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## Welcome!

The Asian Association of Police Studies (AAPS) is an international organization established to bring scholars, practitioners, NGO representatives, students, and concerned citizens together to advance scholarly and professional knowledge concerning the field of criminal justice. This includes, but is not limited to, the evaluation and development of criminal justice systems and activities in various countries/regions in Asia/Pacific and other parts of the globe.

To facilitate and promote this work, the AAPS is launching a new biannual bulletin, *AAPS TODAY*. The *AAPS TODAY* will feature current stories and information regarding the association, the work of association members, the universities and organizations they represent, and the criminal justice systems they study. Membership in the AAPS is free and open to criminal justice practitioners, scholars, NGO representatives, students, and concerned citizens. If you have an interest in the field of criminal justice, we urge you to join our international family.

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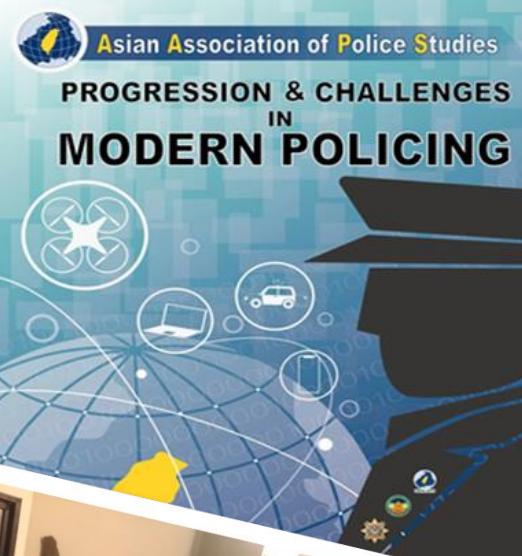


## Recaps of the 2019 AAPS Annual Conference



Over the years, AAPS conferences have alternated between China, Japan, Taiwan, Thailand, South Korea, and the United States. The first AAPS conference was held in Seoul, South Korea in August, 2000. This year's annual conference was again held in Taipei, Taiwan and was hosted by Taiwan's Central Police University. It marked the 19th annual gather of the association.

This year's plenary sessions covered a wide range of subjects including: crime issues, criminal investigations, public attitudes toward police, police legitimacy, police behaviors, and corrections. Presenters and quests represented the international character of the association, coming from Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Macau, Taiwan, Thailand, and the United States. As important as the information presented at the plenary sessions is the opportunity the conference affords attendees to share ideas, meet new friends, and renew old friendship.



Board members were having a meeting on December 15, 2019.

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### Keynote Speakers

We were privileged to hear from three keynote speakers during the conference.

Dr. Gerber, from Sam Houston University, Texas, offered an informative presentation regarding the relationship between immigrants and the police in Asia, Europe, and the United States.

Captain Gregory Fremin, also an adjunct professor from Sam Houston University, Texas, offered a very passionate presentation, based on his personal experiences as a police commander, regarding the importance of transparency and trust and the necessity of establishing good police community relations to ensure effective policing.

We also heard from Mr. James Lin, Protocol Program Coordinator with the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT). Mr. Lin's professional experience and education are quite impressive. James leads the design and delivery of the IRCT's global program to promote implementation of the Istanbul Protocol (UN Manual on the Effective Investigation and Documentation of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment). His work includes advancing knowledge on the health-based consequences of torture, building the capacity of civil society on health-based and forensic documentation, and using that evidence and knowledge in advocacy and strategic case interventions. James also coordinates the activity of the Independent Forensic Expert Group (IFEG). James comes to us with considerable field experience in both conflict and post-conflict settings. Prior to the IRCT, he was Head of the Bangkok Regional Office for Southeast Asia of FIDH (the International Federation for Human Rights). In addition, he has served as Country Director for the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI)'s offices and programs in both Nepal and Thailand. He also worked for many years in Bosnia-Herzegovina with the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). James is a licensed attorney and holds a Juris Doctorate (Hons) and a Bachelors in Anthropology. He is also a PhD candidate at the University of Amsterdam, where he conducts research on the practices of NGOs in the acquisition of evidence and knowledge production. In addition, James teaches transitional justice as a recurring visiting assistant professor at National Taiwan University.



## Reflections from the participants of the 2019 AAPS Annual Conference

**“We gather together to share each other's thoughts, ideas, scholarship and on-going research ideas.”**

By Dr. Judith Harris

(University of Houston-Downtown, USA)

What an excellent way to end the academic year! It is always a unique opportunity to be among academics and practitioners from so many diverse cultures and countries. This was my first time to visit Taiwan and it did not disappoint! To those of you who call Taipei City home, thank you for showing all the AAPS members the graciousness and kindness of your city. It is breathtakingly beautiful. Coming from flat Texas to be surrounded by mountains and hills was an invigorating experience, and one I will never forget.

I am always struck by an overwhelming sense of “oneness” as we gather together to share each other's thoughts, ideas, scholarship and on-going research ideas. As a panel moderator, it was fascinating to link together so many different research areas within our discipline. Whether it was policing, police box cooperation in Japan, or comparing serial murder between China and the United States, the learning experience proved to be invaluable.

I want to express a big thank you to the faculty and staff of the Central Police University. Your kindness and helpfulness in getting us all from point A to point B was flawless. I look forward to being with you all again soon. To old friends and new friends, I hope you have an enjoyable and productive year.



**“Collectively, their enthusiasm, intellect, and professional bearing tell me that the future of Taiwanese policing is in good hands.”**

By Dr. Terry E. Gingerich

(Western Oregon University, USA)

I recently had the good fortune of attending the 2019 Asian Association of Police Studies (AAPS) Annual Conference (December, 15-17) hosted by Taiwan's National Police Agency (NPA), the Central Police University (CPU), and the Criminal Investigation Bureau. The conference was graciously supported by Mr. Lin, De-Hua Chairperson of the Association of Chinese Police Research.

I have attended a number of conferences or have been the invited guest of the NPA in the past, so visiting Taiwan is like visiting an old friend. Again, on this visit, I found myself impressed with the quality and dedication of the men and women of the NPA and the professional progress

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it continues to make in service to the citizens of Taiwan. This point was reinforced, as I toured the CPU campus and visited the new forensic science building, shooting range, and police museum. This gave me the opportunity to speak with a number of faculty members, university staff, and police cadets. Collectively, their enthusiasm, intellect, and professional bearing tell me that the future of Taiwanese policing is in good hands.

I should also report that during my visit to Taiwan, I visited family and friends in a number of cities from Taipei to Kaohsiung. As a retired police officer (Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department) and a professor of policing, I had the opportunity to informally observe Taiwanese police officers performing their daily routines.



In every case, whether it was issuing a traffic ticket, answering a foreign visitor's question, assisting with traffic control, addressing the media regarding a crime, or providing crowd safety at a large political demonstration, I was impressed with the officer's professional demeanor.

To my friends in the National Police Agency, the Central Police University, and the Police College, I am left with one overarching impression, despite the many challenges that policing in a democracy present; owing to your hard work, the NPA has achieved an international reputation as an organization guided by the rule-of-law and professional standards. Congratulations on your many accomplishments.

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**"Especially the conference, which consisted of extremely informative speaking engagements by renown Criminal Justice Scholars from around the world discussing vital criminal justice issues impacting our world."**

**By Captain Greg Fremin**

(Adj. Prof., Sam Houston State University & University of Houston – Downtown, USA)

I had the distinct honor and privilege of attending the 2019 Asian Association of Police Studies (AAPS) in Taipei, Taiwan this past December 16th - 18th. Let me preface by stating that this entire trip and international conference was truly a remarkable life experience and one that I will never forget. The professionalism and courtesies bestowed upon us by our host was truly exemplary. Having never been to Taiwan, I was extremely excited for this opportunity to see this beautiful country along with experiencing the deep and rich culture, and to learn more about Taiwan's criminal justice system. From the moment I landed, I was greeted by our gracious host Dr. Edward Lai who transported my wife and I to the Host Hotel. I have been very blessed in my career to have traveled around the world in a professional setting, but the

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hospitality that was bestowed upon us by AAPS was far above anything that I had ever experienced. Everything was exceptionally coordinated including the transportation, meals, accommodations, tours, the incredible dinner receptions, and especially the conference, which consisted of extremely informative speaking engagements by renown Criminal Justice Scholars from around the world discussing vital criminal justice issues impacting our world.

One aspect that truly stood out was the level of great care and utmost professionalism that our host engaged in to make us feel welcomed and comfortable. They truly went above and beyond to make our stay a great and memorable one, and I completely felt as if I were in my own home with the level of respect and reception given. Effective and sincere communications was a hallmark with AAPS during my trip and I was deeply grateful to have met so many wonderful and exceptionally talented people from their country and abroad. The power of networking and sharing free thoughts and ideas in hopes of improving the safety and security of our societies is what makes our democratic nations powerful, unique and everlasting.

Because of this great experience with AAPS, I left Taiwan with a new and greater understanding of my profession and felt extremely confident in knowing that we have so many talented professionals that have dedicated their lives to improving the aspects of safety and security in the Criminal Justice Profession. Although there were so many great people that I met during this conference that I became friends with, I must give special recognition and acknowledgement to Dr. Hsiao-Ming Wang, Dr. Edward Lai, Dr. Billy Huang, and Dr. Doris Chu. Collectively these individuals went to great lengths to make this conference a world class event and I sincerely appreciated everything that they did to make my trip and this conference a spectacular event.



### Special Topic

#### Hong Kong Civil Unrest, Asian Policing Studies and APPS

Dr. Lawrence Ka-Ki Ho

(The Education University of Hong Kong)

The prolonged protests in Hong Kong since June 2019 draws the spotlight of international media on the China's Special Administrative Region. Reportages and commentaries of policing episodes in Hong Kong could be seen in the headline of most well circulated newspapers. Scholarship on policing, unusually, gains great attention from government leaders, policing practitioners, scholars, media persons as well as the business travelers who have interactions

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with Hong Kong. Readers are eager to look for immediate, sharp and high-quality professional analysis on the situation of Hong Kong that enable us to know what has happened, what is happening and what is going to happen in the international city.

Researchers of policing might feel particularly curious to several questions on Hong Kong policing, which could also extend to a thoughtful discussion on the policing in Asia in at least THREE dimensions- 1) Police Legitimacy- from the dramatic drop of public trust towards the Hong Kong Police, how could we understand the legitimization of a law enforcement unit (gaining public support), and what would make it de-legitimized (losing the confidence from the citizens)? 2) Protest Management- from the frequent and territory-wide police-protestor confrontations, how could we understand and assess the protest/ riot policing strategies? How could we insight from the dynamics in Hong Kong? 3) Policing System- What are the characteristics of policing, as well as the criminal justice system, practicing in Hong Kong? Are similar values shared by the Asian counterparts? If not, what are the differences between the Hong Kong policing system inherited from the British colonial era, and what are its strengths and limitations?

Fellow researchers of policing would have very different, or even contradictory answers to these three questions. Those ex-police officers who have practioning experience; criminal justice academia who received long-term legal sociological training, and laymen who judge policing by impression- would have totally different assessment on the situation in Hong Kong. Friends from different cities and continents also have divergent view on this unusual saga. The six months of unrest in Hong Kong brought in several topics on policing researches that would

have both intellectual and practioning values. For the agenda of police management, issues including personnel alignment and training, psychological well-being, stipends and incentives, and discipline control of the officers. For police and society interactions, it touches the oversight mechanism, community policing initiatives, propaganda and media relations.



Policing in Asia is traditionally not an agenda attracting sufficient attention from the Euro-centric academic studies on policing. Number of scholarships is limited due to the language barrier and information accessibility. The civil unrest in Hong Kong, not only brought the public but also scholarly attention to this under-explored research vacuum. Comparative studies among Asian countries for the abovementioned topics in policing, would be eye-catching and intellectually sound for us to understand the regime and socio-cultural characteristics of most Asian countries who have inherited by the colonial legacy in the last centuries.

As the pioneering English platform promoting intellectual exchange among the policing scholar and practitioners in Asian policing studies, the forthcoming activities of Asian Association of Police Studies would definitely a desirable cluster for the forthcoming knowledge exchange among the members and friends who are keen on getting the latest and in-depth insight on Asian policing issues.

## The Office of International Criminal Justice and Security (OICJS)

The University of New Haven's Office of International Criminal Justice and Security (OICJS) was established in 2017 to strategically consolidate the University's numerous activities, resources, and initiatives aimed at assisting and serving law enforcement and security professionals from across the globe. The office draws on the talent and experience of the Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences and its practitioners who have extensive experience working internationally and serving as technical advisors for criminal justice and security professionals from around the world.

Our AAPS's member, Dr. David Webb now is the director of OICJS. He relocated to the United States after spending more than 30 years in policing in the United Kingdom, the last twelve years of which were at the rank of Chief Superintendent of Police. During his career, he has been afforded many opportunities, such as running the Devon and Cornwall Police College, creating a communications center, reorganizing a major police department, as well as being appointed as a senior police advisor to the Home Office Police Department's Office of Science and Technology in London, working extensively with overseas police departments in Europe, Asia and Africa, and the Americas.



European Desk, one of the OICJS's department, aim at disseminating information about how the different criminal justice systems in Europe operate. A coordination of the criminal justice systems in Europe is made complicated on the inter-state level by the substantive procedural differences between the various national systems. The OICJS has extensive experience navigating these complicated cases. On the other hand, Asian and Middle East Desk aim at focusing on education, professional development and leadership, the Asian and Middle East Desk promotes best practices and tailored solutions to help investigate and solve criminal cases in Asia and the Middle East, where criminal justice systems have undergone significant reform.



Also, it is noteworthy that the OICJS maintains a worldwide network of criminal justice and security professionals, and the office is active in various international organizations, including the Silk Road Forensic Consortium in China. In cooperation with the University's Henry C. Lee College, the OICJS has also established exchange programs with police departments around the world. Program with Polish National Police is designed to familiarize students and professionals with the Polish criminal justice system, including police, courts, and corrections. Participants also learn about the misuse of social power and the elements that led to the Holocaust. Cooperating with Danish National Police, participants are assigned to rotations with different police units to learn how police work solves crime. The course is divided between classroom time and rotations with the

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Danish police units. Class lectures focus on deductive, inductive, and abductive reasoning and how each is used in criminal intelligence analysis. And a partnership with the Korean National Police combines classroom study with physical training to produce supervisory-level officers for the Korean National Police. For more information, please visit [www.newhaven.edu/lee-college/oicjs/](http://www.newhaven.edu/lee-college/oicjs/)



## Call for Papers for Asia Pacific Journal of Police & Criminal Justice

Members of the editorial board of *Asia Pacific Journal of Police & Criminal Justice (APJP&CJ)* met during the recent meetings of the Asian Society of Police Studies on the campus of Central Police University in Taoyuan, Taiwan, December 15-17, 2019. In addition to hearing fascinating presentations on a range of topics on policing in particular, and criminal justice issues in general, we were able to renew friendships with old friends, as well as making new ones. Most important for the present purposes, though, we reiterated our resolve to resurrect the organization's journal, *Asia Pacific Journal of Police & Criminal Justice*. For a variety of reasons, it has been dormant for several years, but needs to be resurrected now.

The current plan is to publish the journal in an electronic format, with the next issue being published September 1, 2020. In order to do so, we need completed drafts of papers by April 1, 2020. We intend to publish "standard" research papers (around 5,000 words of text, excluding references and tables/graphs), but also shorter papers that cover topics such as policy issues unique to individual countries, problems and opportunities in policing in various countries, along with others on similar "applied" topics.

We realize that English is not the first language of most of the potential contributors to APJP&CJ and that this fact might lead to a reluctance to submit manuscripts to our journal. As a courtesy, we have therefore secured some funding to hire a copy editor with a master's degree in teaching of English as a second language to ensure all manuscripts accepted by peer reviewers to be proofread and edited prior to publication.

Please submit your papers by April 1, 2020, to [gerber@shsu.edu](mailto:gerber@shsu.edu).

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