

I am writing with some details on the SSSR Hong Kong meeting for July 10-13, 2013. Sorry that this may be a bit long, but I want you to have maximum time to plan the trip. We will post this letter on the website so you can refer to it later when needed.

First, the preliminary version of our program for this year is now available here (<http://www.triplesr.org/conference/13conf.php>). Please take a look and let me know if there are any typos to correct or other issues to discuss. We have done our best to come up with a comprehensive program. I am well aware that some who wished to do papers and are instead doing interactive papers, a.k.a. posters, may be a bit disappointed about this. As we have said many times, there simply is not the space to have everyone presenting oral papers. Decisions on which papers became posters and which remained papers were made based on many criteria. I am very sorry if you did not get your first choice and appreciate your patience with this process.

Second, for students and junior Ph.D.s, please note that our preconference will be held on July 9, one day before the conference begins, so please factor this into your trip planning now. There will be two sessions in this symposium. In the morning session, from 9:15 to 12:35, Dr. Lee Branum-Martin will talk about statistical analyses, multilevel models as structural equation models particularly. In the afternoon session, from 13:30 to 16:50, Dr. Kate Cain will talk about journal article writing and issues related to article submission. The preconference is free of charge. Refreshments and lunch will be provided free as well. A total of 45 seats are provided for this preconference, on a first-come, first-served basis. For any preconference enquiries, please contact Dr. Phil Liu ([duoliuphil@gmail.com](mailto:duoliuphil@gmail.com)).

Third, please note our general meeting arrangements. Because the meeting itself will be held at The Chinese University of Hong Kong, we will not be able to have breakfasts together as we did in Montreal. We considered a breakfast option but felt that this would make breakfast too rushed and too early for many of us. This fact has been factored into the registration fees, and we promise to have snacks to tie you over until lunch at our 10:30 a.m. coffee breaks. Many of the hotels will offer breakfasts, so consider taking advantage of these. Some hotel options are described on p. 10 of our (if I do say so myself) fairly comprehensive and informative e-booklet on Hong Kong (<http://www.triplesr.org/conference/docs/13HKGuide-130115.pdf>). It is likely that another option may be Courtyard by Marriott, which is only opening at the end of February, 2013. We will have details on this hotel as they become available. The only hotel within (about 6 minutes) walking distance of the conference is the Hyatt. However, the others mentioned are all easily accessible by taxi (price would probably be no more than US\$5.00-6.00 one way) or train (price approximately US\$1.50 one way).

On a completely different note, I urge you to consider visiting other interesting places in Asia from this conference. China is only a 20-minute train ride away, for example, and many Asian destinations (e.g., Laos, Cambodia, Viet Nam, Thailand, Singapore, etc.) are only a plane ride of 3-4 hours at most away. But don't forget to check visa requirements ahead of time!

I am lucky to have three very competent Research Assistants helping to organize various aspects of this conference. If you have specific questions about your trip to Hong Kong, please feel free to contact them. For any questions regarding hotel information, please email Mr. Paul Chan ([paulchansf@gmail.com](mailto:paulchansf@gmail.com)). For

questions about coordinating child activities or the conference dinner, please contact Ms. Natalie Wong ([nataliewongly@gmail.com](mailto:nataliewongly@gmail.com)). (I know a few people will likely be coming with children. Particularly if your children are old enough to be willing to spend time with others, we might consider some informal coordination of child-centered activities depending upon demand. Natalie will help with this, in addition to conference dinner plans. By the way, the conference dinner, which includes bus transportation to and from the venue, will cost between US\$90 and US\$100, there will be a vegetarian option, and it will take place at a traditional Chinese restaurant. More details on this will come later. For other general questions, please contact Ms. Karen Yu ([karenchingyu1102@gmail.com](mailto:karenchingyu1102@gmail.com)). Feel free to cc all inquiries to me ([cammiemcbridechang@gmail.com](mailto:cammiemcbridechang@gmail.com)), but chances are that even if you write me directly, I will be asking for their help on coordinating. I strongly recommend that anyone coming from overseas plan to arrive in Hong Kong at the latest on July 9 in the evening. The opening events on Wednesday should be well worth your efforts. Also, please note, if you need a letter in order to obtain a visa to come to Hong Kong (please check now to avoid last-minute questions), Becky Chen ([xchenbumgardner@gmail.com](mailto:xchenbumgardner@gmail.com)) will handle these letters.

We look forward very much to seeing you in Hong Kong!

Best wishes,

Cammie McBride