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From inception, we have forged robust local and international networks to foster collaboration. We formed a strong international advisory board and connected with population centres in different regions of the world. We have built a vibrant research culture and an interdisciplinary team consisting of more than 50 research associates from 10 different disciplines in FASS and the Schools of Public Policy, Design and Environment, Public Health, Business, Medicine, and Science.

To increase our impact, we organized a series of high-profile events that brought together local and international communities. In May 2016, we hosted a conference for the International Sociological Association Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility on the theme of Intergenerational Transfer, Human Capital, and Inequality. Deputy Prime Minister Tharman Shanmugaratnam and former UN Secretary General Dr Noeleen Heyzer were our distinguished guest speakers. Around 300 participants from almost 30 countries came to Singapore. 2017 marked the launch of the Distinguished Speaker Series with Professor Mary Brinton from Harvard University as our inaugural speaker on Postindustrial Low Fertility in Europe and East Asia, and Senior Minister of State Josephine Teo, who oversees the National Population and Talent Division, as our Guest of Honour.

We have made great strides in achieving both research and pedagogical milestones. CFPR has awarded Faculty Development Grants to 8 projects that examine different aspects of life stages, marriage, divorce and technology use. Centre members have successfully competed for many external and internal grants, notably winning 3 large tier-2 grants and two recent Social Science Research Council thematic grants, totaling over S$10 million. Our research has been published in leading internationally reviewed journals and appeared in high profile media outlets such as The Economist, Bloomberg, Newsweek, and BBC. CFPR has also started a column in Lianhe Zaobao on family and population issues.

CFPR has made significant contributions to capacity building through mentoring and training. We have organized more than 50 well-attended seminars featuring works of junior to well-established scholars. We are supporting 6 research and postdoctoral fellows, as well as 6 PhD scholars. Additionally, we started an innovative CFPR Training Program for the Social Sciences in 2015 and have trained nearly 300 participants from the academe, private and public sectors. We also have mentored 5 local and international interns.

The harvest of our first three years serves only to push us to see what more can be accomplished in the years to come. We are fueled by and deeply grateful for the support from the research and policy communities, and are eager to share with you the many more exciting events we have planned in the coming years, among them a joint conference with the International Sociological Association Family & Population group (RC06 & RC41): Changing Demography, Changing Families in May 2018, and the two SSRC projects on early childhood development and ageing. We look forward to your continued engagement and contributions to CFPR as we go forth in our mission to bring quality interdisciplinary research and training to our communities.

Sincerely,

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RESEARCH TEAM
As part of its goal to promote interdisciplinary research, CFPR fosters collaboration among scholars both within and outside of NUS. NUS faculty members and researchers whose research interests intersect with CFPR’s research focus are encouraged to join as Research Associates. Currently, the Centre has more than 50 research associates from 10 departments in FASS and the Schools of Public Policy, Design and Environment, Public Health, Business, Medicine, and Science. Research Affiliates are members outside of NUS.

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VISITING SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW

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Associate Director, Asia Center
University of Utah
Duration of visit: January to March 2016

During her visit, A/P Korinek worked on migration and its impact upon life course and family in high mobility societies in Asia. She also presented her work on adolescent fertility in Vietnam in the CFPR Seminar Series and organized a workshop on collaborative research opportunities with colleagues from the Vietnamese Academy of Social Sciences. A/P Korinek taught the Population and Society course for the CFPR Training Program in Social Sciences.

ACADEMIC VISITORS

The Centre has hosted 41 academic visitors: 8 in 2014, 12 in 2015, 18 in 2016 and 3 in 2017. All of the visitors have presented their work at the CFPR Seminar Series and Workshops.

2017

Professor Wu Xiaogang
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Professor Mary Brinton
Harvard University

Professor Leela Visaria
Gujarat Institute of Development Research

2016

Dr. Motoyuki Yuasa
Juntendo University
(co-hosted with Japanese Studies & FASS Health Cluster)

Professor Huei-Chen Ko
Asia University (co-hosted with Psychology)

Professor Yiqun Gan
Peking University (co-hosted with Psychology)

Professor Jung-hye Won
Korea University (co-hosted with Psychology)

A/P Anise Wu
University of Macau (co-hosted with Psychology)

2016

Dr. Elsie Yan
The University of Hong Kong
(co-hosted with Psychology)

A/P Martin Piotrokwski
The University of Oklahoma

Professor Keiichiro Oizumi
The Japan Research Institute

Dr. Sung-won Kim
Meijigakuin University

Dr. Seonhee Choi
Hyupsung University

Professor Aloysius Siow
NUS & University of Toronto

Dr. Sarah Mills
Loughborough University

Dr. Ann E. Bartos
University of Auckland

Dr. Ly Phan
Nanyang Technological University (co-hosted with ARI)

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VISITING SCHOLARS

ACADEMIC VISITORS

2016

**Professor Guangzhou Wang**
Institute of Population and Labor Economics, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, CASS (co-hosted with CASS)

**Professor Ge Yang**
Institute of Population and Labor Economics, CASS (co-hosted with CASS)

**A/P Ting Feng**
Institute of Population and Labor Economics, CASS (co-hosted with CASS)

**A/P Jianlin Niu**
Institute of Population and Labor Economics, CASS (co-hosted with CASS)

2015

**A/P Michelle Lazar**
NUS (on sabbatical)

**Professor Merril Silverstein**
Syracuse University

**Dr. Ko Chyong-fang**
Academia Sinica

**Dr. Kristina Goransson**
Lund University

**Professor Frank Stafford**
University of Michigan

**Dr. Hoa Dang Thi**
Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences

**Dr. Thuy Dang Bich**
Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences

**Dr. Long Tran Quy**
Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences

2014

**Professor Bei Wu**
Duke University

**Dr. Gao Yang**
Singapore Management University

**Professor Huang Min-Hsiung**
Academia Sinica

**Professor Zhou Min**
Nanyang Technological University

**Dr. Kristin Natalier**
former University of Tasmania (co-hosted with ARI)

**Professor Peter McDonald**
Australian National University (co-hosted with ARI)

**Professor Peter Xenos**
Chulalongkorn University (co-hosted with ARI)

**Professor Frank Furstenberg**
University of Pennsylvania (co-hosted with ARI)
In April 2015, CFPR held its inaugural conference titled *Singapore Families and Population Dynamics*. This was organized in conjunction with the official launch of the Centre and in commemoration of Singapore's 50 years of nation building and NUS' 110th year. Minister Ms Grace Fu, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Environment and Water Resources & Second Minister for Foreign Affairs was the Guest of Honour. NUS President Professor Tan Chorh Chuan and then FASS Dean Professor Brenda Yeoh were also present to welcome the participants and express the University's and Faculty's support to the conference. 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.
International Conferences

ISA RC28 Conference on Intergenerational Transfer, Human Capital & Inequality

In May 2016, the Centre was the main organizer for the International Sociological Association RC28 Conference on Intergenerational Transfer, Human Capital, and Inequality. This international conference was the first in Southeast Asia and brought more than 300 internationally-renowned scholars, authors, researchers and students from more than 30 countries, to Singapore. Subject areas that were tackled include education and training, children and youth, health and mortality, gender, labor force, migration, race and ethnicity, social safety nets, data and methodology issues, and more. The event was graced by Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Singapore Deputy Prime Minister & Coordinating Minister for Economic and Social Policies and Dr Noeleen Heyzer, NUS Board of Trustees & Former Undersecretary General, UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.

CFPR has also worked together with the Asia Research Institute in organizing family and population-related conferences. The first conference was in July 2014 on Growing Up in One-Parent Family in Asia, examining the trends and pattern of one-parent families in Asia. Papers presented in the conference were included in a recently published special issue of Marriage and Family Review (v51, no.1/2, 2016). The second conference (Feb 2015) was on Educational Resilience among Asian Children in Challenging Family Environment. This conference investigated the pathways to educational resilience, focusing on protective factors specific to Asian contexts that can buffer the negative effects of low socioeconomic status, dysfunctional, or migrant family environments on Asian children's educational outcomes.

Clockwise from top left: 1) Deputy Prime Minister Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam gives his opening speech; 2) plenary session with Prof Robert Hauser (chair), Prof Charles Hirschman, Prof Xie Yu, and Prof Wolfgang Lutz; 3) Dr Noeleen Heyzer in her keynote address; 4) panel session on intergenerational transfer and mobility with Prof Frank Furstenberg; 5) Prof Ho Teck Hua, NUS Deputy President (Research & Technology) and Tan Chin Tuan Centennial Professor; 6) panel session.
The Centre, together with NUS Global Asia Institute, organized a Distinguished Public Lecture on Family and Population that focused on *Postindustrial Low Fertility in Europe and East Asia: Lessons for Singapore*. More than 140 academics, researchers, students, staff from government agencies, and the public attended the lecture on 19 January 2017 which featured our Distinguished Speaker Professor Mary Brinton, Reischauer Institute Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology, Harvard University. The Guest-of-Honour for the event was Senior Minister of State Mrs Josephine Teo, Prime Minister’s Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Transport, Republic of Singapore. The event was opened with a welcome speech by Professor Ho Teck Hua, Deputy President (Research & Technology) and Tan Chin Tuan Centennial Professor. Moderated by Professor Jean Yeung, a dialogue with Mrs Josephine Teo and Professor Brinton followed the latter’s presentation. Other special guests included Dr Stephen Riady, Executive Chairman of OUE Ltd and Ms Laurence Bernardi, First Secretary, French Embassy.

*Clockwise from top right:* 1) Senior Minister of State Mrs Josephine Teo gives her opening speech; 2) dialogue session moderated by Prof Jean Yeung, CFPR Director; 3) audience member poses question during dialogue session; 4) (second from left) special guests Dr Stephen Riady, Prof Ho Teck Hua, and Mrs Josephine Teo; 5) A/P Liu Haoming, Prof Ho Teck Hua, Mrs Josephine Teo, Prof Mary Brinton, Prof Jean Yeung, A/P Thang Leng Leng and A/P Maznah Mohamad.
INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION (ISA)
A JOINT CONFERENCE FOR RC06 (FAMILY) & RC41 (POPULATION)

Changing Demography ↔ Changing Families

SINGAPORE | 17-19 MAY 2018

Organised by:

National University of Singapore
Centre for Family and Population Research
Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences
The Centre organized 6 workshops from 2014 to 2016. Half of these were on data and methodology and the other half discussed demographic and family changes, youth in Asia, and behavioral addiction in the family. These workshops were conducted in collaboration with institutions within NUS such as the Department of Psychology and ARI, as well as other institutes in the region such as the Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in Beijing. The workshop on behavioral addiction in the family involved scholars from Asia University, Peking University, Korea University, University of Macau, and the University of Hong Kong.

2016

1. Recent Demographic and Family Changes in China (joint with Chinese Academy of Social Science, CASS in Beijing) moderated by Professor Jean Yeung, NUS
2. Impact of Individual Behavioral Addiction on the Family (joint with Department of Psychology) moderated by Professor Catherine Tang, NUS

2015

1. Methodology Workshop: Longitudinal Studies in the Social Sciences by Professor Jean Yeung, NUS
2. Exploring Collaborative Research Opportunities at the Intersection of Family, Gender and Social Change by A/P Kim Korinek, University of Utah and NUS
3. Secondary Data Analysis in Asia by Dr Hu Shu, NUS

2014

1. 5-6 May: Youthful Futures? Aspirations, Education and Employment in Asia
The CFPR Seminar Series is a regular event where members of the CFPR research team and academic visitors present their work. CFPR held 44 seminars in the last three years: 10 in 2014, 16 in 2015 and 18 in 2016. This year, 12 seminars have been lined up for this semester. The profile of speakers is a good mix of junior and senior faculty members/researchers. Topics range from the role of demography in regional development, to the intersection of migration with fertility, family relations, parenting and transitioning to adulthood. Issues surrounding divorce, aging and elderly care, family income, gender dynamics in parenting, and many others were also discussed.

2017

1. From Young Pioneers to Little Red Soldiers: Internationalism and the Making of Mao’s Children by A/P Xu Lanjun, NUS
2. Living Arrangements and Old-Age Psychological Health: Evidence from Myanmar, Vietnam, and Thailand by A/P Bussarawan Puk Teerawichitchainan, Singapore Management University (joint with NUS Dept of Sociology)
3. Exploring the Relation between Immigrants and Native Workers: New Evidence using Firms, Occupations and Employment Flows by Dr Ken Ueda, NUS
4. Hurdles and Hopes: An Ecological Analysis of Migrant Children in China by Ms Gu Xiaorong, NUS
5. Problems (and Possible Solutions) for the Recent Crisis in Psychological Research by A/P Mike Cheung, NUS
6. Effects of Bilingualism on Language Development in Singaporean Children by A/P Leher Singh, NUS
7. Impact of Changing Population Age Structure of Asian Countries on Labor Market by Professor Leela Visaria, Gujarat Institute of Development Research (joint with Asia Research Institute)
8. India’s Family Planning Programme: Past, Present and Future by Professor Leela Visaria, Gujarat Institute of Development Research (joint with Asia Research Institute)
9. Maternal Education and the Multidimensionality of Child Health Outcomes by Dr Kriti Vikram, NUS
10. Who benefits from children in highly gendered society? Exploring the Role of Children’s Education in Parental Survival in South Korea by Dr Lee Yeongjin, NUS
11. One egalitarianism or several? Two Decades of Gender-Role Attitude Change in Europe Seminar by Professor Mary Brinton, Harvard University (joint with NUS Department of Sociology)
12. Separate & Unequal: Hukou, School Segregation, and Migrant Children's Education in Urban China by Professor Wu Xiaogang, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

A/P Chong Yap Seng, A*STAR, NUS and NUH
Prof Keiichiro Oizumi, The Japan Research Institute, Dr Sung-won Kim, Meijigakuin University, and Dr Seonhee Choi, Hyupsung University
1. Too Hot to Hold: The Effects of High Temperatures during Pregnancy on Endowment and Adult Welfare Outcomes by Mr Zihan Hu and Mr Teng Li, NUS

2. Doing Research on Class in Singapore by A/P Tan Ern Ser, NUS

3. Studying Maternal and Child Health in Birth Cohorts by A/P Chong Yap Seng and Dr Soh Shu E, A*STAR, NUS. A/P Chong Yap Seng is the Executive Director, Singapore Institute for Clinical Sciences (SICS), A*STAR, NUS; and NUH.

4. Developmental Trajectories of Maladaptive Perfectionism in Middle Childhood by Dr Ryan Hong, NUS

5. Dragon Babies: Fortune of Birth and Life Outcomes by Dr Tan Poh Lin, NUS

6. Women's Empowerment and Son Preference in Southeast Asia: What Matters Most? by Dr Ly Phan, Nanyang Technological University (joint with Asia Research Institute)

7. Rooted in Relations of Power: Care as Politics by Dr Ann E. Bartos, University of Auckland

8. 'A rite of passage? National Citizen Service and the Geographies of Youth Citizenship by Dr Sarah Mills, Loughborough University

9. Marriage, Migration and Ethnic Boundaries in Indonesia by Dr Ariane Utomo, Australian National University and NUS

10. Occupational Choice, Matching and Earnings Inequality by Professor Aloysius Siow, Goh Keng Swee Professor, NUS and University of Toronto

11. Aging in Asia: Demographic Trends and Implications (joint with Dept of Japanese Studies and Health Cluster) by Professor Keichiro Oizumi, The Japan Research Institute, Dr Sung-won Kim, Meijigakuin University, and Dr Seonhee Choi, Hyupsung University

12. The Effect of Adult Children's Hours Worked on Elder Support: A Natural Experiment in Korea by Dr Erin Hye-Won Kim, NUS

13. Nonstandard Work and Fertility: A Comparison of the United States and Japan by A/P Martin Piotrowski, The University of Oklahoma (joint with ARI)

14. Aging and Wisdom: Age-related Changes in Economic and Social Decision Making by Dr Yu Rongjun, NUS

15. Issues and Policies on Health and Welfare Services for the Elderly in Japan by Dr Motoyuki Yuasa, Juntendo University (joint with Department of Japanese Studies and FASS Health Cluster)

16. The Role of Cognitive Ability and Personality Traits for Men and Women in Gift Exchange Outcomes by Professor John Ham, NUS

17. Thermal Comfort and Marital Relations: Evidence from China’s Heating Policy by A/P Liu Haoming and A/P Junhong Chu, and Professor Ivan Png, Distinguished Professor, NUS

18. Accumulation with social fragmentation? Building the Neo-liberal Family by Professor Jonathan Rigg, NUS (joint with ARI)
1. Religion and Son Preference in India and Bangladesh: Comparing Hindus and Muslims on Son Preference and Sex Differentials in Child Health by Dr Abhijit Visaria, NUS
2. Income and Wealth Inequality in China by Professor Yu Xie, Princeton University
3. China Family Panel Studies (CFPS) by Professor Yu Xie, Princeton University
4. Migration and the Social Structural Correlates of Adolescent Fertility in Vietnam, 1989 to 2009 by A/P Kim Korinek, University of Utah and NUS
5. Complex Households and the Distribution of Multiple Resources in Later Life: Findings from a National Survey by Dr Juyeon Kim, University of Seoul
6. The Competitive Earning Incentive for Sons: Evidence from Migration in China by Dr Yi Junjian, NUS
7. Filial Piety from Afar: Migration, Gender and Elderly Care in China by Professor Susanne Y P Choi, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
8. What will it cost you today? Gendered Discourses of Parenting in Singapore’s National Environment Campaign by A/P Michelle Lazar, NUS
9. Fear of Solitary Death and its Impact Factors in Japan’s Aging Society by A/P Florian Kohlbacher, Xi’an Jiaotong - Liverpool University (joint with Department of Japanese Studies, FASS)
10. Implication of Retirement Age Extension for Human Capital in China, 2015-2050 by Dr Feng Qiushi, NUS
11. Aging in East Asia: Multilevel Perspectives on Determinants of Social Relationships and Mental Health by Dr Ko Pei-Chun, NUS
12. Migrants' transition to adulthood in China: Marriage and job trajectories on the origin-education-gender intersections by Dr Mu Zheng, NUS
13. Family income and wealth dynamics and the impact of the Global Financial Crisis by Professor Frank Stafford, University of Michigan

14. Opportunities and challenges of doing ethnographic research on intergenerational relations by Dr Kristina Göransson, Lund University
15. Migrant Care Workers in Italy and Taiwan: A comparative study by Dr Ko Chyong-Fang, Academia Sinica (joint with Asia Research Institute and Migration Cluster, FASS)
16. A Tale of Two Chinas: Aging and family change in rural and urban China by Professor Merrill Silverstein, Syracuse University

Prof Merrill Silverstein, Syracuse University

Prof Mary Brinton, Harvard University

Prof Jonathan Rigg, Director of Asia Research Institute, NUS
SEMINARS

2014

1. Launching an Academic Career: What you need to know and do by Professor Frank Furstenberg, University of Pennsylvania (joint with ARI)

2. Demography as Destiny: A Demographic Perspective on Asian Development by Professor Gavin Jones, NUS (joint with ARI and Sociology)

3. Intergenerational Relations in Aging Societies: A Future Perspective by Professor Frank Furstenberg, University of Pennsylvania (joint with ARI)

4. Re-conceptualizing Child Support as an Expressive Resource and a Form of Labor: Lessons from the Australian case by Dr Kristin Natalier, University of Tasmania (joint with ARI and Social Service Research Centre)

5. The Success Frame and the Achievement Paradox: The Children of Chinese Immigrants and Vietnamese Refugees in Los Angeles, USA by Professor Zhou Min, Nanyang Technological University (joint with ARI)

6. Who participates in after-school tutoring and who benefits from it? A Cross-national and Inter-grade Analysis by Professor Huang Min-Hsiung Academia Sinica (joint with Sociology)

7. Immobilized Migrancy: Family, Labor and the Law for Migrants in the Gulf by A/P Pardis Mahdavi, Pomona College and NUS (joint with Sociology)

8. Inventing the Authentic Self: American Television and Chinese Audiences in Global Beijing by Dr Gao Yang, Singapore Management University (joint with ARI)

9. Parental Migration and Adolescents' Transitioning to High School in Rural China by Ms Hu Shu, NUS

10. Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: The impact of caregiving on Chinese older adult's life satisfaction by Dr Bei Wu Duke University (joint with Health cluster)
RESEARCH PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES
EXTERNALLY-FUNDED PROJECTS

Family Dynamics in the Development of Behavioural Addiction in Singaporean Youth
(funded by MOE Tier 2: $389,154 | June 2017 to May 2020)

Project Team
Principal Investigator: Professor Catherine Tang
Collaborator: Dr Koh Yee Woen Yvaine

This study adopts a family-based approach in understanding the association between family dynamics and behavioural addiction of adolescents in Singapore. By identifying the role of family and the mental health consequences of behavioural addiction, this study will enhance the conceptual understanding of the challenges faced by adolescents, facilitating the design of preventive and intervention strategies to reduce the occurrence of behavioural addiction, as well as the allocation of societal resources to ensure healthy family functioning and healthy development of adolescents. This research will conduct focus group discussions, cross-sectional and longitudinal surveys of 13 to 17 year old Singaporeans and their parents.

Dynamic Models of the Indonesian Labour and Marriage Markets
(funded by MOE Tier 2: $566,864 | 2017 to 2019)

Project Team
Principal Investigator: Professor John Ham
Collaborators: Professor John Strauss (University of Southern California), Dr Firman Witoelar (SurveyMeter)

This project will estimate dynamic models of the labour and marriage markets for Indonesia. Using the Indonesian Family Life Survey (IFLS), the study proposes to estimate empirical models describing: 1) transitions between employment in the formal and informal sectors; 2) transitions between being married and not being married; 3) transitions into retirement; and, 4) transitions between living in one's own hometown and another area.

Stages of Family in the Making in Singapore from Antenatal to Postnatal Period (funded by MOE Tier 2: $ 474,600 | January 2017 to December 2019)

Project Team
Principal Investigator: Professor Catherine Tang
Co-investigator: Professor Jean Yeung
Collaborator: Dr Koh Yee Woen Yvaine
Research Assistants: Gwyneth-Ann Khoo Kim Choo, Jamaica Tan Pei Ying

This project attempts to identify crucial elements of successful transition from the antenatal to the postnatal period that could lead to healthy family functioning. This is in the context of dynamic changes of perception on family making in Singapore. It will adopt the Hill's ABCX Model of Family Stress as its theoretical framework to explore the efficacy of the function of families in Singapore. This proposed study will recruit 1000 expectant couples. These couples will be administered a set of questionnaires at 12/1st ante-natal visit, 36 weeks gestation of pregnancy, and at 6 weeks, 6 months, 1 years postpartum (These couples will be followed up until 5 years postpartum, and a second grant will be proposed to conduct a longer term follow-up study).
Building Human Capacity in Singapore's Population: Testing Innovations in Human Development (funded by SSRC Thematic Grant: approx. $8,500,000 | 2017 to 2021)

Project Team (PI & co-PIs)

Professor Jean Yeung (PI)  A/P Chia Ngee Choon  A/P Leher Singh
Professor John Ham  A/P Ghoh Corinne  Dr Ryan Hong
Professor Brenda Yeoh  A/P Shirlena Huang  Dr Rongjun Yu
Professor Lim Sun Sun (SUTD)  A/P Jessica Pan

This project examines human development in Singapore by using innovative methods to understand factors that can promote Singaporean children's early childhood development, and provide input that can help address these factors. The main research questions are on the state of Singaporean children; how family, childcare and early education institutions, community, and state interact to shape the development of Singapore's children; and, how these investments affect intergenerational mobility and social stratification in Singapore.

This project will collect longitudinal data in a national survey and five satellite projects. The core national survey will be a 2-wave panel study for 5,000 households with children aged 0 to 6 and will assess motor, social-emotional, linguistic, cognitive, health and well-being, as well as factors that potentially shape child development and family resilience, such as early childcare arrangements, preschool attendance, time and technology use, financial and non-monetary investment in children, mother and father’s roles, and family stress.

The five satellite projects, based on smaller samples, are: (1) an ethnographic study focusing on the children of cross-cultural families, (2) a laboratory experiment of early childhood linguistic development with a special interest in how the language development of children in multilingual families compares to others and identifying developmental delay, (3) intervention programs that train children's minds to build social-emotional skills such as cooperation, empathy, and self-control, and identify neural correlates of social cognition and decisionmaking for children, (4) a randomized control trial (RCT) that evaluates various incentives' success at improving pre-school attendance for disadvantaged children, and (5) an assessment of the impact of matched savings programs on children's development.
Population Ageing, Old Age Labour and Financial Decisions in Singapore (funded by SSRC Thematic Grant: $379,624)

Principal Investigator: A/P Liu Haoming
Co-Investigators: Dr Song Chang Cheng, Dr Zhu Shenghao

The introduction of the Central Provident Fund Lifelong Income for the Elderly (CPF LIFE) plan by the Singapore government in 2013 provides a unique setting for studying the different motives of household saving decisions. The study not only contributes to the economics literature but also provides useful information for policy makers in the further refinement of existing policies to ensure the elderly population of the future can enjoy the later stages of their lives. This project aims to address three broadly defined issues: (1) the existence of and reasons behind bequest motives and the determinants of bequest; (2) the availability of annuities on people’s saving decisions; (3) the availability of annuities on the labour force participation rate of the elderly.

Family Transition in Southeast Asia (funds donated by OUE Ltd : $200,000 and MOE matching grant: $200,000)

Principal Investigator: Professor Jean Yeung
Research Associate: Lori Jane Pasaraba
Research Assistant: Nawal Hashim

This project investigates the trends and patterns of family change in Southeast Asia for the past 50 years. Part 1 provides a comparative picture between countries of how marriage, fertility and household structures have evolved since the 1960s, using indicators such as singulate mean age at marriage, singlehood rates, divorce rates, fertility and childlessness rates, household types and living arrangements particularly of older people. Part 2 looks at indicators of child health, child poverty, education/literacy, and time use. Data for this research are sourced from the World Bank, United Nations, ASEAN and the respective countries’ statistical offices.

INTERNALLY-FUNDED PROJECTS

The Impact of Schooling Type on Student Achievement in Dhaka (funded by MOE Tier 1: $125,102 | January 2017 to December 2018)

Principal Investigator: Professor John Ham

This project has two goals; the first of which is to estimate the impact of an important new type of schooling instruction in the slums of Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh, using a cross-sectional data set that the PI and his student have collected. The second goal is to re-interview the children in the first round in order to produce a two-period panel data set, which will make the evaluation in the first goal more convincing. The study will collect data on family characteristics, the schooling history of the sampled children, child characteristics, and the distance between the closest school of each type and each child’s home. Linear methods and propensity score matching will be used in their analysis.

Estimating Causal Effects Using Big Data: The Effect of Randomly Assigned Nudges to Customer Groups (funded by Humanities and Social Sciences Seed Fund: $40,000 | December 2016 to May 2018)

Principal Investigator: Professor John Ham
Co-Investigator: A/P Jussi Keppo

This research will investigate the effect of nudges in big data if random assignment (RA) is used. While this project uses cases in business and marketing, the investigators have stressed its application for both the private and the public sector, including family and population-related policies.
Building Capacity in Singapore’s Population: Testing Innovations in Human Development (funded by Humanities and Social Sciences Seed Fund: $12,000 | July 2016 to December 2017)

Principal Investigator: Professor Jean Yeung

This fund supported the development of CFPR’s SSRC Proposal of the same title. The proposal aims to understand the factors that can promote healthy human development in Singapore, and provide interventions that can address these factors. Broadly, the main research questions examine how family, school, community, and the state can help shape the human development of Singaporeans, and how these investments will affect intergenerational mobility and social stratification in Singapore.

2016 Meeting for the International Sociological Association Research Committee on Social Stratification (RC28) (funded by MOE Tier 1: $15,000)

Conference Team

Programme Committee Chair: Professor Jean Yeung (PI)

Programme Committee Members

Professor Zhou Min (Nanyang Technological University)
A/P Teerawichitchainan, Bussarawan Puk (Singapore Management University)
A/P Hong Kong Chong
A/P Liu Haoming
A/P Joonmo Son
A/P Tan Erm Ser
Dr Vincent Chua

Dr Dhiman Das
Dr Feng Qiushi
Dr Hu Shu
Dr Ko Pei-Chun
Dr Jung Jiwook
Dr Mu Zheng
Dr Sharon Quah
Dr Abhijit Visaria
Dr Junjian Yi

Secretariat

Ms Ler Soh Wah
Ms Nawal Hashim
Ms Zurairah Mohamad
Ms Lori Jane Pasaraba

The grant was intended to support the conduct of the RC28 Conference on Intergenerational Transfer, Human Capital, and Inequality in May 2016. We received an additional grant of $14,868.05 from the Singapore Tourism Board (STB), which is an external fund provided through the Business Events in Singapore Scheme/Association Conventions: ICCA/UIA Events. We also received sponsorships from the Nanyang Technological University, Singapore Management University, NUS Global Asia Institute, Asia Research Institute and the Department of Sociology, as well as from several publishers: Springer, ISEAS Publishing, and NUS Press.

CFPR FACULTY DEVELOPMENT GRANT

The CFPR Faculty Development Grant is an initiative to boost research on family and population issues. It funds research ideas that have the potential to be developed into a larger grant. To date, the Centre has awarded eight grants totaling to $ 79,332.25.

Marriage Property Law and Household Behaviour: Evidence from Quasi-experiment in China

Dr Yi Junjian, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, NUS (PI)

Grant Amount: $9,976 | April 2017 to March 2018

This project aims to study the effect of the Chinese divorce law reform on household behaviour and suggests a mechanism to explain the findings. Data for this study will come from the Chinese Family Panel Studies (CFPS), which provides detailed longitudinal information on Chinese households. This project will use 3 waves of data from 2010 to 2014.
**CFPR FACULTY DEVELOPMENT GRANT**

**Relationships between Childhood Bilingualism and Early Word Learning**
*A/P Leher Singh, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, NUS (PI)*
*Grant Amount: $10,000 | February 2017 to January 2019*

The proposed research endeavours to contribute to the child development literature that has centred predominantly on the monolingual child, by incorporating multilingual children and in doing so, lay a foundation for a larger research programme that could inform theory, practice - and potentially policy - on the early influences of multilingualism on the developing child. The study will employ experiments that involve children learning new words in different languages and testing children’s comprehension of words in different languages. For all experiments, children from the three primary bilingual groups (English-Mandarin, English-Malay and English-Tamil) will be tested in proportion to their representation in the general population.

**Problematic Internet Use and the Role of Family among Adolescents and their Parents in Singapore**
*Dr Koh Yee Woen Yvaine, Postdoctoral Fellow, ARI and CFPR, NUS (PI)*  
*Professor Catherine Tang, Department of Psychology and CFPR Deputy Director, NUS (co-PI)*
*Grant Amount: $10,000 | September 2016 to November 2017*

The current study aims to answer the following research questions: (1) Do parents’ Internet and social media addiction predict adolescents’ Internet and social media addiction and do parent-children conflicts moderate this relationship? (2) Do adolescents’ Internet/social media addiction significantly predict parents’ poor mental well-being? Does the relationship also apply the other way around?

**Caring for Frail Seniors in the Community: A Solution-based Approach**
*A/P Thang Leng Leng, Department of Japanese Studies and CFPR Deputy Director, NUS (PI)*
*Grant Amount: $9,893.75 | January 2016 to December 2017*

This proposed project focusing on the caregiving of frail seniors in the community aims to contribute towards our understanding and efforts towards the provision of better eldercare in the community in Singapore context. Besides exploring the caregiving arrangements and needs of families with seniors who are experiencing cognitive and/or physical decline, it will also pilot a new intervention to provide holistic support and care for frail seniors in the community. This is a developmental project expecting to contribute towards the development of a more comprehensive larger scale study. The project is carried out in collaborative partnership with Home Nursing Foundation and Caregiver Companion Pte Ltd which has developed a new mobile application as possible solutions to support caregivers in the community.

**Protecting and Perfecting the Muslim Family: Marriage and Parenthood Education Programmes in Malaysia and Singapore**
*A/P Maznah Mohamad, Department of Malay Studies, NUS (PI)*  
*Dr Suriani Suratman, Department of Malay Studies, NUS (co-PI)*
*Grant Amount: $10,000 | January 2016 to December 2017*

This study examines the origin, rationale, content and impact of a visible and intensive ‘marriage education movement’ among Muslims in Singapore and Malaysia. Data on various workshops and courses available in Malaysia and Singapore will be collected, together with population and demographic data on Muslims in Singapore and Malaysia. The team will also conduct interviews with officials from relevant departments in charge of courses in Malaysia (JAKIM) and in Singapore (MUIS and MSF). Questionnaire surveys and/or poll questions will be distributed to the attendees in selected courses and finally, in-depth qualitative interviews will be done with select married couples who have attended these workshops and courses.
**CFPR FACULTY DEVELOPMENT GRANT**

**Population Ageing, Old Age Labour and Financial Decisions in Singapore**

A/P Liu Haoming, Department of Economics, NUS (PI)  
Dr Song Chang Cheng & Dr Zhu Shenghao, Department of Economics, NUS (co-PIs)  
Grant Amount: $10,000 | December 2015 to November 2017

This project looks at the existence and the reasons of bequest motives in Singapore and the determinants of bequest, as well as the availability of annuities on labour force participation of the elderly. The team will conduct a household survey collecting information on social and economic information of 54 and 65-year-old residents of that household (such as age, gender, education, marital status, number of children, health conditions, relationships with their children, labour market information, etc). Attitudes and satisfaction about CPF LIFE plans will also be included in that survey as well as the measurement of individual risk preference, time preference and social preference. Concurrent with the survey is the conduct of an experiment that will aid in understanding people's bequest decisions. Testing the potential reasons for intentional bequest will be done through incentivised survey questions.

**Tablet Use of Pre-schoolers: Family Dynamics, Parenting Practices and Mediation Strategies**

Professor Lim Sun Sun, Professor and Head of Pillar, Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, Singapore University of Technology and Design (former Associate Professor at Department of Communications and New Media, NUS)  
Grant Amount: $9,462.50 | December 2015 to March 2018 (completed)

This study will examine parental perceptions of mobile devices in families with children of pre-school age. It will uncover the strategies employed by parents to mediate the use of Internet-enabled handheld devices such as iPads by children aged 3 to 5 in Singapore. It will also study how different households manage their children's use of tablet devices, if these are used for educational or recreational purposes, and which mediation strategies are deployed and its consequences. The research will involve interviews of parents, observations of their children, and an innovative apps-ploration technique where the team will analyse the content of the tablets used by the children and classify apps that are most widely downloaded and utilised.

**Female Migrants’ Transition to Adulthood in China: Marriage and Job Trajectories**

Dr Mu Zheng, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, NUS (PI)  
(former Postdoctoral Fellow at ARI and CFPR)  
Professor Jean Yeung, Professor, Department of Sociology; Director, CFPR, Research Leader, Asia Research Institute, NUS (co-PI)  
Grant Amount: $10,000 | May 2015 to July 2016 (completed)

This project provides a systematic examination of the various types of migration and their influences on female migrants’ marriage and job experiences in China. It also investigates how gender, education, and family background moderate this relationship. The team used a mixed-method approach, employing the nationally representative 2012 Chinese Family Panel Studies (CFPS) and 127 in-depth interviews conducted in Beijing in 2015. Outputs from this research include:

- For Money or for Life: A Mixed-Method Study on Migration and Time Use in China – *invited to revise and resubmit at Social Indicators Research*
- A Mixed-Method Study on Migration and Marriage in China: Timing and Choices – *presented at the NUS ARI Conference “Migration and Marriage in Asia” convened by the PI and co-PI in July 2016. Plans are underway to publish selected conference papers as special journal issues*
- How Migration Influences Cohabitation and Divorce: A Mixed-Method Study in China – *accepted for presentation at the Population Association of America annual meeting in April 2017*
TRAINING & MENTORING
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COURSES OFFERED INCLUDE

- Social Research Methods: Survey, Experiment and Fieldwork
- Introduction to Qualitative Research
- Quantitative Data Analysis I with SPSS
- Data Analysis with R
- Quantitative Data Analysis II: Multivariate Regression
- Qualitative Data Analysis: Theory and Practice
- Multilevel Modeling with R
- Analysis of Missing Data with R
- Computer-assisted Analysis of Qualitative Data
- Propensity Score Matching Analysis
- Policy Evaluation using Experimental Methods
- Time Series Data Analysis
- Structural Equation Modeling with R
- Population and Society
- Longitudinal Data Analysis

TESTIMONIALS FROM PAST PARTICIPANTS

"The theories and methods shared are very practical and can be applied to my current work setting."

"The practical elements of the course were engaging and very useful in my learning."

"Great introduction to statistics, professors were very patient and did not take our knowledge or lack of knowledge for granted."

"I am able to apply theory to practice almost instantly."

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To meet its goal of strengthening research and practice capability in family and population studies, as well as enhancing on-the-job human capital in Singapore, CFPR provides training courses on social science research and practice. These courses run from two to three days and are taught by NUS faculty and visiting staff.

In 2015, the CFPR Training Program was launched with the completion of 6 courses than ran from May to July. The classes were well-attended by 82 students coming from government ministries, volunteer groups, private organizations and the academe. Last year, the CFPR Training Program had its second run and offered 13 courses. 206 participants coming from the various ministries, VWOs, private organizations and the academe attended the program. For this year’s run, we will be offering 15 courses from April to July.

2015 Courses
- Social Research Methods
- Analyzing Data with SPSS
- Qualitative Research Methods
- Computer-assisted Analysis of Qualitative Data
- Longitudinal Data Analysis
- Multilevel Modeling with R

2016 Courses
- Population and Society
- Social Research Methods
- Data Analysis with R
- Quantitative Data Analysis I with SPSS
- Quantitative Data Analysis II: Multivariate Regression
- Qualitative Research Methods
- Multilevel Modeling with R
- Computer-assisted Analysis of Qualitative Data
- Propensity Score Matching Analysis
- Policy Evaluation and Causal Inference using Social and Field Experiments
- Longitudinal Data Analysis
- Time Series Data Analysis
- Structural Equation Modeling

2017 Courses
- Social Research Methods: Survey, Experiment and Fieldwork
- Introduction to Qualitative Research
- Quantitative Data Analysis I with SPSS
- Data Analysis with R
- Quantitative Data Analysis II: Multivariate Regression
- Qualitative Data Analysis: Theory and Practice
- Analysis of Missing Data with R
- Computer-assisted Analysis of Qualitative Data
- Multilevel Modeling with R
- Propensity Score Matching Analysis
- Policy Evaluation using Experimental Methods
- Time Series Data Analysis
- Structural Equation Modeling with R
- Longitudinal Data Analysis
- Population & Society
RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

CFPR provides fellowship opportunities for outstanding active researchers who intend to develop their projects on family and population issues. Recent PhD graduates are hired as postdoctoral research fellows and are appointed for a two-year period while more experienced researchers can be appointed as research or senior research fellows. CFPR currently has one research fellow and four postdoctoral research fellows.

CFPR RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The CFPR Research Scholarship Program is initiated to build a critical mass of talent in the area of family and population studies. Two research scholars (RS) are recruited each year and are supported throughout the completion of their 4-year full-time graduate degree program in NUS. The scholarship is awarded to students who pursue their PhD with a focus on the following topics: quantitative research on family, demography, children and youth development, aging and health, and intergenerational relations and transfers. Funded by the Provost’s Office, the RS can be based on any of the 17 departments/programmes at the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

CFPR is currently supporting 4 PhD students, with an additional two who will potentially be admitted for the August 2017 intake. The CFPR Research Scholarship has been awarded to the following students:

August 2016 intake

Bei Jianfeng, Department of Sociology
MA (NUS), BA (Guangdong University of Finance & Economics)
Research interests: population aging, elderly care and family structures

Chen Siyu, Department of Economics
BA (Sun Yat Sen University)
Research interests: labor economics, applied microeconomics, economics of education, development

Ong Xiang Ling, Department of Psychology
B SocSci (NUS)
Research interests: personality development, parenting, influence of social stratification on children's beliefs

August 2015 intake

Chen Xuejiao, Department of Sociology
MA (Sun Yat Sen University), BA (Fuzhou University)

TRAINING FOR UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE STUDENTS

CFPR Training Program Scholarship

This scholarship is intended to subsidize full-time NUS students who enroll in the CFPR Training Program in Social Sciences. The subsidy ranges from 30% - 50% of the tuition fee for a training course and is open to both undergraduate and graduate students. In 2015 and 2016, CFPR awarded the scholarship to students from the following departments:

- Economics
- Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy
- Political science
- Psychology
- Social work
- Sociology
CFPR Internship Program

The CFPR Internship Program provides on-the-job training opportunities for both undergraduate and graduate students. CFPR interns have the opportunity to work with leading family and population scholars in NUS with their research projects, organize events such as research seminars and conferences, have an actual experience in running a training program, and learn what it takes to manage the daily operations of a research centre. Interns from Hong Kong are part of the ASEAN Internship for University Students of Hong Kong scheme facilitated by the Hong Kong Economic Trade Office.

2016

Lee Jieqi
17 October – 9 December 2016
London School of Economics, MS in Social Anthropology
Projects: Southeast Asian Family Project (data search and analysis of fertility indicators), Cross-cultural families (literature search), CFPR operational support

Kwok Chun Jonathan
14 June – 12 August 2016
University of Hong Kong, Bachelors in Urban Studies
Projects: Southeast Asian Family Project (literature review for Lao PDR, Malaysia and Myanmar), CFPR website, CFPR Training Program in Social Sciences, CFPR operational support

Jermaine Teo
9 May – 29 July 2016
NUS, Bachelors in Social Sciences majoring in Psychology
Projects: Southeast Asian Family Project (literature review for Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam), Conference platforms, CFPR Training Program in Social Sciences, CFPR operational support

2015

Eunice Chan
1 July – 21 August 2015
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Bachelors in Global China Studies (Humanities and Social Sciences)
Projects: Intergenerational Relations by A/P Thang Leng Leng (literature review), ASEAN + 3 (data search for sociodemographic indicators of Cambodia, China, Thailand, Philippines & Vietnam), CFPR operational support

Candy Lai
2 June – 21 August 2015
Hong Kong Baptist University, Bachelor of Business Administration (Marketing)
Projects: Prevalence and Psychosocial Correlates of Addictive Behavior in Young Adults by Prof Catherine Tang (research support), ASEAN + 3 (data search for sociodemographic indicators of Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar & South Korea), CFPR operational support
Volunteer for CFPR Research Activities

Aside from institutionalized means of mentoring, the Centre also provides training opportunities for students and junior staff on an ad-hoc basis through its volunteer initiatives. NUS students and staff who are interested in the nature of work that the Centre does are recruited to help in major events where they get involved in all aspects of events organizing from logistics, IT support, web and social media advertising, photography, and tour guiding. More importantly, these events also provide an opportunity for volunteers to network with scholars and prominent figures in the field of family and population research. For the Singapore Families Conference in April 2015, CFPR provided volunteer opportunities to 7 students (both graduate and undergraduate) and 4 staff from other NUS offices. In May 2016, CFPR had 14 volunteers working for its ISA RC28 Conference on Intergenerational Transfer, Human Capital and Inequality. For our distinguished public lecture series this January 2017, we had 5 student volunteers.

The volunteers work in the Centre for 4-16 hours per week, depending on their availability.

Au Shi Yi, NUS, Department of Economics (Undergraduate student)
Bei Jianfeng, NUS, Department of Sociology (PhD student)
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Nadi Chan, NUS, Department of Geography (Undergraduate student)
Chen Siyu, NUS, Department of Economics (PhD student)
Chen Xuejiao, NUS, Department of Sociology (PhD student)
Terence Ching, NUS, Department of Psychology (Undergraduate student)
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Achala Gupta, NUS, Department of Sociology (PhD student)
Hu Shu, NUS, Department of Sociology (PhD student)
Rachel Kuo Jing Ying, NUS, Department of Sociology (Undergraduate student)
Lee Tsung-Ling, NUS, Asia Research Institute (Postdoc Fellow)
Li Yizhen NUS, Department of Economics (Masters student)
Lim Seow Hwee, NUS, Department of Sociology (Undergraduate student)
Yihui Lin, NUS, Department of Chinese Studies (Masters student)
Raksha Kirpal Mahtani, NUS, Asia Research Institute (Research Assistant)
Ong Xiang Ling, NUS, Department of Psychology (PhD student)
Lavanya Ramesh, NUS, Department of Sociology (PhD student)
Amritorupa Sen, NUS, Department of Sociology (PhD student)
Pildoo Sung, NUS, Department of Sociology (PhD student)
Yixuan Yan, NUS, Department of Life Sciences (Undergraduate student)
Yang Yi, NUS, Department of Sociology (PhD student)
Jason Yin, NUS, Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health (Research Assistant)
COMMUNITY OUTREACH
IN THE PRESS

Media Coverage

Listed here are family and population-related features where members of the CFPR Team have been invited to share their insights and views. The list also includes features about CFPR events.

International Media Outlets

*South China Morning Post*: Extra childcare leave not the way to raise fertility rates: Harvard professor (20 Jan 2017)

*China Radio International*: Senior care in China (28 Oct 2016)

*The Economist, Special Report*: Keeping up with the Wangs (9 Jul 2016)

*Bloomberg News*: The lonely aftermath of China’s one child policy (22 Jun 2016)

*The Economist*: The class ceiling (4 Jun 2016)

*The Economist*: The kin and I (29 Aug 2015)

*The Economist*: Young, single and what about it? (29 Aug 2015)

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**The Economist, 29 August 2015**

*Ageing*

**The kin and I**

The state is unprepared for rising numbers of old people living alone

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**The Economist, 29 August 2015**

*Family*

**Young, single and what about it?**

This article looks at the sharp rise in young Chinese happy to live by themselves: the next at old people less happy to do so

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**The Lonely Aftermath of China’s One Child Policy, Bloomberg News, 22 June 2016**

*China’s Single Dwellers*

An estimated 83 million people live alone in the country

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**The Economist, 9 July 2016**

*SPECIAL REPORT*  

*Chinese society: Wealth*

**Keeping up with the Wangs**

China’s growing wealth is unevenly spread—and good investments are hard to find

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Given the uncertainty introduced by the United States election, Britain's exit from the European Union and the slowdown in the Chinese economy, firms will be very cautious about their hiring. Whether this trend will continue into the next year will depend on what happens in the rest of the world, particularly in the US and China."

A/P Liu Haoming, CFPR steering committee member, shared his views on the factors driving the rise of unemployment in Singapore (The Straits Times, 25 Sept 2016)
IN THE PRESS

Lianhe Zaobao

This monthly column is one of CFPR’s many initiatives to inform public opinion by disseminating research outputs to the general public or lending an academic opinion to pressing issues of the day. Starting August 2016, members of the CFPR Team are invited to write for the Chinese newspaper’s column which comes out every first Sunday of the month. The following articles have been published so far:

Living alone: Trend of One-person Households in Asia (14 August 2016)

CFPR Director Prof Jean Yeung shared findings from a special issue in the journal Demographic Research on one-person households (OPH) in Asia that she and Assistant Professor Adam Cheung (Hong Kong Institute of Education) edited. The collection of 11 papers analysed the historical trends, policy implications, and impact on individual well-being of OPH in 15 countries in Asia, including Singapore. With population ageing, declining fertility and marriage rates, and increase in divorce and migration, it is expected that OPH in Asia will continue to increase in the future.

Being a Good Grandparent: Comparative Intergenerational Relationships in Japan and Singapore (3 September 2016)

A/P Thang Leng Leng, Deputy Director of CFPR, compared conceptions of what constitutes a good grandparent between Singapore and Japan.

Asian Women’s Gender Role, Work-family Balance, and Mental Health (2 October 2016)

Prof Catherine Tang, CFPR Deputy Director, shared significant findings from her study about the influence of gender roles on work-family balance and mental health of Asian women. She suggested that public education and policy work are needed to facilitate work-family balance. Having a more egalitarian gender role attitude towards division of labour in the family as well as promoting flexible working opportunities for women are crucial in this endeavour.

Network Inequality: An Under Researched Dimension (6 November 2016)

Dr Vincent Chua, CFPR steering committee member and Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, discussed the under researched dimension of network inequality in Singapore.

Marriage and Divorce among Malays in Singapore: ‘Nurture’ Rather than ‘Nature’ as Key to Building Intact and Resilient Families (4 December 2016)

A/P Maznah Mohamad, CFPR steering committee member and Dr Suriani Suratman from the Department of Malay Studies, elucidated the role of marriage preparation courses in Muslim marriages and divorce in Singapore.

Are We Pushing Our Children Too Hard in Academics? (1 January 2017)

Dr Ryan Hong, CFPR Research Associate and Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, discussed the impact of intrusive parenting on the development of maladaptive perfectionism in children with respect to academic achievement.

What Does Successful Ageing Mean? (5 February 2017)

Dr Feng Qiushi, CFPR steering committee member and Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, discussed the perceptions of successful ageing among Singaporean elderly.

Is Filial Piety a Reliable Basis for Intergenerational Support? (5 March 2017)

A/P Tan Ern Ser CFPR Research Associate and Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, examined the basis for intergenerational support in Singapore and compared the variations according to socioeconomic status.
IN THE PRESS

Broadcast Media

Channel NewsAsia: CNA Singapore Tonight (19 Jan 2017)
Channel 8 News: 杨莉明: 年轻一代需对婚姻有全新的视野 (19 Jan 2017)
Channel NewsAsia: Millennials need fresh perspective towards marriage and careers: Josephine Teo (19 Jan 2017)
Capital Radio 95.8 FM: 专家：我国要提高生育率可能得在职场推行更多亲家庭措施 (19 Jan 2017)
BBC Radio 5: Up All Night (13 Oct 2016)
Channel NewsAsia: Primetime Asia (8 Jun 2016)
BBC: Asia Business News (27 Jan 2016)
Channel NewsAsia (27 May 2016)
Channel 5 News (27 May 2016)
Channel 8 News (27 May 2016)
Channel U News (27 May 2016)
Capital 95.8FM (27 May 2016)

Channel NewsAsia: Social mobility 'in trouble' as social gaps widen: Tharman (26 May 2016)
Channel 5 News (26 May 2016)
Channel 8 News (26 May 2016)
Channel U News (26 May 2016)
Suria News (26 May 2016)
Vasantham News (26 May 2016)
Channel 8, Hello Singapore: 《狮城有约》节目重温 12月4日 (4 Dec 2015)
Channel NewsAsia: NUS launches new centre for Family and Population Research (29 Apr 2015)

Online News

Christian Science Monitor: Singapore's plea to its people: Won't you please have more children? (29 Jan 2017)

NUS Internal News

NUS News: Low fertility lessons for Singapore (Jan - Feb 2017)
NUS News: Putting families first (24 Jan 2017)
NUS News: Harnessing human potential (31 May 2016)
NUS News: New centre focuses on family and population (6 May 2015)
NUS News: NUS launches new centre dedicated to research and training on family and population studies (29 Apr 2015)

SOCIAL MEDIA

Since 2015, CFPR has been maintaining a Facebook page to create an online community for its growing family and allow faster means of information sharing and exchange. Through Facebook, CFPR communicates the latest updates about the Centre such as its seminars, training programs and media appearances, as well as recent developments about family and population issues in Singapore, Asia and around the world. CFPR is also on Twitter (@NUSCFPR) for people who prefer a faster and more succinct means of communication. In addition, we have created a Flickr account to share photos of our events and training programs with the CFPR community.

Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/nuscfr1/
Twitter: https://twitter.com/nuscfr
Flickr Account: https://www.flickr.com/photos/nuscfr/
Published at the start of every semester, the CFPR Newsletter presents information on the latest updates from the Centre. These include announcements about training programs, conferences, workshops, seminars, as well as grants that were awarded through the CFPR Faculty Grant or secured from external funders. Future events, as well as opportunities for scholarships, volunteer activities, internships, jobs and research fellowships are also featured in the newsletter. The newsletters are posted online on the CFPR website and on its Facebook page.

Research Updates

The Research Update features selected publications and research conducted by the CFPR research team. This is circulated to the CFPR community through email and made available online via our website and Facebook page.

The first edition in March 2016 featured special issues of journals on one-parent families and living alone which were edited by the CFPR Research Team. It also provided an overview of research projects supported by the CFPR Faculty Development Grant as well as those undertaken by our postdoctoral fellows and staff.

In May 2016, the second research update was released highlighting research by Dr Vincent Chua, a CFPR Steering Committee member and faculty member at the NUS Department of Sociology. Dr Chua examines social networks and meritocracy in Singapore.

The third publication released in November 2016 featured Professor Lim Sun Sun, Professor & Head of the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (HASS) at the Singapore University of Technology and Design. She was a former CFPR Research Associate, Associate Professor of the NUS Department of Communications and New Media and Assistant Dean of Research in FASS. In this issue, Professor Lim discussed how a generational approach could inform the building of inter-generational ties with communication technology.

The next Research Update is planned to be released in April 2017.
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