

2019 WAPOR-ASIA Conference in New Delhi, India

Call for Papers/Presentations

Digital Democracy: The Scope and Limitations of Digital Advancement on Democratization in Asia

The establishment of WAPOR-ASIA in late 2017 is a milestone in the development of public opinion polling in the region. Its Second Annual Conference will take place in **New Delhi, India** from **September 26 to September 29, 2019**. The theme of the conference is “Digital Democracy: The Scope and Limitations of Digital Advancement on Democratization in Asia”, in continuation of our efforts to strengthen WAPOR’s Asia chapter that aims to bring polling scholars and practitioners in Asia together to share their research and practices. Specifically, conference participants may address new challenges to public opinion polling and the opportunities that arise in various dimensions in the face of rising digitisation and emerging technologies. WAPOR invites participants to showcase, share and learn about the challenges and benefits of these issues.

Remembering our dual purpose of safeguarding the freedom to publishing opinion research and promoting professional standards, we see it as our prerogative and duty to invite participants for the Second Annual Conference with the following sub-themes -

1. WAPOR ASIA Core Values

- Science and democracy
- The freedom to publish opinion surveys
- The quality of conducting and reporting opinion surveys
- International cooperation

2. Thematic Studies

- Comparative research
- Cross-cultural or multi-national studies on the same theme
- Local studies good for international discussion
- Mass media and public opinion
- Public policy and public opinion
- Elections and political behaviour
- Methodology of public opinion research
- Applications of public opinion research

3. Breakthrough Studies

- Improvements of traditional survey methodology
- Advancing into the domains of civic society, social media, big data analysis
- New tools for public opinion research and public engagement, participation and culture
- Straddling the boundary between science and social science

Important Dates

Paper/Presentation proposal:	June 15, 2019 - Please submit your paper/presentation proposal to the WAPOR Asia Form (bit.ly/2PQ00Ce)
Notification of acceptance:	July 15, 2019
Presentation submission:	September 15, 2019
Workshop, Council Meeting, Reception:	September 26, 2019 (Thursday)
Conference Day One:	September 27, 2019 (Friday)
Conference Day Two:	September 28, 2019 (Saturday)
City Tour (optional) and Departure:	September 29, 2019 (Sunday)

Proposals

Two different types of proposals can be submitted:

1. **Paper/presentation proposals:** The proposal should include a general description of the research (topic, specific research questions or hypotheses, methods and results, as applicable) as well as full contact information (mailing address, e-mail address and telephone number) for each (co-)author or participant. Maximum length: 750 words in English. The paper/presentation if accepted will be allocated to a presentation session or a poster/interactive session depending on the nature and content of the paper/presentation.
2. **Panel proposals:** The proposal should include an overview of the panel (listing all presentations, authors, titles and contact information of all presenters). In addition, it should list a short (100 words) summary of the different contributions. There is a minimum of 4 and maximum of 5 papers for a panel. A written commitment of being present at the conference should be included from at least one author of each paper. Maximum length of proposal: 1,000 words in English.

Prizes

A maximum of five prizes would be awarded to the best five student papers, 3 with cash equivalent to the conference registration fee.

Workshop

A half-day workshop will be arranged in the morning of September 26 (Thursday) mainly for local university students free of charge. Details to be announced.

Venue

To Be Announced

Contact

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Information for WAPOR/WAPOR ASIA Membership and 2019 WAPOR ASIA Conference Registration Fee

1. If you are a current WAPOR member and also a WAPOR ASIA member, you will only pay for the conference registration fee of USD100.
2. If you are currently a WAPOR member but not a WAPOR ASIA member, please go to the website of [WAPOR](http://access.wapor.org/) (access.wapor.org/) and pay for the regional chapter membership “top-up” fee of USD10/20 (depending on your country tier and whether you are a student) to become a WAPOR ASIA member (in the WAPOR website, please click into Regional Chapter and choose WAPOR ASIA). Then you pay the conference registration fee of USD100. Thus, the total membership and registration fee for you to attend the conference will be $USD10/20 + USD100 = USD110/120$.
3. If you are currently NOT a WAPOR member NOR a WAPOR ASIA member, you may choose the following two options:
 - a. Pay for the annual membership fee of USD50/125 (depending on your country tier and whether you are a student) to become a WAPOR member first, then follow the above (II) to become a WAPOR ASIA member and pay for the conference registration fee. Thus, the total membership and registration fee for you to attend the conference will be $USD50/125 + USD10/20 USD + USD100 = USD160/245$.
 - b. Choose NOT to become a WAPOR member but only join in WAPOR ASIA regional chapter. You can go to the WAPOR website and choose to pay for the Regional Chapter membership fee of USD40/90 (depending on your country tier and whether you are a student) to become WAPOR ASIA member only. Then you pay the conference registration fee of USD100. Thus, the total membership and registration fee for you to attend the conference will be $USD40/90 + USD100 = USD140/190$.

Note

You can only pay for the WAPOR/WAPOR-ASIA membership fee via the [WAPOR website](http://access.wapor.org/) (access.wapor.org). Exactly how to pay the conference registration fee of USD100 will be announced in due course.