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## Building Individual and Organizational Capacity in the Asia-Pacific Region

4<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on Psychological Intervention After Disasters

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Taipei, Taiwan

First Announcement May 2015

Call for applications from young scholars from  
psychological science in Asia-Pacific countries will be  
announced on 30 June 2015

### Organized by

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## Background

In the last decade, more than 40% of the natural disasters around the world occurred in the Asia-Pacific region, causing untold damage, loss of life, and hardship. The majority of countries in this region often lack an advanced infrastructure or responsive rescue systems. Help is typically concentrated on addressing physical and infrastructural devastation, whereas the effects of disasters on individuals, especially on psychological adversity, receive less attention. This workshop focuses on the psychological dimensions of response to and assistance after disasters.

This will be the fourth in the series of workshops for the Asia-Pacific region first organised in 2012 and held annually since then. It employs international scientific and applied expertise to help researchers, educators and practitioners in the Asia-Pacific region have a better understanding of and ability to respond to the mental health consequences of disasters in the region. In addition to focusing on the science needed to improve the relevance of psychological interventions, the workshop also aims to enhance the capacity for sustained theoretical and applied research in psychological science in Asia and the Pacific. Faculty for the workshop will consist of the following internationally renowned senior scientific experts.

### **Sue-Huei Chen**

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National Taiwan University  
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**Douglas Paton**  
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## Workshop Objectives

The workshop will

- present participants with the most recent scientific and applied scientific evidence and knowledge relevant for psychological intervention after disasters;
- show the constraints and opportunities of working with particular target groups, such as children and adolescents;
- develop relevant knowledge provision, education and training in academic programs of psychology.

The workshop is expected to further the longer-term plans in the region to establish a regional network and infrastructure for advanced studies in psychological intervention after disasters.



## Target group:

The 4<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on Psychological Intervention After Disasters is intended for:

- Young and early career scientists in psychological science in Asia-Pacific countries
- Researchers, educators, and practitioners from across the entire Asia-Pacific region, who have an academic background, primarily in psychological science, and who are interested or experienced in work on disasters
- Psychologists who work with particular target groups, such as children and adolescents, in the Asia-Pacific region

## Statement of intention to apply

If you are interested in receiving the Call to participate in this workshop and intend to apply, please return the attached pro-forma soonest. Travel support is available for individuals selected to participate and will include round-trip economy class air fare, accommodation and *per diems* while in Taipei. Full details of the application process will be given in the second announcement of the workshop in June 2015.

