Conference on Philanthropy and Social Development in China

Call for Papers

Conference Venue: November 1-3: Pocantico Center, Tarrytown, New York

Host Institutions: School of Social Work, Rutgers University; School of Philanthropy, Sun Yat-sen University; Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, Indiana University

The recent decades have witnessed the rapid development of philanthropy along with the dramatic increase of the economy in China. Szechuan earthquake relief in 2008 symbolized the wide involvement of all classes in China. Philanthropy has transformed from planning charity to civic philanthropy in China. The changes have been interwoven with the social development in China. For example, many wealthy Chinese have established private foundations in recent decade, and now number of private foundations is more than the number for public foundations. Likewise, NGOs are experiencing historic transformation due to the development of internet. Tencent Wechat, Alibaba Taobao, Sina Weibo all become the leaders of Internet philanthropy. These platforms allow thousands of people to engage in philanthropy through them. These best practices inspire more youths to devote themselves to the philanthropic cause. These philanthropic reforms are closely connected with the ancient and long-standing philanthropic tradition in China. The idea of Renyi (kindheartedness and justice) from Chinese Confucianism and Shishe (giving alms) from Buddhism imply profound charitable meaning and remain alive today. The globalization of philanthropy highlights the importance of examining China’s philanthropic culture, theory, and practices in providing implications for the future development of philanthropy in China and the world.

In such a context, the program committee of 4th Annual Summit of the Chinese Philanthropy Ideas sets the theme of the Summit as Philanthropy and Social Development in China, which includes three panels: wealthy philanthropy, citizen philanthropy, and international philanthropy. We invite proposals for papers concerning one of these topics. The chairs of program committee are Dr. Jiangang Zhu (Sun Yat-sen University) and Dr. Chien-Chung Huang (Rutgers University). Proposals should include the author’s name, affiliation, contact information (email and phone number), paper title, and an abstract (not to exceed 400 words). Please send your proposal by e-mail to Dr. Chien-Chung Huang, chuang@ssw.rutgers.edu. The deadline for proposal submission is July 1, 2015. The program committee will notify the decision by August 1. The full paper (about 15-20 pages, double space, excluding reference and tables) is due on October 15. Once selected, the Summit will cover local transportation and accommodation for the presenters. Limited airfare support to presenters is available. If you have any questions about the Summit, please contact us at chuang@ssw.rutgers.edu.