions is still young, we can already see that it is a diverse and open field with emerging research themes and where multiple perspectives are welcome."
Welcoming Remarks by Prof. Atara Sivan, Acting Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, and Department Head, Department of Education Studies, Hong Kong Baptist University

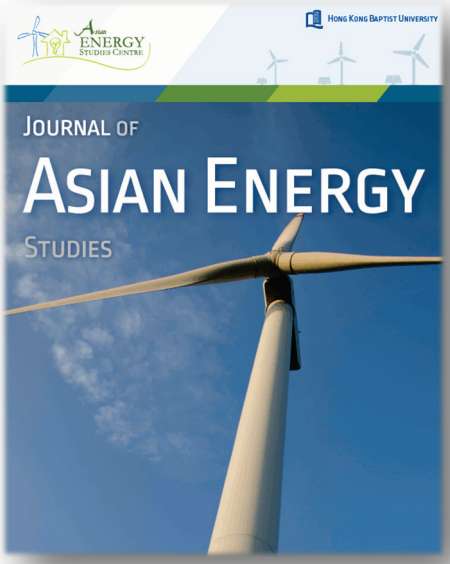
Series of Research and Journal of Asian Energy Studies (JAES) Editorial Board Meetings (16 and 18 July)

Internal research meeting on 18th July 2017 where scholars discussed potential research plans and publication.

Speakers and panel moderators gathered for the Post-Conference Internal Research Meeting on 16th and 18th July to discuss areas of collaboration and develop potential research plans on emerging themes in governance for sustainable energy transitions.

Speakers from the respective sessions of the Conference broke up into working groups, where they shared their research works and agendas, and explored areas for potential collaboration.

The Journal of Asian Energy Studies (JAES) Editorial Board also convened its first meeting. Editorial Board members discussed the upcoming call for submissions and suggestions to improve the accessibility, visibility, and prominence of the journal. JAES publishes high-quality original research and review papers that focus on energy issues in Asia.



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Working Group on Nuclear Governance and Public Engagement.

Working Group on Energy Governance in China.

Working Group on Energy Equity.

Cultivating a Platform for Interdisciplinary, Sustainable Energy Studies Research at Hong Kong Baptist University

Lunch gathering of speakers and panel chairs on 18 July, 2017.

As a newly emerging centre for research excellence in sustainable energy studies, AESC aims to continue to provide a timely platform for interdisciplinary research on governance for sustainable energy transitions on the Asian region. AESC's work will continue to align with the strategic goals of HKBU *(Vision 2020 Strategic Theme No. 5)* and the Faculty of Social Sciences (*Strategic Priority 2 in the Faculty's Strategy)* so as to position itself as a multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary hub on energy and environmental research.

About AESC

AESC is a university-supported Category-II research centre based in the Faculty of Social Sciences at Hong Kong Baptist University, and aims to be an internationally recognised hub for sustainable energy studies on the Asian region. To learn more about AESC and the Conference, please visit http://aesc.hkbu.edu.hk/.