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## WOMEN, POLITICS AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF GENDER

July 26, 2012 (Thurs) | 6.30-8.30PM | The British Council, 3/F, Rm307-8, 3 Supreme Court Road, Admiralty

In Hong Kong, the corridors of power are still dominated by men who constitute 82% of the Legislative Council, 68% of top-ranked civil servants and 73% of principal government officials. This panel will feature some of Hong Kong's most influential female political leaders who will share their insights and experiences. We will also draw on selected scenes from *The Iron Lady*, the biopic of Margaret Thatcher, to place the discussion in the broader global context. Topics to be covered include:

- \* The benefits of female political leadership
- \* The institutional and cultural barriers, norms and stereotypes women face in their political careers
- \* Whether women need to adapt their leadership styles to succeed as a political candidate and in government
- \* How we can increase the number of women politicians in Hong Kong

### SPEAKERS INCLUDE

**ANSON CHAN**

former Chief Secretary, former Legislative Councillor

**LOUISE EDWARDS**

Professor, University of Hong Kong

**TANYA CHAN**

Legislative Councillor

**SCARLETT PONG**

District Councillor

**Tickets:** HK\$200pp. (50% off for full-time students) Please pay by cash at the door.  
All proceeds will go towards TWF's new scholarship programme to enable deserving Hong Kong students to pursue gender studies at the University of Cambridge.

**RSVP:** Please register via [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/26Jul2012\\_RSVP](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/26Jul2012_RSVP) by July 20. Seating is limited.

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