

International Conference on
**The Economic and Social Impacts of Population Ageing:
China in a Global Perspective**

Organised by
**East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore,
National Institute of Social Development, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, and
Department of Sociology, Tsinghua University**

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Via Zoom

Population ageing is one of the mega trends of the 21st century. It is a key driver of economic and social transformations as societies with a growing number and share of older adults are making efforts to maintain economic competitiveness and social vibrancy. In the developed world, population ageing is part of the larger post-industrial challenges that catalyse changes to employment, retirement and welfare state institutions.

In emerging economies, population ageing is taking place in a context where the welfare state has yet to be fully built and development remains a priority, which results in a wider range of challenges. This is particularly the case for China where the challenge of “growing old before growing rich” is amplified by its continental size, large internal disparities and compressed demographic transition.

China has come halfway through its economic and social modernisation. It is about to reach high-income levels, but has yet to become a developed economy; it is urbanising rapidly, but rural roots remain strong; education levels are rapidly improving, with the country becoming a technological leader in some areas, while overall productivity remains low; women are increasingly postponing marriage, but are not forgoing it; traditional care for the elderly is in flux, but has yet to disappear. The still malleable economic and social structures, along with more abundant resources than before, give China more options for tackling the challenges of population ageing and conducting numerous experiments in all aspects of ageing policies. How China addresses the multiple dimensions of ageing will determine its future growth rate, the health of its public finances, the shape of its families and villages, and even its politics.

Much will also depend on how China shifts to reap the second demographic dividend from higher social investment and productivity. In the past three decades, China has benefitted much from the first demographic dividend, but the favourable conditions—an extended period of falling child dependency ratio, low level of aged dependency ratio and growing number and share of working age population—are rapidly disappearing. At the same time, technology could compensate for the anticipated decline in the labour force and help extend the working life of the elderly, if they are tech savvy enough.

Big events such as the COVID-19 pandemic and US-China decoupling are compounding China’s population ageing challenges. Overall, China is a fertile ground for researchers to explore how its quest for modernisation plays out amidst rapid population ageing, how economic and social innovations come about, how life courses are re-organised and how ageing norms are re-formulated.

This web-based conference invites leading scholars in economics, sociology, demography and public policy to present findings on their state-of-the-art research on the intersection of economy, technology, society and population ageing, with a focus on China or global trends. They will shed light on questions such as:

- What are the broad patterns of ageing in China or globally, and how are they likely to change over the coming decades?
- How does population ageing affect labour supply, savings rates, investment and human capital development?
- Whether and to what extent population aging has facilitated changes in growth and in industrial structure?
- What does population ageing mean for innovation and productivity?
- How does population ageing impact government's fiscal capacity and financial sustainability of the pension and health-care systems?
- What are the key policy options to counter the negative effects and promote the positive effects of ageing?
- How does population ageing affect intergenerational reciprocity and social cohesion?
- How does population ageing influence social resilience and engagement?
- What effects does ageing have on family structure, living arrangements and care provision?
- What social innovations—institutional or technological—are needed to address the challenges of health care, social care, social isolation and so on?
- How does population ageing impact the welfare mix of state, market and family?

The conference would prospectively result in a conference volume or a special issue and will be the basis for a multi-year research programme that EAI in collaboration with partner institutions plans to develop.

Registration prior to the conference is required.

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Thank you.

Conference Programme

Updated on 1 December

Opening Session

30 November 2020

8:30 am - 9:00 am (Singapore time)

Welcome Remarks

Prof Bert Hofman

Director, East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore

Prof Zhang Yi

Director, National Institute of Social Development, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

Prof Wang Tianfu

Associate Dean, School of Social Sciences, Tsinghua University

9:00 am - 10:00 am (Singapore time)

Keynote Speech

Moderated by

Prof Bert Hofman

Director, East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore

Introduction by

Dr Teh Kok Peng

Chairman, East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore

Keynote Speech by

Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam

Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for Social Policies, Singapore

Q & A

Panel 1 : Global Trends in Ageing and Economic Impacts

30 November 2020

10:10 am - 11:40 am (Singapore time)

Moderated by

Dr Sarah Tong

Senior Research Fellow, East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore

1. Global Demographic Change and Economic Impacts

Prof David Canning

Richard Saltonstall Professor of Population Sciences, and Professor of Economics and International Health, Harvard T H Chan School of Public Health, Harvard University, USA

2. Demographic and Technological Change: Two Megatrends Shaping the Labour Market in Asia

Prof John Piggott

Scientia Professor, Director of ARC Centre of Excellence in Population Ageing Research, Business School, University of New South Wales, Australia;

Mr Rafal Chomik (*co-author*)

Senior Research Fellow, ARC Centre of Excellence in Population Ageing Research, University of New South Wales, Australia

3. Are Asia's Demographic Dividends Disappearing?

Prof Andrew Mason

Adjunct Senior Fellow, East-West Center; Emeritus Professor of Economics, University of Hawaii-Manoa

Q & A

Panel 2 : New Dynamics in Ageing and Social Challenges

30 November 2020

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm (Singapore time)

Moderated by

Assoc Prof James Crabtree

Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore

4. Future Directions in the Sociology of Ageing

Prof Linda Waite

George Herbert Mead Distinguished Service Professor of Sociology, Senior Fellow at NORC, University of Chicago, USA

5. Trends, Challenges, and Research in Aging and Elderly Care in Asia

Prof Wei-Jun Jean Yeung

Provost-Chair Professor, Department of Sociology; Director, Centre for Family and Population Research, National University of Singapore

6. Death, Dying and Bereavement in the COVID-19 Era

Prof Deborah Carr

Professor and Chair, Department of Sociology, Boston University, USA

Q & A

Panel 3 : Population Ageing and Implications for Public Policy

1 December 2020

9:00 am - 11:00 am (Singapore time)

Moderated by

Dr Jin Jun

Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Tsinghua University

7. **Social Capital and Aging: Activity Space and Social Interaction in the Context of Covid-19**
Prof Kathleen Cagney
 Professor of Sociology, Senior Fellow and Director of Population Research Center at NORC, University of Chicago; Director, University of Chicago Yuen Center, Hong Kong
8. **Ageing and Public Health from the Lens of COVID-19**
Prof Winnie Yip
 Professor, Practice of International Health Policy and Economics, Department of Global Health and Population, Harvard T H Chan School of Public Health; Director, China Health Partnership, Harvard University, USA
9. **Population Transition in East Asia**
Prof Zhang Yi
 Professor and Director, National Institute of Social Development, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
10. **Living Arrangements and Healthy Aging in China**
Prof Ming Wen
 Professor and Chair, Department of Sociology, University of Utah, USA

Q & A

Panel 4 : Emerging Trends of Ageing in China

1 December 2020

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm (Singapore time)

Moderated by

Prof Zhang Yi

Director, National Institute of Social Development, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

11. Functional Status of Chinese Older Adults

Prof Zhao Yaohui

Professor, China Center for Economic Research, Peking University, China

12. Ageing Society and Community Based Services in China

Prof Li Bingqin

SHARP Professor and Director of Chinese Social Policy Program, University of New South Wales, Australia

13. Rural Vitalization, Population Aging and Toilet Revolution in China

Assoc Prof Feng Qiushi

Associate Professor, Department of Sociology; Deputy Director, Centre for Family and Population Research, National University of Singapore

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8:10 pm - 9:10 pm (Singapore time)

Keynote Speech

Moderated by

Prof Zhang Yi

Dean, National Institute of Social Development, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

A Tale of Two Population Hinges: How Aging Impacts China's Economic Growth?

Prof Cai Fang

Vice-President, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

Q & A

Panel 5 : Social Changes Amidst Population Ageing in China

2 December 2020

9:00 am - 10:30 am

Moderated by

Prof Bert Hofman

Director, East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore

14. New Dynamics of Ageing and Long-term Care in the Context of Family Life in China

Prof Merrill Silverstein

Marjorie Cantor Professor of Aging Studies, Professor of Sociology and Human Development and Family Science, Syracuse University, USA

15. Cognitive Impairment among the Elderly in China

Prof Wang Tianfu

Professor, Department of Sociology; Associate Dean, School of Social Sciences, Tsinghua University

16. The Profile of China's Ageing Cohorts

EAI Sociology Team

Dr Zhao Litao, Senior Research Fellow, East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore

Dr Qian Jiwei, Senior Research Fellow, East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore

Dr Shan Wei, Research Fellow, East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore

Q & A

Panel 6 : Socioeconomic Impacts of Population Ageing

2 December 2020

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm (Singapore time)

Moderated by

Dr Elena Glinskaya

Lead Economist, Social Protection and Jobs, The World Bank

17. Social Transformations of Population Ageing

Prof Sarah Harper

Clore Professor of Gerontology, University of Oxford and Fellow at University College; Founding Director of Oxford Institute of Population Ageing

18. Ageing, Labour Market and Retirement

Mr Philip O'Keefe

Lead Economist, Social Protection and Labor Global Practice, The World Bank

19. The Economic Demography Transition: Lessons from China

Dr Lauren Johnston

Research Associate, SOAS China Institute, UK

Q & A

Panel 7 : China's Population Ageing and Implications

3 December 2020

9:00 am - 10:30 am (Singapore time)

Moderated by

Prof Christine Wong

Visiting Research Professor, East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore

20. China's Population Aging: Long-Term Trend and Socioeconomic Impacts

Prof Zuo Xuejin

Professor, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences

21. Aged Care Financing in China

Dr Elena Glinskaya

Lead Economist, Social Protection and Jobs, The World Bank

22. Presentation title to be determined

EAI Economics Team

Dr Sarah Tong, Senior Research Fellow, East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore

Dr Li Yao, Research Fellow, East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore

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End of Conference

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Bio profiles of speakers and moderators

- in the order of the conference programme -

Bert Hofman

Bert Hofman, a Dutch national, is the director of the East Asian Institute at NUS and Professor of Practice at the Lee Kuan Yew School. Before joining NUS, he has been working with the World Bank for 27 years, 22 of which in Asia, and 12 of which on China. Prof Hofman was the World Bank Country Director for China 2014-2019, the country economist 2004-2008, and the Chief Economist for the World Bank in the East Asia and Pacific region 2011-2014. He also worked on Indonesia, the Philippines, Korea and Mongolia. Before coming to the World Bank, Prof Hofman worked at the Kiel Institute of World Economics, The OECD and NMB Bank (Now ING). Prof Hofman has extensive experience in advising governments around the region on a wide range of development issues, and he has published on fiscal policy, debt issues, and China's and Indonesia's recent economic history.

Zhang Yi

Zhang Yi is Director of National Institute of Social Development at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS). Prof Zhang is the chief-editor of *Journal of Social Development*. He is also the President of Beijing Association of Sociology, and Vice President of Chinese Sociological Association. In recent years, he focuses his research in the fields of class structure, population study, family sociology etc. His published works include *Clanized state-Owned Enterprises*, *Political Attitude of Middle Class in Present China*, *The Research of Class Conflict Consciousness in Chinese Cities*, *The Attainment of Chinese Social Status: Class Inheritance and Intergenerational Mobility*, *The Attainment of Social Class Status and Education Was Affected by Family Background*, and *Population Floating and Family Risks of Migrant Workers*.

Wang Tianfu

Wang Tianfu is Professor of Sociology and Associate Dean of the School of Social Sciences at Tsinghua University in Beijing. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. His research interests include China's social stratification, household wealth accumulation, urban change, and sociology of the family and has published papers in *Social Sciences in China* and *Sociological Studies*. He was newly elected to be the Vice President of Chinese Sociological Association. Professor Wang is the Chief Editor of *Tsinghua Review of Sociology*.

Teh Kok Peng

Before his retirement in 2011, Dr Teh Kok Peng was President of GIC Special Investments from April 1999 to June 2011. Prior to this, he was concurrently Deputy Managing Director of Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) and Deputy Managing Director of GIC. He began his career with the World Bank.

Dr Teh is currently the chairman of Azalea Pte Ltd and Lu International Pte Ltd, as well as a board member of Sembcorp Industries Ltd, Fullerton Health Corporation and Hollysys Automation Technologies Ltd. He is the Chairman of East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore. He is also a Senior Adviser to China International Capital Corporation and an Advisory Board Member/Adviser to CMC Corporation, Jasper Ridge Partners and Campbell & Lutyens.

Dr Teh did his undergraduate studies at La Trobe University, Melbourne, and his graduate studies at Oxford University.

Tharman Shanmugaratnam

Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam has been Senior Minister since May 2019. He is also Coordinating Minister for Social Policies. In addition, he chairs the National Jobs Council aimed at rebuilding skills and jobs in the wake of COVID-19, and advises the Prime Minister on economic policies. He had previously served for eight years as Deputy Prime Minister.

He is concurrently the Chairman of the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS), Singapore's central bank and financial regulator. In addition to his responsibilities in the Government, he is Deputy Chairman of GIC and chairs its Investment Strategies Committee.

Internationally, Tharman chairs the Group of Thirty, a global council of economic and financial leaders from the public and private sectors and academia. He led the G20 Eminent Persons Group on Global Financial Governance, which in Oct 2018 proposed reforms in development finance and the international monetary system to advance a new, cooperative international order. He earlier chaired the International Monetary and Financial Committee (IMFC) for four years; he was its first Asian chair.

He currently also co-chairs the Global Education Forum, and the Advisory Board for the UN's Human Development Report. He is in addition on the External Advisory Group to the IMF Managing Director, and the World Economic Forum's Board of Trustees.

Tharman has spent his working life in public service, in roles principally related to economic and social policies. Besides serving as Deputy Prime Minister, he was Coordinating Minister for Economic and Social Policies for four years (from 2015). Prior to that, he was Minister for Finance for nine years (from 2007) and Minister for Education for five years (from 2003). He has been Chairman, MAS since 2011.

He led the 'SkillsFuture' programme, launched in 2014 with the aim of developing the skills of the future, and opportunities for life-long learning and job upskilling among Singaporeans. He subsequently chaired the tripartite Council for Skills, Innovation and Productivity (CSIP) which was set up to drive and integrate national efforts to transform industry and skills.

Tharman currently also chairs the Economic Development Board's International Advisory Council, and the International Academic Advisory Panel that advises the Government on strategies for the university sector. Among his other roles, he chairs the Board of Trustees of the Singapore Indian Development Association (SINDA), which seeks to uplift educational performance and social resilience in the Indian Singaporean community. He also chairs the Ong Teng Cheong Labour Leadership Institute.

Tharman was first elected Member of Parliament in Nov 2001 in Jurong GRC, and has been re-elected four times since.

After his schooling in Singapore, he studied at the London School of Economics and University of Cambridge. He later obtained a Master's in Public Administration at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, where he was named a Lucius N Littauer Fellow for outstanding performance. Tharman is married to Jane Yumiko Ittogi, a lawyer by background and now actively engaged in social development initiatives. They have a daughter and three sons.

Sarah Tong

Sarah Y. Tong is Senior Research Fellow at the East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore. She obtained her Ph.D. in Economics from the University of California at San Diego. Her research interests concentrate on the recent development and transformation of Chinese Economy, including development in trade and foreign investment, development of regions, financial sector reforms, the reforms of state-owned enterprises, and industrial policies and restructuring. Her work appeared in journals such as *Journal of International Economics*, *Global Economic Review*, *China: An International Journal*, *Review of Development Economics*, *China and the World Economy*, *Comparative Economic Studies*, and *China Economic Review*. In addition to contributing chapters to numerous books on contemporary China, she also edited and co-edited publications including *China and Global Economic Crisis* (2010), *Trade, Investment and Economic Integration* (2014), *China's Evolving Industrial Policies and Economic Restructure* (2014), *China's Great Urbanization* (2017), *China's Economic Transformation under the New Normal* (2017), *China's Economic Modernization and Structural Changes* (2019), and *China and Asia Economic Integration* (2020).

David Canning

David Canning is Richard Saltonstall Professor of Population Sciences, and Professor of Economics and International Health, Harvard T H Chan School of Public Health at Harvard University. Dr Canning has served as a consultant to the World Health Organization, the World Bank, and the Asian Development Bank. His research on demographic change focuses on the effect of changes in age structure on aggregate economic activity, and the effect of changes in longevity on economic behavior. He is co-principal investigator of the PPIUD study and leads the work in Sri Lanka.

John Piggott

John Piggott AO FASSA is Director of the Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence in Population Ageing Research (CEPAR) at the University of New South Wales, where he is Scientia Professor of Economics. A former Australian Professorial Fellow, he has published widely on issues in retirement and pension issues, and in public finance more generally; his research has appeared in leading international economics and academic journals. John worked with the Japanese government for nearly a decade from 1999 on pension and population ageing issues. From 2008-2010 he was Visiting Scholar at the Wharton School of Business, and in 2018, was awarded a Rockefeller Residency to undertake research into ageing and inequality in Asia. In 2019, John was appointed co-chair of the Think20 (T20) Task Force on Aging Population during Japan's G20 Presidency, and is currently a Commissioner on the US National Academy of Medicine's International Commission on Healthy Longevity. He jointly led the establishment of the International Pension Research Association (IPRA) which was launched at the OECD in Paris in 2019. At a national level, he was a member of both the Henry Tax Review (2008-9) and the Australian Ministerial Superannuation Advisory Committee for 5 years from 2007.

Andrew Mason

Andrew Mason is Adjunct Senior Fellow at the East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii and Emeritus Professor of Economics, University of Hawaii at Manoa. He is a member of the Center for the Economics and Demography of Aging (CEDA) at the University of California, Berkeley. Mason and Ron Lee co-founded the National Transfer Accounts (www.ntaccounts.org) network, an international effort involving teams from over seventy countries developing and applying a comprehensive approach to measuring and studying the generational economy. Mason has authored or co-authored 150 journal articles and book chapters and co-authored or co-edited thirty books and monographs including *Population Aging and the Generational Economy: A Global Perspective*, a finalist for the Paul A. Samuelson Award and selected as an Outstanding Academic Publication by Choice Magazine. He earned a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Michigan.

James Crabtree

James Crabtree is a Singapore-based author and journalist, and an Associate Professor of Practice at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy. His best-selling 2018 book, “The Billionaire Raj: A Journey Through India’s New Gilded Age” was short-listed for the FT / McKinsey book of the year. Prior to academia, James worked for the Financial Times, most recently as Mumbai bureau chief. He is now a columnist for Nikkei Asian Review, and a fellow at the Asia-Pacific programme at Chatham House. James has written for a range of global publications, including the New York Times, the Economist, Wired, and Foreign Policy. Prior to journalism he was an advisor in the UK Prime Minister’s Strategy Unit under Tony Blair and Gordon Brown. He has worked for various think tanks in London and Washington DC, and spent a number of years living in America, initially as a Fulbright Scholar at Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government.

Linda Waite

Dr Linda Waite is the George Herbert Mead Distinguished Service Professor in Sociology at the University of Chicago. She has a well-established research career focused on the impact of social relationships on older adult health and is the Principal Investigator (PI) of the NIA-funded National Social Life, Health, and Aging Project (NSHAP), a population-based panel study of health among older adults. Her research has produced ground-breaking knowledge on the links between social relationships and physical, psychological, cognitive and functional health.

Wei-Jun Jean Yeung

Wei-Jun Jean Yeung is Provost’s Chair Professor of Sociology, Founding Director of the Centre for Family and Population Research, and Research Leader of the Changing Family in Asia cluster in the Asia Research Institute at the National University of Singapore. She is a council member of the Asian Population Association and of the International Sociological Association's Research Committee on Family. She has published extensively in leading journals on population, family, and social inequality and received many prestigious awards. Her recent research includes those that examine the global family changes, productive aging, youth labor markets, migration, marriage, and children’s well-being in Asia.

Deborah Carr

Deborah Carr is Professor and Chair of Sociology at Boston University. She earned her Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1997. Dr Carr has held faculty positions at University of Michigan, University of Wisconsin, and Rutgers University. She is the author of over 120 peer-reviewed articles and chapters, as well as the author of several books including *Worried Sick: How Stress Hurts Us and How to Bounce Back* (Rutgers, 2014). Her latest book *Golden Years? Social Inequality in Later Life* (2019, Russell Sage) received the Richard Kalish Innovative Publication Award from the Gerontological Society of America. She is co-editor (with Kenneth Ferraro) of the *Handbook of Aging & Social Sciences* 9th ed. (Elsevier, 2021). Carr’s research focuses on psychosocial factors that affect health and well-being over the life course. Recent research focuses on disability and obesity-related discrimination, family relationships as a source of support and strain, and death and dying issues including bereavement, advance care planning, and well-being at the end of life. Carr is fellow of the Gerontological Society of America and was editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences* from 2015-20. She is a member of the honorary Sociological Research Association and former chair of the Aging and Life Course and Medical Sociology sections of the American Sociological Association (ASA). She is the principal investigator of the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979 (NLSY79), a co-investigator of the Midlife in the United States (MIDUS), and former Chair of the General Social Survey board of overseers.

Jin Jun

Jin Jun is Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology, Tsinghua University. His research interests include environmental movements, NGOs, urbanization, social inequality, and qualitative methods. Dr Jin's research has been published in *Sociological Studies*, *Tsinghua Sociological Review*, and has been supported by the National Science Foundation and the National Social Sciences Foundation of China.

Kathleen Cagney

Kathleen Cagney, Ph.D., is Professor of Sociology and the College at the University of Chicago. Her work examines social inequality and its relationship to health with a focus on neighborhood, race, and aging and the life course. She brings urban sociological theory and methods to research on health, including activity space approaches to characterize a neighborhood's influence. Cagney is Director of the Population Research Center, Co-Director of the Center on Healthy Aging Behaviors and Longitudinal Investigations, Faculty Director of the Yuen Campus in Hong Kong and a Senior Fellow at the National Opinion Research Center.

Winnie Yip

Dr Winnie Yip is Professor of Global Health Policy and Economics at the Harvard School of Public Health. She is faculty director of the school-wide Harvard China Health Partnership that collaborates with a network of twelve academic and research institutions in China to conduct research that aims to improve affordable, effective and sustainable health care for the Chinese population, especially the rural population. She is also the Acting Director of the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies at Harvard University for 2020-2021.

Dr Yip holds a PhD in Economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Her research addresses the question of how to transform health care resources into effective services through health system interventions that integrate financing, provider payment incentives, organization, management and technology. In addition, she has studied and advised health care reforms in the wider Asia region, including Hong Kong, Taiwan, Thailand, Malaysia, Vietnam, and notably India.

Dr Yip is President of the International Health Economics Association and a member of Track II Dialogue on Healthcare of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, core members of the writing groups for the Lancet Commission for Ageing in China and the Lancet Commission on Primary Health Care in China. She was a member of the five-person Technical Advisory Committee for the *Healthy China: Deepening Health Reform in China* report sponsored by the World Bank and the World Health Organization. She is the Senior Editor for Health Policy of *Social Science and Medicine* (Elsevier) and *Health Systems & Reform* (Francis&Taylor). She was Associate Editor of *Health Economics* (Wiley).

Ming Wen

Ming Wen obtained a B.S. in Information Science from Peking University and an M.S. in Statistics and Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Chicago. She is currently Professor and Chair in the Department of Sociology at the University of Utah. Her main research areas are in family and neighborhood effects on health and human development in the United States and China. Her US-based research has examined neighborhood and family effects on a wide range of health and lifestyle outcomes across the life course. Her focus in the recent China-based work is on how rural and urban origin and residence play a role in child developmental outcomes and how living arrangements and socio-relational resources affect health and well-being among middle-aged and older adults. Most of her research has been supported by funding from the National Institutes of Health and private foundations. She has so far published more than 100 peer-reviewed articles in top journals such as

Social Forces, Demography, Social Science & Medicine, Journal of Gerontology, Social Science & Research, Child Development, and American Journal of Public Health

Zhao Yaohui

Zhao Yaohui is Yangtze River Scholar Professor of economics at Peking University. She received B.A. and M.A. in economics from Peking University and Ph.D. in economics from the University of Chicago. She joined the faculty of the National School of Development (formerly known as the China Center for Economic Research) at Peking University in 1996. Before that, she was an assistant professor of economics and international affairs at George Washington University. Her research interests include labor, health and demographic economics. She is currently associate director of the Institute of Social Science Surveys of Peking University and Principal Investigator of the China Health and Retirement Longitudinal Study (CHARLS), a nationally representative sample survey of Chinese residents 45 and older.

Li Bingqin

Bingqin Li is Professor and Director of the Chinese Social Policy Stream at the University of New South Wales. SHARP Professor Bingqin Li's research is on social policy and governance. Her current projects include governance of age-friendly community, local government motivation in delivering complex social programs, social inclusion and integration, urban governance, and social spending. She has particular expertise on China, and works also on other countries in Asia, and on comparative studies of policies between Asia and the West. Her research has been published in academic journals in urban studies and social policy, such as *Urban Studies*, *Environment & Urbanisation*, *Social Policy & Administration* and *Public Administration and Development*. Bingqin Li has played an important role in introducing international social policy research to China, through editing two series of translated series of key texts. Bingqin has also consulted international organisations, such as the World Bank, European Union, the WHO, UNESCAP, IIED, and the DFID. She is also on the advisory board of research centres in universities in mainland China, Hong Kong and Taiwan. She is frequently invited to give talks in universities and give public talks in Europe and Asia.

Feng Qiushi

Feng Qiushi received the Ph.D. degree from Duke University and is currently Associate Professor at the Department of Sociology, National University of Singapore (NUS). He is also the Deputy Director of the Centre for Family and Population Research (CFPR) in NUS. His research fields include aging and health, population studies, and economic sociology. He is the Associate Editor of *Asian Population Studies*, and Co-editor of the Springer Book Series *Advance in Studies of Aging and Health*. He serves on the editorial board for *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*, *Journal of Aging and Health*, and *Research on Aging*. His research has been supported by the United Nations Population Fund (UNPF), Singapore Ministry of Education (MOE), and the National Medical Research Council (NMRC). He is currently leading a MOE Tier-2 project, Lifelong Education for Aging Productively (LEAP) in Singapore.

Cai Fang

Cai Fang is professor and Vice President of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. He is a member of the Standing Committee and Vice Chairman of the Agricultural & Rural Affairs Committee of the 13th National People's Congress of China. Professor Cai's research interests include labor economics, China's economic growth, and income distribution, etc. Professor Cai's recent publications include: *China's Economic Growth Prospects: From Demographic Dividend to Reform Dividend*; *Demystifying the Economic Growth in Transition China*; *Perceiving Truth and Ceasing Doubts: What Can We Learn from 40 Years of China's Reform and Opening-up?*

Merril Silverstein

Merril Silverstein, Ph.D., is inaugural holder of the Marjorie Cantor Chair in Aging Studies at Syracuse University, and serves as faculty member in the Department of Sociology and the Department of Human Development and Family Science. Dr Silverstein received his doctorate in sociology from Columbia University, after which he served on the faculty of the Leonard Davis School of Gerontology at the University of Southern California. In over 200 research publications, he has focused on aging in the context of family life, with an emphasis on intergenerational relations over the life course and international-comparative perspectives. Dr Silverstein currently serves as principal investigator of the Longitudinal Study of Generations which has collected data from the same families between 1971-2020, and is co-originator and co-principal investigator of the Longitudinal Study of Older Adults in Anhui Province, China, which began collecting data in 2001 and has continued to 2018. Dr Silverstein is a Brookdale Foundation Fellow, a Fulbright Senior Scholar, a Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America, and between 2010-2014 served as editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*. In 2019 he was awarded the Matilda White Riley Distinguished Scholar Award from the Section on Aging and the Life Course of the American Sociological Association.

Zhao Litao

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