

## Invitation to the 12<sup>th</sup> IPP International Conference of 2025:

### Reshaping Modernization: China and the Global South

Dear Prof. Mehri Madarshahi:

I am writing to you in my capacity as the convenor of the 2025 IPP International Conference on Reshaping Modernization: China and the Global South. This conference, to be held on August 23-24, 2025 in Guangzhou, China, is organized by the Institute of Public Policy (IPP) of South China University of Technology.

As a China Top Think Tank (CTTT), IPP is dedicated to advancing social science research on China's political economy. The IPP has organized international conference annually since 2013 to facilitate global dialogues on issues of global and strategic concerns, including macro-economic trends, social policy, and foreign affairs. This event provides scholars with an international platform to strengthen their professional visibility and promotes meaningful exchanges among scholars, industrial experts, and policymakers in China and beyond.

This year, in 2025, we will organize the 12th IPP International Conference in Guangzhou, with a thematic focus on the modernization of China and the Global South. The event aims to be genuinely interdisciplinary and all-encompassing, bringing together experts from diverse fields including, but not limited to, global development, industrial policy, international relations, and sociology. The conference consists of three panels and one roundtable discussion on the first day, followed by a guided tour to Guangzhou's high-tech industry on the second day. **A tentative agenda** is attached for your reference.

You are cordially invited to give a 20-minute presentation on **Panel 2: Structural Transformation of the World Economy and Global Governance**. This is flexible and we are willing to accommodate your preference for the other panels with available slots.

If you accept the invitation, please reply to this email before **May 11, 2025**.

For your trip in/to Guangzhou, we will provide you with:

- 1) Round-trip business class flight tickets;
- 2) Drop-off and pick-up services between the airport and the hotel;
- 3) Three nights' hotel accommodation in Guangzhou.

Should you need an officially stamped invitation for visa application or any other assistance with your stay in Guangzhou, feel free to contact **Jiahui Goya Chen** via **conference@ipp.org.cn**.

I look forward to your reply to the invitation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Yongnian Zheng'.

Prof. Yongnian Zheng  
Chairman of the IPP Academic Committee  
South China University of Technology