



International Conference on Family Politics and Elections in Southeast Asia

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Conference Agenda and Schedule

09:30-09:50 Participants arrive and registration

09:50-10:00 Welcome remarks

10:00-12:00 Panel 1 ***Elections and Family Politics: Theoretical Framework***
Chair: Chi Huang (National Chengchi University, Taiwan)

Why Social Networks Matter for Vote Choice: Family Networks as Channels of Clientelism in the Philippines

Presenter: Allen Hicken (University of Michigan, USA)

Discussant: Jim Ockey (University of Canterbury, NZ)

The Family that Rules Together: Persistence of Family Politics in the Philippines

Presenter: Julio Teehankee (De La Salle University, Philippines)

Discussant: Dennis Quilala (University of Canterbury and University of the Philippines at Diliman)

The Evolution of Political Families in Thailand: Promoting the Brand

Presenter: Jim Ockey (University of Canterbury, NZ)

Discussant: Chia-hung Tsai (National Chengchi University, Taiwan)

12:00-13:00 Lunch

13:00-14:50 Panel 2 ***Family Politics and Democracy***
Chair: Allen Hicken (University of Michigan, USA)

Why Study Political Dynasties? Popular Expectations of How Politicians from Political Families Will Perform in Office

Presenter: Nathan Batto (Academia Sinica and National Chengchi University, Taiwan)

Discussant: Julio Teehankee (De La Salle University, Philippines)

People's Perspective on Dynastic Politicians in Taiwan

Presenters: Nathan Batto (Academia Sinica and National Chengchi University, Taiwan), Ying-Lung Chou (Tamkang University, Taiwan) and Chi Huang (National Chengchi University, Taiwan)

Discussant: Alex Tan (University of Canterbury, NZ)

Family Politics and Democracy in Indonesia

Presenter: Saiful Mujani (Universitas Islam Negeri Syarif Hidayatullah, Indonesia)

Discussant: Jim Ockey (University of Canterbury, NZ)

14:50-15:10 Tea break

15:10-17:00 Panel 3 ***Family Politics and Governance***

Chair: Lu-huei Chen (National Chengchi University, Taiwan)

Family or Bangsa? The Proposed Anti-Political Dynasty Provision in the Draft Bangsamoro Basic Law

Presenter: Dennis Quilala (University of Canterbury and University of the Philippines at Diliman)

Discussant: Allen Hicken (University of Michigan, USA)

Family Politics and Party Politics in Malaysia and Singapore

Presenter: Tsai-wei Sun and Yi Le Ng (National Chengchi University)

Discussant: Naimah Talib (University of Canterbury)

Networks, Clans, and Clientelism: Reshaping Thai Local Politics under Military Rule

Presenter: Suthikarn Meechan (University of Canterbury and Mahasarakham University, Thailand)

Discussant: Allen Hicken (University of Michigan, USA)

Political Family and Campaign Spending in Taiwan

Presenter: Chia-hung Tsai, Lu-huei Chen, Chi Huang (National Chengchi University)

Discussant: Saiful Mujani (Universitas Islam Negeri Syarif Hidayatullah, Indonesia)

17:00 Conference concludes

Participants Bios:

Nathan Batto is associate research fellow at the Institute of Political Science, Academia Sinica. He holds a MA in political science from National Chengchi University in Taipei (1999), and received his PhD from the University of California, San Diego in 2007. His doctoral dissertation explored the tension between general and parochial interests in national legislatures, using Taiwan's Legislative Yuan as a case study. His articles have been published in journals including *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Japanese Journal of Political Science*, and *Issues & Studies*. He previously taught at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, California.

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Allen Hicken is Professor of Political Science, a Research Professor at the Center for Political Studies, and the Center for Southeast Asian Studies at the University of Michigan. He studies political parties, institutions, political economy, and policy making in developing countries, with a focus on Southeast Asia. He has carried out research in Thailand, the Philippines, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Timor Leste and Cambodia and is the author of a book on parties and elections in Thailand and the Philippines, entitled, *Building Party Systems in Developing Democracies*, by Cambridge University Press. He is the editor of *Politics of Modern Southeast Asia: Critical Issues in Modern Politics*, (Routledge) and coeditor of *Party and Party System Institutionalization in Asia* (Cambridge) and *Electoral Dynamics in the Philippines: Money Politics, Patronage and Clientelism at the Grassroots* (NUS).

Chi Huang is University Chair Professor of Political Science and Research Fellow of the Election Study Center at National Chengchi University, Taiwan. His research interests focus on survey research, quantitative methodology, electoral systems and voting behavior. He has co-authored or co-edited seven books and published articles in leading international and Taiwanese journals, including *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Electoral Studies*, *Party Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Journal of Electoral Studies* and *Taiwanese Political Science Review*. He founded the Taiwan's Election and Democratization Study (TEDS) inter-university survey project in 2000 and has been the Coordinator since its inception, served as President of the Taiwanese Political Science Association (2003-2005), co-founded the Institute for Political Methodology (IPM, Taiwan) program in 2001 and founded the Asian Election Studies (AES) program in 2008. He teaches courses on political methodology, social statistics, categorical data analysis, discrete choice models, cross-level inference, causal inference, multilevel models, and panel data analysis.

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Ng Yi Le (Joseph) was born in Malaysia, but half of his childhood was spent overseas, giving him a unique set of perspective of his country. He stayed in China with his family during his primary school years before returning back Malaysia to study in a private Chinese high school. After which, he went to Taiwan and finished his bachelor degree in political science at National Taiwan University. He is currently completing his master degree in East Asian Studies at National Chengchi University. He writes on a weekly basis for an online journal (ASEAN Plus) which shares current events about Southeast Asia. His main area of interest in Malaysian studies is Chinese investments, political figures and electoral system.

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