Governments worldwide are facing unprecedented political, social and economic challenges. Although in different cultures and localities these challenges have various manifestations, public policy and management scholars and practitioners have recognised that the only effective way to address these problems is intersectoral collaboration.

Governance, a paradigm calling for strengthening government capacity and competency, stakeholder engagement and collaboration, has emerged and “good governance” has become a holy grail in the field of public management and public policy. However, what is exactly “good governance”? Is there a universal model for “good governance”? How to achieve good governance in different countries with different cultures, historical trajectories, and political systems?

These questions have intrigued public policy and management scholars and practitioners worldwide to study and experiment good governance. More research questions with significant theoretical and practical implications need to be explored. What are the political, social and economic impacts of different governance models across different countries? Whether democracy is a sufficient condition of good governance? How to measure good governance? Why some countries failed in providing good governance? Whether successful innovations and policies from one country should and can be adopted by other countries? Whether Asian experience in governance informs, challenges, and enhances the existing models of governance which tend to be based upon Western experiences?

The 2015 Lien International Conference on Good Governance will gather international scholars and practitioners to share their insights on good governance in a global and comparative perspective.
Conference Venue:
A Hotel in Singapore to be confirmed

Working Language:
English is the official language of the conference. Papers and presentations are expected to be delivered in English.

Registration and Fees:
Registration fee for conference attendees with accepted papers is waived. Registration fee for other participants is Singapore Dollar $300. The conference organisers will provide a conference packet, meals and tea-breaks during the conference.

Participants are responsible for their own airfares, hotel accommodation and other expenses. Limited funding for participants from less developed countries will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

An optional post-conference city tour will be provided for additional costs and are not included in the conference registration fee.

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Conference Theme:
Theoretical and empirical papers are solicited on all important aspects of governance. Comparative studies on governance across different countries and regions are especially encouraged. Topics include, but are not limited to the following:

• Metrics and measurements of good governance
• Collaborative network, intersectoral collaboration, and public-private partnership (PPP)
• Megacities and metropolitan governance
• Governance, philanthropy, and charity
• Non-profit organisations, civic engagement, and deliberative democracy in governance
• Governance and public financial management
• Information technologies and governance innovation
• Best practices and case studies in specific contexts and policy domains, e.g., urban planning, public education, healthcare, public housing and so forth

Proposal Submission and Acceptance:
Paper proposals with maximum 500 words and a short bio of the author (no more than 300 words) should be submitted to LienConference@ntu.edu.sg no later than June 15, 2015 (deadline extended). Proposals for panels addressing the conference themes are also encouraged. The review process will be completed by June 15, 2015, and notifications of acceptance will be sent thereafter. Full papers should be submitted no later than September 30, 2015. Selected conference papers with coherent thematic focuses will be considered for publications as special issues of academic journals or edited volumes.

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