

# *Systems Thinking in Daily Life:* *Bowen Theory in Families, Organizations and Communities*



活出系統思想：在家庭、組織及社群體現博域理論

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## *Call for Papers*

We have pleasure to invite you to submit an abstract for a brief presentation (20 minutes) at the 2nd International Conference on Bowen Family Systems Theory. The theme of the Conference is “Systems Thinking in Daily Life: Bowen Theory in Families, Organizations and Communities”. The Conference will be held at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong. Presenters will have the opportunity to share their best thinking on the theory and practice of Bowen theory in the following learning tracks:

- Bowen theory in family life
- Bowen theory in clinical settings
- Bowen theory in cultural contexts
- Bowen theory in faith communities
- Bowen theory in business and organizational settings
- Bowen theory training around the world
- Bowen theory, Science, and Research

### Details of submission:

- Abstracts should be submitted in English, and the maximum length is 400 words.
- You may submit more than one abstract.
- Please include a separate cover sheet: Title of the presentation(s), presenter name (s) with their titles, affiliations, email addresses and phone numbers.
- Selection of the abstracts will be considered on basis of the soundness of the presenter’s thinking about Bowen theory, their relevance to the Conference theme and the learning tracks.
- The Scientific Committee will review the proposals. Selected abstracts will be presented in concurrent sessions at the Conference.
- Registration of the Conference is necessary for the acceptance of abstracts.
- Please send abstracts to:  
Mrs. Peggy Chan at [p.chan@isshk.org](mailto:p.chan@isshk.org)

### Important dates:

- October 9, 2017                      Deadline for submission of abstracts
- Dec. 15, 2017                         Notification of acceptance of papers

### Enquiries:

Mrs. Peggy Chan at [p.chan@isshk.org](mailto:p.chan@isshk.org)

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## This Conference features:

- 3 Keynote Speeches by Dr. Anne S. McKnight, Ms. Kathleen K. Wiseman, and Dr. Michael E. Kerr.
- More than 20 theory and topical presentations/workshops by invited speakers, addressing the use of Bowen theory in families, clinical settings, organizations, business and communities. The theory and practice of Bowen theory, and the challenges of managing a responsible self in a variety of contexts will be examined.
- Brief Presentations of selected papers (each presentation: 20 minutes)

The Conference begins on May 17, 2018 (Thurs) at 9 a.m. and ends on May 19, 2018 (Sat) 5:15 pm, followed by the Closing Dinner. Each day starts with a Keynote Speech, followed by a Theory Session (Basic Theory Group and Advanced Theory Group), and concurrent Topical Presentations / Brief Presentations. The Keynote Speeches, Theory Sessions, and Topical Presentations are 1 hour each, while Brief Presentations are 20 minutes each.

## Conference attendees will have the opportunities to:

- enrich their understanding of systems thinking, to develop greater capacity to see the “big picture”, the reciprocity and inter-relationships in human systems.
- learn ways to enhance resilience and effective self-management in the home, clinical, organization and community contexts with systems thinking.
- examine and address social phenomena in varied social contexts and cultures through the systems perspective.
- explore training and research ideas that bridge cultural and geographical boundaries, using Bowen theory as a guiding theoretical framework.

## Fees:

	1 Day		2 Days		3 Days	
	HK\$	US\$	HK\$	US\$	HK\$	US\$
Standard	\$1,200	160	\$2,200	300	\$3,200	420
Early Bird (before April 15, 2018)	\$1,000	135	\$1,900	260	\$2,800	375
COF (ISSFI Circle of Friends)	\$900		\$1,800		\$2,700	
Student (full time)	\$600	80	\$1,100	150	\$1,600	215

Harbour Cruise (May 18, 2018 evening) (Optional): HK\$205 / US\$28

Closing Dinner (May 19, 2018) (Chinese banquet style) (optional) HK\$300 / US\$40

## About Hong Kong!

Besides the professional side, we hope that you will find Hong Kong an exciting and interesting place to visit, to explore, and to study. It is a vibrant city in the midst of much transition and challenges, politically, socio-economically, and demographically. It is a living example of a place undergoing intense societal emotional processes, struggling with individuality versus tremendous push for togetherness.

Despite the high population density of Hong Kong and the subsequent omnipresence of high rise buildings and housing estates, surprisingly, Hong Kong has one of the best nature spots. Its first and longest trail, the MacLehose trail is named as one of the best hikes in the world by the National Geographic Society.

Hong Kong is also home of the Hong Kong UNESCO Global Geopark. Located in the East and Northeast New Territories, the park includes the [Sai Kung Volcanic Rock Region](#) and the [Northeast New Territories Sedimentary Rock Region](#) and showcases Hong Kong’s timeless and eerily beautiful landforms.

<http://www.discoverhongkong.com/us/see-do/great-outdoors/nature-parks/hong-kong-unesco-global-geopark.jsp>

## Details on registration soon!

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