CENTRE FOR FAMILY AND POPULATION RESEARCH (CFPR)

SINGAPORE FAMILIES AND POPULATION DYNAMICS CONFERENCE

NUS110 BECAUSE WE CARE SG50 NEWSLETTER
OFFICIAL LAUNCH & CONFERENCE ON SINGAPORE FAMILIES & POPULATION DYNAMICS

On April 28, 2015, the Centre for Family and Population Research (CFPR) held its Official Launch at the NUS University Hall Auditorium with Ms Grace Fu, Minister, Prime Minister’s Office, Second Minister for Environment and Water Resources & Second Minister for Foreign Affairs gracing the event. NUS President Professor Tan Chorh Chuan and FASS Dean Professor Brenda Yeoh were also present to welcome the participants and express the University and Faculty’s support to the Centre. A conference on “Singapore Families and Population Dynamics” was also held in conjunction with the launch.

The conference looked closely at Singapore families and its evolution for the past 50 years. More than a hundred policy experts, academics, students and practitioners deliberated on issues related to Singapore population dynamics and family relations, changes in structure and values in Singapore families, children and young adults in Singapore, and policies for vulnerable families. Both the launch and the conference were in line with the SG50-NUS110 celebrations, and co-sponsored by the Singapore Research Nexus, Asia Research Institute and NUS Department of Sociology.

Conference report available here.

From left: Ribbon cutting ceremony with Ms Grace Fu, Second Minister for Environment and Water Resources & Second Minister for Foreign Affairs, Prof Tan Chorh Chuan, NUS President, Prof Brenda Yeoh, FASS Dean, Prof Jean Yeung, CFPR Director, Prof Catherine Tang and A/P Thang Leng Leng, CFPR Deputy Directors, and CFPR Steering Committee Members; Dr Feng Qiushi, Dr Vincent Chua, A/P Liu Haoming, and A/P Maznah Mohamad.
Feature Interview

Prof Yeung was interviewed by the Straits Times on 9 May 2015 to share her views on Singapore’s low fertility and marriage rates and on getting fathers more involved in supporting the family. In addition, she shed light on an increasing number of singles and single-parent benefits.

Watch the interview [here](#).

*Read more about CFPR in the news [here](#).*
Past Conferences & Workshops by CFPR

28 Apr: Singapore Families and Population Dynamics Conference

27 Feb: Workshop on Secondary Data Analysis in Asia

12 Mar: Opportunities and challenges doing ethnographic research on intergenerational relations *(featured on left)*

4 & 5 Feb: Conference on Educational Resilience among Asian Children in Challenging Family Environment *(co-sponsored with Asia Research Institute)*

1 & 2 July ’14: Conference on Growing Up in One-Parent Family in Asia *(co-sponsored with Asia Research Institute)*

Academic Visitors

1 Jan-31 May: A/P Michelle Lazar, Associate Professor, Department of English Language and Literature, National University of Singapore

3 Feb: Professor Merrill Silverstein, Marjorie Cantor Endowed Professor in Aging, Syracuse University

4-5 Feb: Professor Andrew Martin, School of Education, University of New South Wales

5-8 Feb: Dr Ko Chyong-Fang, Research Fellow and Director, Institute of European and American Studies, Academia Sinica, Taiwan

12 Mar: Dr Kristina Göransson, Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, Lund University

20 Mar: Professor Frank Stafford, Professor of Economics and Research Scientist, University of Michigan

27-30 Apr: Professor Gavin Jones, Research Associate, Australian National University and Murdoch University
A glimpse at past CFPR seminars...

3 Feb: A Tale of Two Chinas: Aging and family change in rural and urban China by Professor Merril Silverstein, Marjorie Cantor Endowed Professor in Aging, Syracuse University

6 Feb: Migrant Care Workers in Italy and Taiwan: A comparative study by Dr Ko Chyong-Fang, Research Fellow and Director, Institute of European and American Studies, Academia Sinica, Taiwan

20 March: Family income and wealth dynamics and the impact of the Global Financial Crisis by Professor Frank Stafford, Professor of Economics and Research Scientist, University of Michigan
21 Aug: Migrants' transition to adulthood in China: Marriage and job trajectories on the origin-education-gender intersections by Dr Mu Zheng, ARI and CFPR, NUS

26 Aug (Wed): Gender and Development Meeting

4 Sep: Aging in East Asia: Multilevel perspectives on determinants of social relationships and mental health by Dr Ko Pei-Chun, ARI and CFPR, NUS

11 Sep: Social exclusion and cognitive impairment of the elderly in China by Yang Yi, Dept of Sociology, NUS

18 Sep: Implication of retirement age extension for human capital in China, 2015-2050 by Dr Feng Qiushi, CFPR and Dept of Sociology, NUS

23 Sep (Wed): Seminar by A/P Florian Kohlbacher, International Business School Suzhou, Xi'an Jiaotong - Liverpool University

2 Oct: What will it cost you today? Gendered discourses of parenting in Singapore’s National Environment Campaign by A/P Michelle Lazar, Dept of English Language and Literature, NUS

9 Oct: Filial piety from afar: Migration, gender and elderly care in China by Prof Susanne Y P Choi, Dept of Sociology, the Chinese University of Hong Kong

16 Oct: The competitive earning incentive for sons: Evidence from migration in China by Dr Junjian Yi, Dept of Economics, NUS

23 Oct: Complex households and the distribution of multiple resources in later life: Findings from a national survey by Dr Juyeon Kim

30 Oct: Seminar by A/P Kim Korinek, Dept of Sociology, University of Utah and ARI/CFPR, NUS

6 Nov: Seminar by Prof John Ham, Dept of Economics, NUS

13 Nov: Seminar by Prof Xie Yu, Sociology Dept. and Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, Princeton University

20 Nov: Dr Abhijit Visaria, ARI and CFPR, NUS

Seminars are held on Fridays from 12nn to 1.30pm unless otherwise noted

Go to our website to find out more and sign up!
http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg/cfpr/research/seminars.html
Upcoming Conferences

Mar 1–2, 2016
Caring for Elderly in Asia: Long-Term Care in the Familial Context (joint with Asia Research Institute and Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
Venue: University Hall Auditorium - Lee Kong Chian Wing
Call for Papers extended to 31 August 2015

May 26–28, 2016
International Sociological Association RC 28 Conference on Intergenerational Transfer, Human Capital, and Inequality (joint with Asia Research Institute, NUS Dept of Sociology)
Venue: University Town, NUS Kent Ridge Campus

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CFPR OPPORTUNITIES

Faculty Development Grant
This seed grant aimed at boosting research capacity on family and population issues is awarded to FASS faculty members who are CFPR associates. The first grant was awarded to:

Project Title: Female Migrants’ Transition to Adulthood in China: Marriage and Job Trajectories
PI: Dr Mu Zheng, Postdoctoral Fellow, ARI & CFPR
Amount: $10,000

Research Scholarship
The CFPR research scholarship is awarded to PhD candidates who are interested in completing a program on family and population issues. For the August 2015 intake, CFPR scholarship grants were awarded to:

1) Zhang Xinjie  
   Program: PhD in Economics
2) Chen Xuejiao  
   Program: PhD in Sociology

Scholarship for Training in Social Science
This competitive merit scholarship is awarded to outstanding full-time students who are interested to enroll in the CFPR Training Program in Social Sciences.

1) Chao Rong, Charles, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy. Courses enrolled in: Social Research Methods and Qualitative Research Methods

2) Jia Hwee, Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. Courses enrolled in: Qualitative Research Methods

3) Ming Yew Matthew Koo, Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. Course enrolled in: Longitudinal Data Analysis

4) Phui Yeng Tabitha Ng, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. Course enrolled in: Multilevel Modeling with R

5) Xiaorong Gu, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. Course enrolled in: Multilevel Modeling with R

6) Shi Qin Choo, Faculty of Arts and Social Science. Course enrolled in: Structural Equation Modeling with R
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Faculty Research Associate/Affiliate
Postdoctoral/Research Fellow
Student Affiliate
Intern

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Training Program in Social Sciences

CFPR launched its Training Program in Social Sciences this May, offering short but effective classes on social research methods and practice aimed at strengthening research and practice capability and enhancing on-the-job human capital in Singapore. Students were a diverse group of practitioners, researchers and analysts from government ministries, private organizations and the academe. The courses included were:

May 18-19: Social Research Methods by Dr Feng Qiush

Jun 2-3: Qualitative Research Methods by Professor Vineeta Sinha

May 21-22: Analyzing Data with SPSS co-taught by A/P Paulin Straughan and Dr Vincent Chua

Jul 23-24: Longitudinal Data Analysis by Dr Eric Fesselmeyer

Jul 6-8: Computer-assisted Analysis of Qualitative Data by Dr Eric Thompson

Jul 20-22: Multilevel Modeling with R by A/P Mike Cheung
Understanding Family Trauma: Violence Behind Closed Doors

Traumas are frightening, often dangerous, and/or violent conditions that are experienced as overwhelming to a family and/or any or all its individual members. Traumas have a range of impacts on individual family members, their relationship with each other, and overall family functioning. Violence occurring within the family is considered as one of the most traumatic experiences for individuals. This introductory course is intended to help participants understand the nature and impact of family violence, as well as various adaptive and maladaptive ways that the family and its individual members react and cope with the traumatic experience. An overview of general support strategies will also be discussed.

This introductory course does **NOT** include training of psychological treatments of family violence.

**Course Outline**

**Day 1  Violence within the Family I**

- Understanding violence
- Violence against children
- Intimate partner violence

**Day 2 Violence within the Family II**

- Violence against elders
- General support strategies to individuals
- Family and community support strategies

**Who Should Attend**

This introductory course is designed for human service providers, including teachers, nurses, counsellors, psychologists, social workers, and people working in the family, child welfare and mental health sectors as well as human resources personnel. Advanced students in the above related fields are also welcome.

**Prerequisites**

Basic knowledge about the psychology of human development.

**CFPR Scholarship**

CFPR scholarship is available for all NUS full-time students.

**Enquiries**

For details on course fee, scholarship and registration information, contact CFPR at:
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**Faculty Member**

Professor Catherine So-kum Tang is Professor in the Department of Psychology and Deputy Director of the Center for Family and Population Research at the National University of Singapore. She obtained her PhD in Clinical Psychology from the University of North Texas in 1987. She was the Director of Clinical Training Programs in Singapore and Hong Kong and of several postgraduate programs: the MA program in Trauma Psychology, Post-graduate Diploma in Family Violence, and Post-graduate Diploma in Life Adversities in Hong Kong. She was also one of the co-founders of the Asian Society for Traumatic Stress Studies and Asian Cognitive and Behavior Therapy Association. Professor Tang is an active researcher with over 300 peer-reviewed academic publications, book chapters, books, and conference presentations on addictive behaviors, violence against women, family violence, and other trauma stress studies.