

**13thAPRU Doctoral Students Conference
August 18 – 24, 2014**

"Understanding the Pacific Rim: Dynamics, Challenges and Opportunities"

Call for Papers

Universitas Indonesia will host the 13th Association of Pacific Rim Universities Doctoral Students Conference (APRU DSC) from 18 to 22 August in Depok, West Java. About 70 doctoral students including some early career faculty/researchers and invited experts from APRU are expected to join this year's conference. Universitas Indonesia hereby calls for papers to be presented at the 13thAPRU DSC. Doctoral students and some early career faculty/researchers/postdocs from various disciplines are invited to submit their abstracts relating to their areas of research.

DSC aims to provide a platform for constructive communication among international doctoral students and early career faculty/researchers/postdocs, thereby nurturing and supporting their professional aspirations within and outside the academia. This year's conference will provide participants with valuable academic experience through interactions with other top doctoral students from around the region as well as leading academics from a variety of research fields. It will also provide participants with a unique opportunity to explore the rich culture of Jakarta - Depok and Yogyakarta, and to experience campus life at one of Indonesia's leading universities.

The main theme of the 2014 conference is "Understanding the Pacific Rim: Dynamics, Challenges and Opportunities". Papers to be submitted should focus on the three elements (dynamics, challenges and opportunities) in explaining the Pacific Rim region. Originality and practicability of research will be highly-valued.

The conference is composed of several segments and will be carried out in English:

- 1) Paper sessions/presentations
- 2) Keynote and Invited speakers
- 3) Dialogue sessions
- 4) Special Lecture
- 5) Group Discussions and Reflections
- 6) Tours, site visits and other activities

Detailed information including the program schedule and logistics arrangements will be progressively made available at the 13th APRU DSC 2014 official website, <http://international.ui.ac.id/apru/> which is currently being developed.

Paper sessions/presentations

Paper presentations will be arranged based on five sub-themes/areas which will cover the main dimensions in understanding a modern Pacific Rim and in dealing with the dynamics, challenges and opportunities in the region with innovative and effective methods. These are:

- 1) Economy
 - Pacific Rim Economy: Problems, Challenges and Choices
 - Pacific Rim and global financial crisis
 - The integration of regional economy in the Pacific Rim
 - Economic Governance (including regulations and issues of corruption)
 - Economic Development and Regional Growth

- 2) Social, politics and law
 - Pacific Rim approaches to disputes and conflicts
 - Legal issues on environment, resources and sustainable development in the Pacific Rim
 - Pacific Rim harmony, legal wisdom, and leadership
 - Urban-Rural relations in the Pacific Rim
 - Mega cities: transformation, innovation and modernism
- 3) Art, history and culture
 - Pacific Rim cultures: community of communities?
 - Roles and challenges of culture in the Pacific Rim: Current and Future perspectives
 - Pacific Rim and Network Societies
 - Heritage, memory, and dream in the Pacific Rim
 - Literature and identities in the Pacific Rim
- 4) Science and Technology
 - Renewable Energy in the Pacific Rim: Technology, Government and Market
 - Climate Change in the Pacific Rim: Challenges and Responses
 - Technological Innovations for Pacific Rim Developments
 - Science and technology for the poor and the disadvantaged
 - Roles and Challenges of Science and Technology in the Pacific Rim
- 5) Health
 - Health security in the Pacific Rim
 - The challenge of ageing: taking care the elderly in the region
 - New approaches in dealing with diseases
 - Health, prosperity, and happiness
 - Modern and local wisdom: Approaches to healthy Pacific Rim societies

All papers are to be written in English, which is the official language of the 13th APRU DSC. Abstracts and papers are to be submitted based on the five sub-themes/areas which are drawn from, but not limited to the following disciplines:

anthropology, archaeology, arts, biology, business, chemistry, commerce, computer science, earth sciences, economics, education, engineering, health care, history, information technology, international relations, law, life sciences, linguistics, literature, mathematics, medicine, philosophy, psychology, physics, political science and sociology.

Participants could write papers on other research areas in addition to those listed above in accordance with the conference theme.

Keynote and Invited speakers

Distinguished faculty and experts will be invited as speakers to share their thoughts and experiences (academic and industry perspectives) in relation to the conference theme. A guest speaker also will be invited to give an informal lunch talk on 19 August.

Dialogue sessions

There will be two dialogue sessions during the conference. These will focus on building successful research collaborations and innovative research trends.

Participants will be encouraged to discuss the various challenges in developing and implementing their research projects, share best practices and identify practical solutions and approaches to establishing successful research collaborations in the region.

Special Lecture

The key topic of the lecture will focus on “The Future and Global Trends on career pathways of Ph.D. students within and outside the academia”. The objective of this lecture is provide participants with insights on how their future career path could be in academia and beyond.

Group Discussions and Reflections

In this session, participants will be divided into 5 groups. Early career faculty/researchers participating at the DSC will be invited as group mentors.

Topics for each discussion group will focus on an overarching theme, “Challenges in Ph.D. studies, What’s next after Ph.D.?” Participants will be encouraged to share insights on their own Ph.D. life. These topics include:

- Research Supervision and Mentoring;
- Time and Work Load Management;
- Career Planning and Pathways for Ph.D. Students;
- Publishing in International journal; and
- Field work research.

Key discussion points are to be presented at the summary session which will be moderated by a discussion leader.

Tours, site visits and other activities

On-Campus: Participants will be guided to see interesting and historical sites as well as lush greenery at the Universitas Indonesia campus. Key facilities and research centers will also be visited.

Off-Campus: Participants will visit monumental locations around Jakarta. The sightseeing activities will include visits to The National Museum, The Miniatures of Indonesia and Taman Safari.

Participants will also be immersed with the vibrant cultures of the city and with Indonesian culinary experience as a unique introduction to the Indonesian culture.

Post-conference: An optional field trip to Yogyakarta, Central Java will also be organized. This optional excursion will be subject to an additional fee. Further information will be made available closer to the conference dates.

Abstract Submission Guidelines

1. Abstracts and corresponding full papers should be submitted in English online via the 13th APRU DSC website (<http://international.ui.ac.id/apru/>) (being developed).
2. Abstracts should be submitted under the right sub-theme/area.
3. There will be two rounds of abstracts submission (please see the section on key dates). Abstracts submitted during the first round of submissions will be given priority over those submitted in the second round.

4. Each abstract should contain a description of the paper in 300-500 words. All abstracts must contain the following information: title, author/s' full name/s, institutional affiliation, nationality, research field and no more than 5 keywords. The keywords are to provide information on the fields and/or issues covered by the paper, thus enabling the UI organizing Committee to allocate papers to each session accordingly.
5. All abstract submissions must be formatted correctly. Abstracts that do not meet the guidelines will NOT be accepted. The official format and guidelines can be found at <http://international.ui.ac.id/apru/> and the attached paper template.
6. The person presenting the paper must be a doctoral student at an APRU member university by the time of abstract submission.

Note: Approximately 10 early career faculty/researchers/postdocs from APRU member universities are also invited to present their papers at the DSC in order to widen the scope of the conference, and to stimulate interactions and informal mentoring among those who are currently pursuing their Ph.D. studies and those who have successfully done it.

7. In the case of multiple authors, the name of the person who will present the paper at the DSC should be clearly indicated in the abstract. The submitting author is expected to ensure that the presentation of the paper is approved by his or her university and co-authors.
8. If the total number of submissions in the two rounds exceed 70, the UI Organizing Committee reserves the right to screen abstracts primarily on the basis of their quality and relevance to the conference theme. The distribution of presentations across economies, universities and disciplines will also be taken into consideration. Abstracts submitted in the first round will also be given priority.
9. It should be noted that the participation in the 13th APRU DSC depends entirely on whether their abstracts are accepted by the UI Organizing Committee. Once the abstract is accepted, the submitting author must agree that the corresponding paper will be presented at the DSC or forfeit the right to join DSC by notifying the committee within the two weeks of receiving the notification of acceptance.
10. The UI Organizing Committee will send e-mail notifications regarding the acceptance or rejection of the abstracts to the submitting authors by April 30, 2014 for the first round of abstract acceptance and on May 30, 2014 for the second round of abstract acceptance. If the abstract is accepted, the notification will include the date and time of the session and presentation. Upon receiving the notification of acceptance, the participant must register and submit their full paper (in English) online via the 13th APRU DSC website: <http://international.ui.ac.id/apru/>.
11. Please e-mail the UI APRU DSC Organizing Committee at io-ui@ui.ac.id for questions on the abstract submissions and general matters regarding the conference.

Registration

After receiving a notification of acceptance, participants must register online at <http://international.ui.ac.id/apru/> (being developed).

Registration Fee

Early bird fee: USD 350

Regular fee: USD 400

The registration fee includes return airport transfers, single accommodation, meals during conference, transportation during conference. This excludes the post-conference field trip and personal expenses.

Payment Method

The registration fee should be settled via bank transfer and made upon registration.

Additional payment information will be made available in due course.

Key dates

March 30, 2014	Deadline for the first round of online abstract submission <i>(Submission made by this date will be given priority.)</i>
April 30, 2014	Notification of acceptance abstract - first round
April 30, 2014	Deadline for the second round of online abstract submission
May 10, 2014	Deadline for early bird payment
May 30, 2014	Notification of acceptance abstract- second round
June 30, 2014	Deadline for online registration and payment
July 7, 2014	Deadline for all full paper submission
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All correspondence should be directed to the UI APRU DSC Organizing Committee at io-ui@ui.ac.id. For more information, please visit the 13th APRU DSC website at <http://international.ui.ac.id/apru/>.