

# Asian Studies Development Program Conference



## WELLBEING IN ASIAN TRADITIONS OF THOUGHT AND PRACTICE

# March 7-9, 2019

**The ASDP National Conference** is an annual opportunity for ASDP alumni and other interested college and university faculty members to share research related to Asian cultures and societies, as well as strategies for infusing Asian content into undergraduate humanities, social science, business, and science curricula. Known for its multi-disciplinary approach and convivial dynamics, the ASDP National Conference also offers an opportunity to extend professional networks and explore new possibilities for both personal and institutional collaboration

ASDP invites proposals for individual papers, panels, poster sessions, or round-table sessions for the 2019 conference in [Music City U.S.A., Nashville, Tennessee.](#)

[Hosted by ASDP Regional Center: Belmont University](#)

Please submit a 200 word limit abstract of a paper or presentation by

November 12, 2018 to

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### Conference Theme

The 2019 Conference theme *Wellbeing in Asian Traditions of Thought and Practice* is intended to stimulate interdisciplinary conversations about the meanings-of and means-to wellbeing, expanding the field of wellbeing research beyond the disciplines of psychology, sociology and health sciences to include philosophical, political, economic, religious, artistic, literary and historical engagements with wellbeing. Panels and individual presenters are invited to engage critically with the notion of wellbeing in Asian by exploring such issues such as:

- How has human wellbeing been conceived and measured historically in different Asian contexts? In what ways are these concepts and measures changing?
- How has the struggle to actualize wellbeing revealed itself in the Asian arts (fine arts, performance arts, arts of popular cultures)? For example, how have issues of human wellbeing been engaged in Asian literary and artistic imaginations of utopian and dystopian societies?
- What methods and practices have been used in Asian contexts to construct and implement initiatives and institutions aimed at securing wellbeing?
- How do issues of diversity and equity factor into Asian approaches to conceiving and actualizing wellbeing?
- To what extent are Asian contributions to understanding and realizing human wellbeing addressing gender? Environmental issues, digital and urban as well as natural?
- What is the role of technology in Asian approaches to securing the conditions for human wellbeing? How are media, the internet, big data and artificial intelligence being understood in relation to issues of personal, social, economic and political wellbeing?
- In what ways are Asian religious and philosophical traditions engaging the challenges of human wellbeing in the contemporary world? Are they generating models that are transferable into other global contexts?
- What inter-regional and international collaborations have Asian countries initiated to work toward human wellbeing?
- What is the relationship between happiness and wellbeing in these Asian societies? How is human happiness conceived of in traditional or contemporary Asian societies?
- Do conceptions of wellbeing in traditional or contemporary Asian societies differ from traditional or Western conceptions? If so, how?
- What are the most significant impediments to wellbeing in contemporary Asian societies?

### Session Guidelines

- Sessions are 90 minutes. Please plan presentations and papers to include time for 15 minutes of Q & A at session end
- Tech Support: projector, screen, PC laptop provided (MAC users bring adapters)
- Panels can be discipline- or theme-focused, and may be organized to reflect primarily theoretical, pedagogical, or institutional development interests
- Round-tables on research/pedagogy that include alumni from the 28 Infusing Institutes hosted from 1991 to 2018
- Round-tables on research and/or pedagogy that include alumni from one of the 19 NEH Summer Institutes hosted by ASDP

### Registration and Accommodation

The Nashville Airport Marriott  
600 Marriott Drive  
Nashville, TN 37214  
Room Rate: \$179 per night + tax  
(single or double occupancy))

[BOOK HOTEL HERE](#)



**CFP Deadline: November 12, 2018**

**EARLY Registration: \$275**

**Conference rate hotel reservation  
deadline: February 8, 2019,  
5:00pm CST**

After Dec. 7th: \$300

After Jan. 31st: \$350

Student Registration: \$125  
(Student ID required)

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