Integrating Health and Social Care Services for the Elderly in Asia: A Scholar-Practitioner-Policymaker Dialogue

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Welcome Message

Welcome to the Conference!

I am delighted to extend a warm welcome to all of our esteemed attendees, including scholars, practitioners, and policymakers, who have gathered here for this vital discussion. As the Acting Director of the Institute for Public Policy (HKUST IPP), I am honored to introduce the theme of this conference.

The theme, "Integrating Health and Social Care Services for the Elderly in Asia," is born out of the pressing need to address the challenges faced by our aging populations. In many East Asian societies, the prevalence of multi-morbidity of the elderly population and the fragmentation of care provision systems have created complex policy dilemmas, impeding the improvement of elderly service. However, this adversity has also sparked innovation, leading to the emergence of remarkable care models in the region.

This conference serves as a vital platform for the exchange of knowledge and the engagement of stakeholders. We aim to foster an in-depth discussion, bringing together policymakers, practitioners, and researchers to explore these innovative models and chart the way forward. By collaborating, we can address the complex challenges posed by our aging population more effectively.

I am excited about the possibilities that will emerge from this gathering and look forward to the insightful discussions and connections that will undoubtedly shape the future of health and social care services for the elderly in Asia. Thank you for your participation, and let's make this conference a resounding success.

Warm regards,

Alex Jingwei HE
Acting Director,
Institute for Public Policy, HKUST
Agenda

October 29, 2023 (Sunday)

6:30 PM  Welcome Reception
Venue
UniBar
G/F Lo Ka Chung University Center, HKUST

October 30, 2023 (Monday)

8:30 AM  Registration

9:00 AM  Opening
Welcome Speech
Professor Tim K.T. CHENG, Vice President (Research & Development), HKUST

Opening Speech
Dr Nima Asgari-Jirhandeh, Director, Asia-Pacific Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, World Health Organization

Dr Alex Jingwei HE, Acting Director, Institute for Public Policy, HKUST

9:15 AM  Group Photo
Session #1

Chair
M Ramesh, UNESCO Chair of Policy Design in Asia; Professor, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore; President, International Public Policy Association

Discussant
Nima Asgari-Jirhandeh, Director, Asia-Pacific Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, World Health Organization

Speakers
Mikiko Kanda, Technical Lead, Healthy Ageing, Division of Healthy Environments and Populations, World Health Organization Regional Office for the Western Pacific

Overview of the Healthy Ageing and Care Integration in the Western Pacific Region

Zhuo (Adam) Chen, Associate Professor of Health Policy and Management, DrPH Program Coordinator, College of Public Health, the University of Georgia, USA

Social Determinants of Health and Care Integration in the US: Challenges and Opportunities

Jin Xu, Assistant Professor, China Centre for Health Development Studies, School of Public Health, Peking University, China

People-centred Integrated Care in China: Framework and Practice

Alex Jingwei HE, Acting Director, Institute for Public Policy; Associate Professor, Division of Public Policy, HKUST

Elderly Care Policy in Hong Kong through the Lens of Policy Design

10:50 AM  Tea Break
Session #2
Chair
Donald Low, Director, Leadership and Public Policy Executive Education, HKUST
Discussant
David Makram Bishai, Director, School of Public Health, The University of Hong Kong

Speakers
Martin Chew, Director, Ageing Planning Office, Ministry of Health, Singapore
Seamlessness in a Fragmented Long-term Care Landscape: Boleh?

Joseph Lee, Assistant Director (Ageing Planning Office), Ministry of Health, Singapore
Active Ageing Centres – Singapore’s Approach to Social-health Integration for Healthy Longevity

Melissa Chew, Chief and Senior Principal Medical Social Worker, Department of Medical Social Work, Woodlands Health, National Healthcare Group, Singapore
Constructing a Bridge across the Ageing Population in the Woods-land: Perspectives from a Heartland in Singapore

Jean Woo, Director, Jockey Club Institute of Aging, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR
A Community Model of Healthy Aging in Hong Kong

Huifen Bai, Deputy Director & Head, Strategic Planning, Strategy, Research and Data Division, Agency for Integrated Care, Singapore
Journey in Care Integration: Opportunities and Challenges

1:00 PM Lunch
Venue
UniQue
2/F, Li Dak Sum Yip Yio Chin Kenneth Li Conference Lodge
Session #3

Chair
Naubahar Sharif, Acting Head, Division of Public Policy, HKUST

Discussant
Madhurima Nundy, Fellow, Centre for Social and Economic Progress, New Delhi; Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi, India

Speakers
Haruka Sakamoto, Associate Professor, Tokyo Women’s Medical University; Senior Manager, Health and Global Policy Institute; Senior Fellow, The Tokyo Foundation for Policy Research, Japan
Lessons from Japan: Towards the Realization of an Inclusive Society Challenged by the World’s Most Aged Country

Hongsoo Kim, Professor, Graduate School of Public Health, Seoul National University, South Korea
Public-Private Mix of Health and Social Care for Older Adults in Seoul, South Korea: Implications for Care Integration

Sung-hun Yun, Post-doctoral Research Fellow, Centre for AI in Health and Care, AI Institute, Seoul National University, South Korea
Home and Community-based Care versus Institutional Care: Who Benefits More and Why?

Pei-shan Yang, Professor, Department of Social Work; Director, Research Ethics Center, National Taiwan University, Taiwan
The community-based integrated care for persons with Dementia in Taiwan

4:00 PM Tea Break

/ 4:20 PM
Session #4

Chair
Hyuncheol Bryant Kim, Associate Professor, Department of Economics/Division of Public Policy, HKUST

Discussant
Kate Shieh, Deputy CEO, Tri-Sector Associates

Speakers
Wei Yang, Director, Institute of Gerontology; Associate Professor, Department of Global Health and Public Policy, King's College London, UK

Integrating Health and Long-term Care: Implications for Costs

Rama Baru, Professor, Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

Challenges to Integration of Health and Social Care for Older Persons in India

Ross Millar, Director, Health Services Management Centre, University of Birmingham, UK

Realising Integration: A Review of International Evidence Regarding High-performing Inter-organisational Collaboration across Health Care

Robin Miller, Professor, Department of Social Work and Social Care, University of Birmingham, UK; Joint Editor-in-Chief, International Journal of Integrated Care

Integrating beyond Clinical Health Care: Insights from the UK

Hongqiao Fu, Assistant Professor, Department of Health Policy and Management, School of Public Health, Peking University, China

Integrated Care in Mainland China: A Comparative Analysis of Four Pilots

Wrap-up

Florence M.S. Fong, Deputy Director, Asia Pacific Institute of Ageing Studies, Lingnan University; Senior Researcher, Research Unit, Labour and Welfare Bureau (2019-2022); Central Policy Unit (2010-2018), The Hong Kong SAR Government

Dinner

Venue
UniQue
2/F, Li Dak Sum Yip Yio Chin Kenneth Li Conference Lodge
About IPP

The HKUST Institute for Public Policy (IPP) is an organization led by a Director and an Executive Committee. It invites faculty members with research interests in policy to become Affiliated Faculty and is supported by a dedicated team of administrative and research staff. HKUST IPP’s primary focus is on conducting policy research with the potential to significantly impact social, economic, and environmental well-being. Leveraging the university’s interdisciplinary strengths, it aims to address key policy challenges in Hong Kong, the mainland, and the region, particularly those related to aging, environmental issues, and social inequalities, with a strong emphasis on evidence-based policy-making.

Mission & Vision

Contributes to decision-making in the public sector through rigorous and interdisciplinary policy research and education. Our strategic goals include producing high-quality policy research by fostering collaboration among scholars across various disciplines, such as science, business, engineering, and social science. We are committed to contributing to policy dialogues addressing critical challenges faced by Hong Kong, the mainland, and the region while providing public policy training to both current and future generations of leaders.

About the Conference

The "Integrating Health and Social Care Services for the Elderly in Asia" conference, organized by HKUST IPP, serves as a dynamic platform for scholars, practitioners, and policymakers to address a pressing challenge in East Asian societies. In response to the rising complexities of multi-morbidity and fragmented care systems, this conference draws inspiration from research conducted by the Asia Pacific Observatory on Health Systems and Policies (APO). It spotlights innovative models emerging in Asia and offers a forum for in-depth discussions. With a mission to foster collaboration, exchange of ideas, and stakeholder engagement, this event is dedicated to finding solutions that enhance the well-being of our elderly populations.
Prof. Tim Cheng Kwang-Ting, Vice-President for Research and Development at HKUST since April 1, 2022, is a renowned scholar in electronics testing, design verification, and cross-disciplinary research. With a PhD from UC Berkeley, he joined HKUST in 2016 after a distinguished career at UC Santa Barbara and AT&T Bell Labs. Prof. Cheng has held key academic roles and managed substantial research funding. He has an extensive publication record, authored books, and holds multiple patents. Recognized as a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and the Hong Kong Academy of Engineering Sciences (HKAES), he has received numerous awards and held leadership roles in IEEE and technology advisory groups. In 2020, he secured HK$443.9 million for the AI Chip Center, contributing to advancements in AI through IC design.
Prof. Ramesh is a Professor and holds the UNESCO Chair on Social Policy Design in Asia. Previously, he served as the Founding Head of the Department of Asian and Policy at the Hong Kong Institute of Education, Professor of Social Policy at the University of Hong Kong, and Chair of the Department of Government and International Relations at the University of Sydney. Specializing in public policy and governance in Asia, with a particular focus on social policy, Ramesh has authored and edited several dozen books and journal articles. He is the founder and editor of highly-ranked journals, Policy and Society, and Policy Design and Practice, as well as the acclaimed series Cambridge Elements in Public Policy. He currently serves as the President of the International Public Policy Association.

Dr. Nima Asgari has worked as a public health physician since 2000. He assumed the role of Director of the Asia Pacific Observatory on Health Systems and Policies in 2016, collaborating with APO partners to advance its research and capacity-building initiatives. Previously, Dr. Asgari coordinated WHO activities in Thailand, focusing on NCDs, health and trade, human resources for health, and cross-programmatic coordination. In Cambodia and China, he concentrated on strengthening responses to emerging diseases. Before joining WHO, Dr. Asgari worked in the UK for the Health Protection Agency and the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE).
Dr. Mikiko Kanda, Technical Lead at WHO’s Healthy Ageing Unit in the Western Pacific Region, assumed her role in March 2023. She leads efforts to transform health and social systems in WHO Western Pacific Member States to meet the needs of aging populations. Previously, she held positions at the UNAIDS Country Office in Myanmar and the WHO Regional Office for South-East Asia, focusing on Strategic Information, Health Systems, Human Resources for Health, and Healthy Ageing. Dr. Kanda is a Registered Nurse in Japan and the US and holds a PhD and MHS in Health Science (Global Health Policy) from the University of Tokyo.

**Speech Title: Overview of the Healthy Ageing and Care Integration in the Western Pacific Region**

Dr. Zhuo (Adam) Chen is an Associate Professor and the DrPH Program Coordinator in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the University of Georgia (UGA), USA. He also serves as a Visiting Professor of Health Economics and Director of Academics (0.2FTE) at the Centre for Health Economics, School of Economics, University of Nottingham Ningbo China. Dr. Chen leads the Interdisciplinary Approaches to Social Determinants of Health Pre-Seed Team at UGA and has published over 100 peer-reviewed articles in leading journals, including Lancet, Journal of Health Economics, and Social Science & Medicine. In 2013, he was honored with the CDC Excellence in Social and Behavioral Science Research Award.

**Speech Title: Social Determinants of Health and Care Integration in the US: Challenges and Opportunities**
Dr. Jin Xu is an Assistant Professor specializing in health policy and systems research at Peking University China Center for Health Development Studies. Dr. Xu earned his PhD in Public Health Policy at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. His research primarily involves the evaluation of health system interventions, particularly related to primary care strengthening, hospital financing, integrated care, and digital health. He has overseen various research projects funded by organizations such as the Natural Science Foundation of China, China Medical Board, National Health Committee of China, and the World Health Organization. Additionally, he serves as an external supervisor for the University of Manchester and is a fellow of the Equity Initiative.

**Speech Title: People-centred Integrated Care in China: Framework and Practice**

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Dr. Alex Jingwei He is a tenured associate professor at HKUST’s Division of Public Policy. With a PhD in Public Policy from the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, he specializes in public policy analysis, health policy, and governance, particularly in East Asia. Dr. He has a prolific publication record in top international journals and is ranked in the world’s top 2% of cited scientists in public administration and political science for two consecutive years. His publications appear in leading international journals including Social Science & Medicine, Health Policy, Health Policy & Planning, Governance, and Policy Sciences. Dr He is a key member of research consortium funded by the Asia-Pacific Observatory on Health System and Policies. He serves as the Associate Editor of Policy & Society and Journal of Asian Public Policy.

**Speech Title: Elderly Care Policy in Hong Kong through the Lens of Policy Design**
Prof. Donald Low is a Senior Lecturer and Professor of Practice at HKUST's Institute for Public Policy, where he also directs Leadership and Public Policy Executive Education (LAPP). He has worked in various sectors, including public, private, education, and non-profit organizations. Previously, he was Associate Dean for Executive Education and Research at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore. Prof. Low also served 15 years in the Singapore government, founding the Centre for Public Economics and holding key roles in the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service Division. Prof. Low holds a double first in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics from Oxford University and a Master's in International Public Policy from The Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies.

Prof. David Bishai, a Clinical Professor in Public Health and the Director of the School of Public Health at the University of Hong Kong, brings substantial expertise to his role. He previously served as a Professor at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health for 27 years and worked as a health officer for Maryland in 2021. His research focuses on global public health performance, financing, primary healthcare, vaccines, and health disparities, resulting in two books and over 260 peer-reviewed publications. He has also secured USD50 million in grant support from various institutions. Additionally, as the President of the International Health Economics Association, he established a global mentoring network for early career researchers. Prof. Bishai holds certifications from the American Board of Internal Medicine and the American Board of Pediatrics, and he earned degrees from prestigious institutions, including Harvard, UCLA, UC San Diego, and the Wharton Business School at the University of Pennsylvania.
Mr. Martin Chew assumed the role of Director (Aged Care Services) in November 2021. He is responsible for overseeing the strategy, planning, and development of aged care services, encompassing both home and community-based services, as well as palliative care. Prior to this, Mr. Chew served as Deputy Director (Adoption and Engagement) at the Smart Nation and Digital Government Office. He also held positions at the Ministry of Home Affairs in the Joint Operations Group and served as a uniformed officer with the Singapore Prison Service.

**Speech Title:** Seamlessness in a Fragmented Long-term Care Landscape: Boleh?

Mr. Joseph Lee was appointed Assistant Director in the Ageing Planning Office in February 2022. He is responsible for overseeing center-based care services and active aging centers, which play a vital role in keeping seniors active and socially engaged within the community. Additionally, he is in charge of the future strategy and planning of the community care sector, ensuring a seamless care journey for seniors across various community care services, both in centers and at home.

**Speech Title:** Active Ageing Centres – Singapore’s Approach to Social-health Integration for Healthy Longevity

Ms. Melissa Chew is the Chief Medical Social Worker at Woodlands Health in Singapore. With 20 years of clinical experience, her interests include aging, crisis management, technology-enabled care, and health and social policies. She was honored with the Outstanding Social Worker Award in 2018 by the President of Singapore. Ms. Chew holds two Master's degrees in Social Work and Public Administration and is currently working on her Ph.D. in Public Policy and Global Affairs, focusing on aging in place.

**Speech Title:** Constructing a Bridge across the Ageing Population in the Woods-land: Perspectives from a Heartland in Singapore
Prof. Jean Woo graduated from the University of Cambridge. She joined the Department of Medicine at the Chinese University of Hong Kong as a Lecturer and served as the Head of the Department from 1993 to 1999. Currently, she holds the positions of Co-Director of CUHK Institute of Health Equity, Director of the Jockey Club Institute of Ageing at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and Honorary Consultant at the Prince of Wales and Shatin Hospitals, Hospital Authority.

Prof. Woo's research interests encompass chronic diseases and geriatric syndromes, health services research, nutrition epidemiology and intervention, and quality of life issues at the end of life. She has published over 1000 articles in peer-reviewed indexed journals.

**Speech Title: A Community Model of Healthy Aging in Hong Kong**

Ms. Huifen Bai has a background in medtech regulation and has worked on whole-of-government foresight with the Singapore Centre for Strategic Futures. Following that, she delved into quality planning and improvement in eldercare at the Agency for Integrated Care (AIC). She currently holds the position of Head of the Strategic Planning department at AIC, where she plays a crucial role in charting and aligning AIC's initiatives with its desired outcomes. Her responsibilities encompass corporate planning, strategic analysis, and enterprise performance management.

Ms. Bai is currently pursuing an Executive MBA with the Singapore Management University and also volunteers as a Mandarin-speaking facilitator for public-facing dialogues as part of the government’s Public Engagement Network.

**Speech Title: Journey in Care Integration: Opportunities and Challenges**
Naubahar Sharif is a Professor of Public Policy at HKUST, specializing in science, technology, and innovation (STI) policy in Hong Kong, the Greater Bay Area, and automation in China. He completed the Executive Education program in Innovation for Economic Development at Harvard University in 2011. Naubahar has received numerous teaching awards, including the Michael G. Gale Medal and Teaching Excellence Award. He secured research grants from the Research Grants Council (RGC) and the Policy Innovation and Coordination Office (PICO). Naubahar’s research has had a demonstrable impact on business and his research was one of HKUST’s few ‘impact case study’ submissions (sole-authored) for its 2020 Research Assessment Exercise (RAE).

Prof. Madhurima Nundy is a Fellow in Health and Human Development at the Centre for Social and Economic Progress in New Delhi. Additionally, she holds the position of Honorary Fellow at the Institute of Chinese Studies (ICS) in Delhi, India. She earned her PhD in Public Health from the Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. Her areas of interest encompass researching health systems, health policies, the commercialization of healthcare, and health inequalities. She also utilizes comparative frameworks to study health systems. With several publications to her name, she is a regular contributor to policy analysis in the field of public health in China and India. Prior to her current roles, she served as Assistant Director and Fellow at ICS, Delhi (2012-2021) and as a Senior Programme Coordinator at the Public Health Resource Network in New Delhi (2009-2012).
Dr. Haruka SAKAMOTO is an Associate Professor at the Department of Hygiene and Public Health, Tokyo Women’s Medical University. She earned her M.D. from Sapporo Medical University and worked as a primary care physician at St. Luke’s International Hospital. Subsequently, she obtained her MPH from the Harvard School of Public Health and a PhD in public health from the University of Tokyo in 2021. Dr. Sakamoto also gained experience at the international cooperation department of the Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare of Japan, where she was deeply involved in health policy activities in Japan. She is currently affiliated with the WHO Western Pacific Regional Office, the Tokyo Foundation for Policy Research, and the Health and Global Policy Institute (HGPI).

Speech Title: Lessons from Japan: Towards the Realization of an Inclusive Society Challenged by the World’s Most Aged Country

Dr. Hongsoo Kim is a professor of health policy and aging at the Graduate School of Public Health and serves as the director of the Center for AI in Health and Care at the Artificial Intelligence Institute at Seoul National University (SNU), South Korea. Her research areas include aging and health policy, long-term care systems, health-care system performance and evaluation, and care innovation. She has led numerous government-funded research projects and participated in reviews of health and long-term care policies at various levels. Dr. Kim was a Fulbright Visiting Scholar & Takemi Fellow in International Health at Harvard School of Public Health (2016–2017). She has received an AXA Research Award (2016) and a Humboldt Research Fellowship (2019). Dr. Kim is currently an expert member of the WHO advisory group for the UN Decade of Healthy Aging (2021–2030).

She earned her PhD from New York University and worked as an assistant professor before joining SNU.

Speech Title: Public-Private Mix of Health and Social Care for Older Adults in Seoul, South Korea: Implications for Care Integration
Dr. Sunghun Yun is a postdoctoral researcher specializing in health systems and policy research. Sunghun earned a Ph.D. in Health Policy and Administration and an M.P.H. from Seoul National University, following a doctoral degree in traditional Korean Medicine. Dr. Yun has experience practicing as a public health physician in rural areas and public long-term care hospitals. His current research focuses on the long-term care system, particularly in finding the most effective and efficient ways to support aging in place for older people, with the ultimate goal of achieving a healthy aging society. He is particularly interested in addressing potential inefficiencies resulting from fragmented service delivery systems and believes that patient empowerment, strategic purchasing, and technology can help overcome these issues.

**Speech Title:** Home and Community-based Care versus Institutional Care: Who Benefits More and Why?

Dr. Peishan Yang is a Professor in the Department of Social Work and serves as the Director of the Research Ethics Center at National Taiwan University (NTU). Dr. Yang also holds the position of Chief Editor of NTU Social Work Review, which is ranked as the No.1 Social Work Journal in Taiwan. She earned her PhD degree from Columbia University, School of Social Work in 1997 and subsequently joined the faculty of NTUSW. With extensive experience in practice, research, and policy, her research projects often contribute to forward-looking policies. Since 2015 and continuing to the present, her research has focused on themes related to integrated health and digital aging, involving multidisciplinary teams.

**Speech Title:** The community-based integrated care for persons with Dementia in Taiwan
Dr. Kim is an applied empirical micro-economist focusing on causal impacts of policy interventions in health and education sectors through large scale data analysis and social experiment. The main goal of his research is to understand the fundamental relationship between human capital investment and individual and societal well being in Africa and Asia, which is insufficiently understood. Dr. Kim received MD from Yonsei University, Korea, and PhD in Economics from Columbia University, USA. His research is published in leading journals such as Science, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Health Economics, and other international journals.

Ms. Kate is the Deputy CEO at Tri-Sector Associates, a Singapore-based impact firm focusing on the use of impact-first funding models to build bridges across the public, private, and non-profit sectors to achieve social development goals in the region. Prior to her current position, she served as an Associate Director in the Government and Public Sector Practice at PricewaterhouseCoopers Hong Kong, where she collaborated with government agencies, funders, and non-profit organizations to formulate better strategies and enhance service delivery to the community. Ms. Kate holds a Master of Public Administration and a Master in Public Policy from the London School of Economics and the National University of Singapore, respectively.
Dr. Wei Yang is an Associate Professor in Health Economics and Policy at King's College London, and she also serves as the Director of the Institute of Gerontology. Her work primarily focuses on evaluating the effects of health and long-term care (LTC) financing policies on disparities in access to care and fairness in financing. Using longitudinal survey datasets, her research seeks to identify the underlying factors contributing to these inequities. Dr. Yang's ongoing research is dedicated to addressing concerns related to efficiency and sustainability in LTC financing within the context of China and the UK. She has an extensive body of work, including numerous publications in high-impact academic journals. Dr. Yang also serves as a member of the editorial boards for Global Health Research and Policy and Aging and Health Research.

**Speech Title: Integrating Health and Long-term Care: Implications for Costs**

Dr. Rama V. Baru is a professor at Jawaharlal Nehru University's Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health, where she has been teaching for over 26 years. She holds honorary fellowships at the Institute of Chinese Studies in Delhi and the India Studies Centre at Central China Normal University in Wuhan, China. Dr. Baru's research focuses on the social determinants of health, infectious diseases, health policy, international health, health service privatization, and health inequalities. She is the author of "Private Health Care in India: Social Characteristics and Trends" and has edited several volumes on various health-related topics. Her latest co-authored book, with Madhurima Nundy, is "Commercialization of Medical Care in China: Changing Landscapes."

**Speech Title: Challenges to Integration of Health and Social Care for Older Persons in India**
Dr. Ross Millar is the Director of the University of Birmingham Health Services Management Centre (HSMC) and holds the position of Reader in Health Organisation. His research interests encompass the development of collaboration and partnership working across organizational boundaries, as well as concerns related to the quality and safety of organizations and work environments. Dr. Millar also has a keen interest in China’s healthcare reform agenda and has collaborated extensively and published widely in these areas.

**Speech Title:** Realising Integration: A Review of International Evidence Regarding High-performing Inter-organisational Collaboration across Health Care

Prof. Robin Miller is an applied academic with an international reputation, particularly in the fields of integration, leadership, and implementation within health and social care. He serves as the Joint Editor in Chief of the International Journal of Integrated Care and holds the title of Senior Fellow at the School for Social Care Research. Robin is dedicated to community-led, asset-based approaches to integrated care, the development of collaborative leadership in senior and practice roles, and the integration of co-production into the design and delivery of transformation programs. He also serves as the UK lead for the Demonstrator model within the Centre for Improving Adult Social Care Together.

**Speech Title:** Integrating beyond Clinical Health Care: Insights from the UK
Dr. Hongqiao Fu is an Assistant Professor of Health Economics and Policy in the School of Public Health at Peking University. He completed his Ph.D. in Economics at the National School of Development at Peking University in 2018. From October 2015 to February 2017, he served as a visiting scholar under the guidance of Prof. William Hsiao and Prof. Winnie Yip at Harvard School of Public Health. Dr. Fu's research centers on conducting rigorous and policy-relevant health system evaluations, integrating theories and methods from economics, management, and public health.

**Speech Title: Integrated Care in Mainland China: A Comparative Analysis of Four Pilots**

Dr. Florence Fong has extensive experience in supporting senior government officials. During her tenure in the HKSAR government from 2010 to 2022, she served on various committees, including the Commission on Poverty, Steering Committee on Population Policy, Family Council, and the Working Group on MPF and Annuity, with the aim of facilitating evidence-based policymaking. In August 2022, Dr. Fong transitioned back to academia and currently holds the position of Deputy Director at the Asia Pacific Institute of Ageing Studies (APIAS) at Lingnan University. Her current research interests revolve around carer support, aging in-place issues, and welfare portability in the Greater Bay Area cities. Additionally, she imparts knowledge through teaching Health and Social Services Management and supervising PhD students.
Observer List

- Alice Zhaoyu Li, Master of Public Policy, HKUST
- Betty Zhenhui Shu, Our Hong Kong Foundation
- Christian Joy Pattawi Cruz, Assistant Professor, Population Institute, University of the Philippines–Diliman
- Elaine Ru, Senior Manager, Office of Mainland Affairs, HKUST; Assistant Secretary General, The Greater Bay Area Association of Academicians
- Hilary Li Ying Giam, MPhil candidate, HKUST
- Jared Phau, Senior Assistant Director (Ageing Planning Office), Ministry of Health, Singapore
- Keith, Cho, Manager, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)
- Lan–yin Lin, CEO, Li–Shin Charity Foundation, Taiwan
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