

NUS CONFERENCE ON GERONTOLOGY

Gerontological Studies – Developments in Methodologies for Diverse Populations

Date 2 - 4 March 2007 **Venue** Orchard Hotel, Singapore

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Keynote Speaker

Professor James Lubben

Louise McMahon Ahearn University Chair
Boston College School of Social Work, USA

Plenary Speakers

Professor Iris Chi

Golden Age Association Frances Wu Chair for Chinese Elderly
School of Social Work & School of Gerontology,
University of Southern California, USA

Professor Berit Ingersoll-Dayton

School of Social Work
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA

Professor Liz Lloyd

School for Policy Studies
University of Bristol, UK

Professor Tengku Aizan

Director, Institute of Gerontology
Universiti Putra Malaysia

Associate Professor Kalyani K Mehta

Department of Social Work
National University of Singapore
Nominated Member of Parliament

Dr Alexander Lee

Department of Social Work
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and more speakers ...

For Who

Academicians, Researchers, Policy Makers and Practitioners working with elderly populations in the areas of social support networks, physical, mental and spiritual well-being.

Understand theoretical frameworks for ageing studies, explore methodological concerns in cross cultural research, discuss challenges of doing fieldwork on an ageing population and researching on end of life in old age - join our experts in the field of gerontology for a fruitful weekend! See you!

“Gerontological Studies – Developments in Methodologies for Diverse Populations”

Date / Time

2 March 07 (Fri)	2 pm – 5 pm
3 March 07 (Sat)	9 am – 4.30 pm
4 March 07 (Sun)	2 pm – 5pm

Venue Orchard Hotel, Lavender Room 2 (Level 3)

Fees S\$150 per person (includes conference kit, 4 teas & 1 international buffet lunch)

Deadline for Registration 17 February 2007

For further information & enquiries, please contact Ms Chee Wai Yee
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Conference Registration Form

Particulars of Participant

Title & Full Name _____
(to appear in the Certificate of Participation)

Occupation _____

Name of Organisation _____

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Special Diet Requirement (if any) _____

Payment (for both local and overseas participants)

By crossed cheque in Singapore Dollars made in favour of
“National University of Singapore”.

All registration forms must be accompanied by payment and mail to

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INTRODUCTION TO OVERSEAS SPEAKERS

Keynote Speaker

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Dr. James Lubben is Professor Emeritus at UCLA where he taught for 20 years and was the former Chair of the Department of Social Welfare. Dr. Lubben is the inaugural holder the Louise McMahon Ahearn University Chair at Boston College in the Graduate School of Social Work and the Director of the doctoral program in social work. Dr. Lubben is also the National Director of the [Hartford Doctoral Fellows Program in Geriatric Social Work](#) that is funded by the John A. Hartford Foundation of New York City and administered by the Gerontological Society of America. He also serves on the National Program Advisory Board for the Hartford Faculty Scholars Program. In 2002, the Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work (AGE-SW) presented him with their *Leadership Award*. Dr. Lubben served for four terms (a total of 12 years) on the congressionally mandated Nationally Advisory Committee on Gerontology and Geriatrics for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Dr. Lubben is a leading scholar in social gerontology with an active research agenda examining social support networks among older populations. He developed the Lubben Social Network Scale (LSNS), an abbreviated measure designed for both research and clinical use among older populations. The LSNS has been translated into many languages and employed in studies in Asia, Australia, Europe and North America. Scores on the LSNS have been associated with many indicators of health including mortality, morbidity, psychological distress and loneliness, cognitive impairment, and various indicators of health care use.

Dr. Lubben has actively promoted the development of both gerontology and social work by serving as a principal investigator or collaborator on over \$25 million (direct costs) of research and training grants. He was the principal investigator on a National Institute of Aging (NIA) longitudinal panel study of social supports and long-term care among older Korean Americans. He was also co-principal investigator on a number of other NIA funded studies. Dr. Lubben was a principal investigator on a seven year Health Care Financing Administration clinical trial evaluating the benefits of health promotion for Medicare elderly persons. He was co-principal investigator on a series of cross-cultural studies that surveyed Japanese and Chinese American elderly in Los Angeles and conducted comparable surveys in Japan, China and Hong Kong. Prof Lubben has been a visiting scholar in Canada, Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore and the U.K.

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Dr. Iris Chi was installed as the Chinese-American Golden Age Association/Frances Wu Chair for the Chinese Elderly in 2004 and currently directs the China Program at the School of Social Work, University of Southern California (USC). She also has a joint appointment in the USC Davis School of Gerontology. Prior to joining the USC School of Social Work, she taught at the University of Hong Kong for 17 years, in addition to chairing the Department of Social Work and Social Administration and its postgraduate research programs and serving as the director of the Sau Po Centre on Aging.

An expert in health and gerontology, Dr. Chi has participated in more than 60 studies and published more than 150 articles. She has also been involved in nine cross-national collaborative research projects. Many of her studies has won awards including the International Psychogeriatrics Association Awards for Research in Psychogeriatrics, the Certificate of Merit for Housing Research from Hong Kong Institute of Planners, the Outstanding Research in Gerontology Award from Hong Kong Association of Gerontology, and the Best Research of the Year Award from Hong Kong College of General Practitioners.

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Dr Berit Ingersoll-Dayton is a Professor of Social Work at the University of Michigan. The central thrust of her research entails two overarching themes. The first theme focuses on understanding support exchanges among family members in later life. She has examined stress among employed caregivers of the elderly, the quality of relationships among older married couples, ambivalent feelings among older mothers whose adult daughters with mental illness, and the effect of positive and negative support on older people. Her recent work in this area has expanded to incorporate cross-cultural comparisons of respect, well-being, and religiosity among older adults in Asia. She is particularly interested in the development of culturally sensitive measures. Her second theme focuses on developing and evaluating intervention models that enhance social exchanges among older adults and their families. Dr Berit Ingersoll-Dayton has conducted clinical research on reminiscence and forgiveness groups for the elderly, intergenerational family therapy, programs for employed caregivers, and interventions for institutionalized elders with dementia. She is currently undertaking a clinical research project for caregivers of family members with dementia.

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Dr Liz Lloyd is a Senior Lecturer in the School for Policy Studies at the University of Bristol. She is an experienced researcher and higher education teacher and still maintains a role in practice through her activities in management in NGOs. Dr Liz Lloyd is a specialist in social gerontology research with particular interests in health and social care policies on ageing and the relationship between social justice and care. Her recent work has included research into approaches to care and support at the end of life for older people, housing-related support for older people and support for family carers. Dr Liz Lloyd is currently working on a project funded by the British Red Cross entitled 'Rethinking Vulnerability'.

Research Interests

Ageing, health and social care policies and practices with older people, policies on unpaid care, death and dying in later life and supported housing.

Teaching Interests

Community care policy and practice, family care, social policy and ageing, the organisation of social services.

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Dr Tengku Aizan received her primary and secondary education in Zainab Primary and Secondary in Kota Bharu, Kelantan. Her tertiary education started in Universiti Putra Malaysia in Diploma Home Technology. Upon graduation in 1978, she was offered the Public Service Department's scholarship to pursue her baccalaureate and masters' degrees at Iowa State University, in the United States of America in the field of family studies. She joined Universiti Putra Malaysia as an academician in 1983.

In September 1989, she left for the U.S again accompanied by two small children to pursue her Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Human Development and Family Studies and a minor in Gerontology. She graduated in December 1992. She is the founder Director of the Institute of Gerontology at Universiti Putra Malaysia which was established on the first of April 2002.

She is a productive researcher and has conducted more than twenty original research projects funded by national and international agencies. She currently manages multi centers research programmes on the Quality of Life of Older Malaysians and the Mental Health and Quality of Life of Older Malaysians.

Her research interest is in family gerontology, social and mental health, social impact and evaluation research as well as quality of life among older populations. She has authored and coauthored various articles on aged and ageing such as Nutrition for the Older Persons and Basic Gerontology and Geriatric Services published by the Ministry of Education, Malaysia. She published in local journals of *Pertanika Social Science* and *Malaysian Journal of Family Studies*. Her recent publications in the *Asia Pacific Journal of Public Health* ranges from anthropometric, living arrangement, housing satisfaction, home environment, socioeconomic and health statuses.

She is very involved in the community and has served local and national committees. She is an appointed member of both the National Advisory and Consultative Councils on Ageing and the National Council on Health of the Older Persons since their inception in 1997. Her expertise is sought and she served as members of several technical committees related to ageing and aged research.

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**GERONTOLOGICAL STUDIES – DEVELOPMENTS IN
METHODOLOGIES FOR DIVERSE POPULATIONS**

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

2 March 2007 (Friday) 2pm – 5pm		
	Registration and Welcome Tea/Coffee	1.30pm onwards
	Opening Speech by Guest Of Honour	
	Opening Remarks by Head, Department of Social Work, NUS	
	Keynote Address by Prof James Lubben	‘Theoretical Framework for Ageing Studies’
	Afternoon Tea Break	
	Plenary Session 1 (Prof Iris Chi)	‘Cross-Cultural Gerontological Studies : Methodological Issues and Challenges’
	End of Day 1	
3 March 2007 (Saturday) 9am – 4pm		
	Welcome Tea/Coffee	
	Plenary Session 2 (Prof Berit Ingersoll-Dayton)	‘Developing Culturally Sensitive Measures for Gerontological Research’
	Morning Tea Break	
	Plenary Session 3 (A/P Kalyani Mehta)	‘Challenges of Conducting Focus Group Research with Older Populations’
	Plenary Session 4 (Prof Tengku Aizan)	‘Research on Older Populations in the Urban and Rural Sectors’
	Lunch	
	Plenary Session 5 (Prof Liz Lloyd)	‘Researching the End of Life in Old Age : Ethical and Methodological Challenges’
	Plenary Session 6 (A/P Angelique Chan)	Quantitative Studies
	Afternoon Tea Break	
	End of Day 2	
4 March 2007 (Sunday) 2pm – 5pm		
	Welcome Tea/Coffee	
	Plenary Session 7 (Dr Alexander Lee)	Intervention Research
	Group / Panel Discussion (All Speakers)	‘Challenges of Conducting Gerontological Research’
	Closing Remarks & Presentation of Tokens	
	Afternoon Tea Break	
	End of Conference	