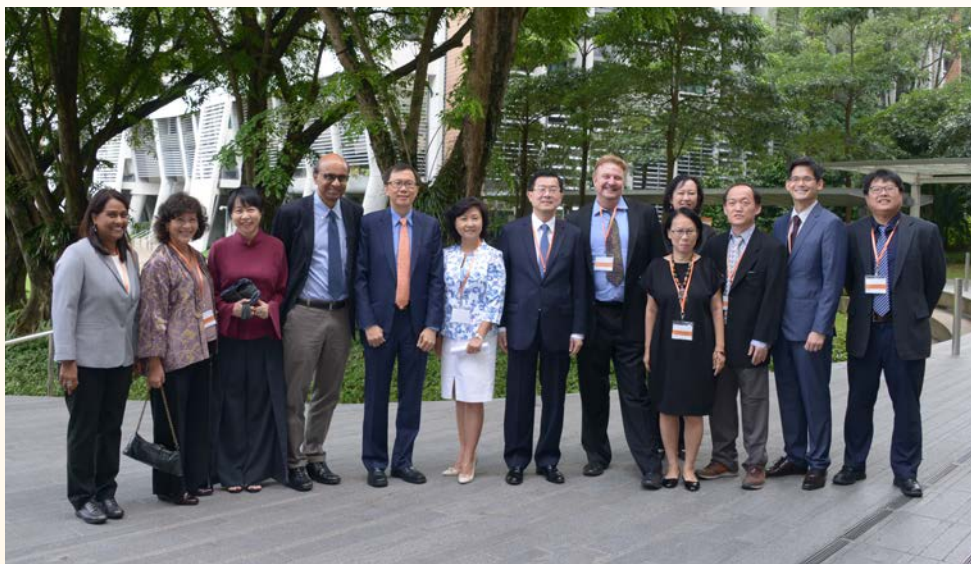


International Sociological Association (ISA) RC28 Conference on Intergenerational Transfer, Human Capital & Inequality



The event was graced by DPM Tharman Shanmugaratnam, *Coordinating Minister for Economic and Social Policies (fourth from left)*. In the photo are (L to R): Prof Vineeta Sinha, *Keynote Speaker* Dr Noeleen Heyzer, *Social Scientist and Former Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Member, NUS Board of Trustees*, Mrs Tharman, Prof Ho Teck Hua, *NUS Deputy President (Research & Technology)*, Prof Jean Yeung, *CFPR Director*, Dr Stephen Riady, *CFPR Deputy Directors*; Prof John Ham, Prof Catherine Tang, A/P Thang Leng Leng, and *CFPR Steering Committee Members*; A/P Liu Haoming, Dr Vincent Chua and Dr Feng Qiushi.

The ISA RC28 (Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility) Conference came to Singapore for the first time and CFPR, together with its co-organizer and sponsors, was delighted to host more than 250 scholars from over 30 countries as well as Singapore policy makers from 26–28th of May 2016. The event was graced by Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Singapore Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for Economic and Social Policies, as Guest of Honour. Dr Noeleen Heyzer, Social Scientist and Former Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Member, NUS Board of Trustees, was the Keynote Speaker.

Over the 2.5-day conference at the NUS UTown, researchers presented work surrounding the main theme of “Intergenerational Transfer, Human Capital and Social Inequality”. A total of 200 papers were presented in 51 panels.



Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam gives his opening speech

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ISA RC28 Conference on Intergenerational Transfer, Human Capital and Inequality: Highlights



Dr Noeleen Heyzer in her keynote address on harnessing human potential for a sustainable, secure future of shared prosperity

There were two plenary sessions during the conference, the first of which comprised of presentations by Prof Wolfgang Lutz, Prof Charles Hirschman and Prof Xie Yu, centering on issues of "Human Capital and Intergenerational Mobility". The session was chaired by Prof Robert Hauser. The speakers for the second plenary session were Prof Robert Hauser and Prof Meir Yaish, chaired by Prof Donald Treiman. The session highlighted "New Data Opportunities in Stratification Research".

Different panels focused on aspects of education and training, children and youth, cognitive and non-cognitive skills, health and mortality, gender, labour force, migration, race and ethnicity, social safety nets, data and methodology issues and more.

Participants also went for various social activities on the second day with tours at Chinatown, Singapore Botanic Gardens and the Asian Civilisations Museum. Afterwards, they dined at Blue Bali and sampled local and Southeast Asian flavours for dinner.

For more conference highlights, you can read about us at NUS News [here](#). For features in other local news, click [here](#). To view more photos, click [here](#).



Plenary session with Prof Robert Hauser (chair), Prof Charles Hirschman, Prof Xie Yu, and Prof Wolfgang Lutz



Parallel session on Temporal and Regional Variations in Families and Households



Plenary session with Prof Meir Yaish and Prof Robert Hauser



Parallel session on Intergenerational Transfer and Mobility

2016 CFPR TRAINING PROGRAM IN SOCIAL SCIENCES

CFPR Training Program in Social Sciences provides short but effective training sessions on social research knowledge and skills. This year, we had a total of 206 participants enrolled for the training programs. The courses offered were:

April 18-19: [Population and Society](#)

April 25-26: [Social Research Methods](#)

April 28-29: [Data Analysis with R](#)

May 5-6: [Quantitative Data Analysis I with SPSS](#)

May 9-10: [Quantitative Data Analysis II: Multivariate Regression](#)

June 13-14: [Qualitative Research Methods](#)

June 15-17: [Multilevel Modeling with R](#)

June 27-28: [Computer-assisted Analysis of Qualitative Data](#)

July 4-5: [Propensity Score Matching Analysis](#)

July 11-12: [Policy Evaluation and Causal Inference using Social and Field Experiments](#)

July 18-19: [Longitudinal Data Analysis](#)

July 25-27: [Structural Equation Modeling with R](#)

Scholarship Recipients for Training Program

- 1) Chen Fengshuo, Social Work. *Course enrolled in:* Policy Evaluation and Causal Inference using Social and Field Experiments
- 2) Chen Xuejiao, Sociology. *Courses enrolled in:* Multilevel Modeling with R & Structural Equation Modeling with R
- 3) Clarence Lim, Political Science. *Course enrolled in:* Quantitative Data Analysis I with SPSS
- 4) Gu Xiaorong, Sociology. *Course enrolled in:* Propensity Score Matching Analysis
- 5) Ha Jimin, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy. *Course enrolled in:* Policy Evaluation and Causal Inference using Social and Field Experiments
- 6) Li Yizhen, Economics. *Course enrolled in:* Data Analysis with R
- 7) Tan Si Ying, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy. *Course enrolled in:* Propensity Score Matching Analysis
- 8) Yang Yi, Sociology. *Course enrolled in:* Propensity Score Matching Analysis



Lunchtime Seminar Series & Workshops



Distinguished professors and junior speakers were invited to present their work and share their views and ideas in the CFPR seminar series. Seminars are held from 12pm to 1.30pm at Ventus Evans Room unless otherwise noted. Here is our line-up of seminars for this semester:

Upcoming Seminars and Workshops

5 September: Occupational Choice, Matching and Earnings Inequality

by Prof Aloysius Siow, Goh Keng Swee Professor, Dept of Economics, NUS; Professor of Economics, University of Toronto. **Venue:** FASS Research Division Seminar Room, AS7-06-42

16 September: Marriage, Migration and Ethnic Boundaries in Indonesia

by Dr Ariane Utomo, Research Fellow, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University and Visiting Senior Research Fellow, ARI, NUS

30 September: 'A rite of passage'? National Citizen Service and the Geographies of Youth Citizenship

by Dr Sarah Mills, Senior Lecturer, Department of Human Geography, Loughborough University, UK

7 October: Rooted in Relations of Power: Care as Politics

by Dr Annie Bartos, Lecturer, Department of Environment, University of Auckland

14 October: Dragon Babies: Fortune of Birth and Life Outcomes

by Dr Tan Poh Lin, Assistant Professor, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS

21 October: Seminar by Dr Ryan Hong, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, NUS

28 October: Singapore Birth Cohort Study by A/P Chong Yap Seng and Ms Soh Shu E.

A/P Chong Yap Seng is the Executive Director, Singapore Institute for Clinical Sciences (SICS), A*STAR; Director, Singapore Centre for Nutrition Sciences, Metabolic Diseases, and Human Development (SiNMeD), A*STAR-NUS; Vice Dean (Academic Medicine), Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, NUS; and Senior Consultant, Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology, NUH.

Ms Soh Shu E is a Research Scientist, SICS, A*STAR; Department of Paediatrics, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, NUS.

1 November Workshop: Demographic and Social Changes in China (joint with Chinese Academy of Social Science, CASS) by Prof Wang Guangzhou, Prof Yang Ge, A/P Niu Jianlin, and Dr Feng Ting, Assistant Professor, Institute of Population and Labor Economics, CASS.

11 November: Doing Research on Class in Singapore

by A/P Tan Ern Ser, Dept of Sociology; Academic Adviser, Social Lab, Institute of Policy Studies, NUS

Past Seminars and Workshops in 2016

19 August: Aging in Asia: Demographic Trends and Implications (joint with Dept of Japanese Studies and Health Cluster) by Prof. Keiichiro Oizumi, The Japan Research Institute; Dr. Sung-won Kim, Meijigakuin University; and Dr. Seonhee Choi, Institute of Social Science, Hyupsung University

8 April: The Effect of Adult Children's Hours Worked on Elder Support: A Natural Experiment in Korea by Dr Erin Hye-Won Kim, Assistant Professor and Dr Lee Changjun, Research Associate, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS

16 March: Nonstandard Work and Fertility: A Comparison of the United States and Japan (joint with ARI) by A/P Martin Piotrowski, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, The University of Oklahoma

11 March: Aging and Wisdom: Age-related Changes in Economic and Social Decision Making by Dr Yu Rongjun, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, NUS

26 February: Social Exclusion and Cognitive Impairment of Chinese Elderly by Ms Yang Yi, Department of Sociology, NUS

19 February Workshop: Impact of Individual Behavioral Addiction on the Family (joint with Department of Psychology) moderated by Professor Catherine Tang, Dept of Psychology and Deputy Director, CFPR, NUS

15 February: Issues and Policies on Health and Welfare Services for the Elderly in Japan (joint with Department of Japanese Studies and FASS Health Cluster) by Dr Motoyuki Yuasa, Associate Professor, Faculty of Liberal Arts, Juntendo University

29 January: The Role of Cognitive Ability and Personality Traits for Men and Women in Gift Exchange Outcomes by Professor John Ham, Provost's Chair Professor, Department of Economics, NUS

22 January: Thermal Comfort and Marital Relations: Evidence from China's Heating Policy by A/P Liu Haoming, A/P Junhong Chu, Department of Economics; and Professor Ivan Pang, Distinguished Professor, Professor of Strategy and Policy, Economics, and Information Systems, NUS

15 January: Accumulation with social fragmentation? Building the Neo-liberal Family by Professor Jonathan Rigg, ARI Director and Department of Geography, NUS

Academic Visitors

16 Mar 2016: Associate Professor Martin Piotrowski, Department of Sociology, The University of Oklahoma

18-21 Feb 2016: Professor Huei-Chen Ko, Chair Professor, Department of Psychology College of Medical and Health Science, Vice President, Asia University

18-21 Feb 2016: Associate Professor Anise Wu, Department of Psychology, University of Macau

18-21 Feb 2016: Dr. Elsie Yan, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work and Social Administration, The University of Hong Kong

18-20 Feb 2016: Professor Jung-Hye Kwon, Department of Psychology, Director, KU Mind Health Institute, Korea University

15-20 Feb 2016: Professor Yiqun Gan, Department of Psychology, Peking University

15 Feb 2016: Associate Professor Motoyuki Yuasa, Department of Public Health, Juntendo University

23 Sept 2015: Associate Professor Florian Kohlbacher, International Business School Suzhou, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University

GRANTS SECURED BY CFPR RESEARCH TEAM

MOE Tier 2



Project Title: Stages of Family in the Making in Singapore from Antenatal to Postnatal Period

PI: Prof Catherine Tang, Professor, Psychology Dept and CFPR Deputy Director, NUS

Co-PI: Prof Jean Yeung, Provost's Chair Professor, Sociology Dept, CFPR Director and ARI Research Leader of Changing Family in Asia Cluster, NUS

Collaborator: Dr Koh Yee Woen Yvaine, Postdoctoral Fellow, ARI and CFPR, NUS

Amount: S\$474,600



Project Title: Visual Saliency and Reward Saliency Guide Decision Making

PI: Dr Rongjun Yu, Assistant Professor, Psychology Dept, NUS

Co-PIs: Dr Qi Zhao, Assistant Professor, Electrical & Computer Engineering Dept, FOE, NUS, and A/P Xiuping Li, Associate Professor, Marketing Dept, Business School, NUS

Amount: S\$516,058

MOE Tier 1



Project Title: Population Ageing, Bequest Motives, and Retirement Financial Decisions in Singapore

PI: A/P Liu Haoming, Economics Dept, NUS



Project Title: Premarital Investments, Financial Decisions, and the Marriage Market

PI: Dr Yi Junjian, Economics Dept, NUS

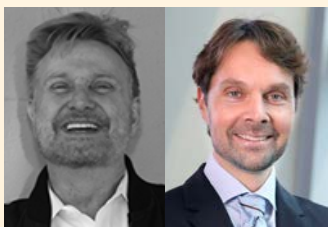
HSS Seed Fund

Project Title: Estimating Causal Effects Using Big Data: The Effect of Randomly Assigned Nudges to Customer Groups

PI: Prof John Ham, Provost's Chair Professor, Dept of Economics, NUS

Co-PI: A/P Jussi Keppo, Decision Sciences Dept, and Co-Director, Master of Science (Business Analytics) Programme, Business School, NUS

Amount: S\$40,000



Project Title: Building Capacity in Singapore's Population: Testing Innovations in Human Development

PI: Prof Jean Yeung, Sociology Dept, CFPR Director and ARI Research Leader, NUS

Amount: S\$12,000

CFPR OPPORTUNITIES

CFPR Faculty Development Grant

The CFPR Faculty Development Grant is a seed grant aimed at funding research projects that fall within the scope of family and population studies, and have the potential to be developed into a larger grant. All FASS faculty members who are Centre research associates are eligible to apply for this grant. The recipient for the latest round of grant calls is:



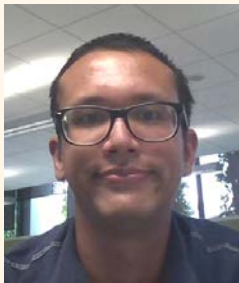
Project Title: Problematic Internet Use and the Role of Family among Adolescents and their Parents in Singapore

PI: Dr Koh Yee Woen Yvaine, Postdoctoral Fellow, ARI and CFPR, NUS

Amount: S\$10,000

Postdoctoral Research Fellowship

On 19 Aug 2016, Dr Ken Masahiro Ueda commenced his 2-year joint postdoctoral appointment at CFPR and the Department of Economics.



Ken Masahiro Ueda

PhD, Economics, University of Maryland-College Park, 2016

Research interests: Labor Economics, Econometrics/Public Economics, Human Capital Development, Migration, and Integration

Research Scholarship

The CFPR research scholarship is awarded to PhD candidates who are interested in completing a program on family and population issues. For this year, three CFPR scholarships were awarded to:



Bei Jianfeng

Program: PhD in Sociology



Chen Siyu

Program: PhD in Economics



Ong Xiang Ling

Program: PhD in Psychology

CFPR Internship Program

CFPR provides student internships for local and international students to gain practical working experience in providing research and administrative support to the Centre. For this year, we welcomed two interns who provided research assistance on the Southeast Asia Family project. They also supported the daily operations of the Centre, particularly the Training Program in Social Sciences.



Kwok Chun Jonathan
Major in Urban Studies
University of Hong Kong
14 June – 12 August 2016



Jermaine Teo
Major in Psychology
National University of Singapore
9 May – 29 July 2016

CFPR in the Media

Consistent with the Centre's role of promoting research and informing public discussion, the Centre has been invited to comment on family and population issues in Singapore and elsewhere.

For local media, CFPR has started its regular monthly column on family and population issues in Lianhe Zaobao. The first issue was on August 14, entitled "[Living alone: Trend of one-person households in Asia](#)". It featured CFPR Director Prof Jean Yeung as she shared findings from a special issue in Demographic Research on one-person households (OPH) in Asia that she edited with Dr Adam Cheung (Hong Kong Institute of Education). The 11 papers in the collection examined 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, increase in divorce and migration, Prof Yeung commented that OPH in Asia will continue to increase in the future. In the subsequent issues, Lianhe Zaobao will feature research by CFPR Deputy Directors A/P Thang Leng Leng and Prof Catherine Tang.

Features in International Media

9 July, [Keeping up with the Wangs](#), The Economist

27 June, [Alone in China](#), Bloomberg Businessweek

22 June, [The lonely aftermath of China's one child policy](#), Bloomberg News

4 June, [The class ceiling](#), The Economist

27 January, [Asia Business News](#), BBC

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