

Ethnic Dimensions of Ageing in the UK

a Case Study on the Wellbeing of Elderly Japanese

Date: Friday, 7 March, 2014 13:30-16:00 (Open at 13:00)
Venue: Japan Foundation (Russell Square House, 10-12 Russell Square, London)
Convenor: Itsuko Toyama (Kanamoto) (St. Andrew's University) on behalf of the Japan Association in the UK

In recent decades, ageing has become one of the world's most pressing issues, especially in highly developed countries like Japan and the UK. In addition, the pressures of globalization and migration are making ageing an increasingly intercultural process. Those who cross social and cultural borders eventually grow old and experience a series of losses in physical strength, social utility or family relationships in an intercultural context. In a multicultural society like the UK, many elderly people from ethnic minority groups find themselves in a 'double jeopardy,' suffering from both racial discrimination and ageism.

This seminar focuses on the ethnic dimensions of ageing in the UK, and seeks to introduce new ideas and practices to cope with ageing issues. The speakers are: **Professor Michael Keith** (University of Oxford), who will discuss migration and ageing; **Professor Chris Phillipson** (University of Manchester), who will discuss research into ageing and ethnicity; **Dr. Siew-Peng Lee** (Brunel University), who will discuss the experiences of elderly Chinese in the UK; and **Professor Itsuko Toyama (Kanamoto)** (St. Andrew's University) and **Atsuko Takenaka** (The Japan Association in the UK) who together will discuss the findings of a recent quantitative survey on elderly Japanese living in the UK.

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Presenters:

Professor Michael Keith

(Centre Director, The Centre on Migration, Policy and Society, University of Oxford)

Professor Chris Phillipson

(Professor of Sociology and Social Gerontology, University of Manchester)

Dr. Lee Siew-Peng

(Visiting Research Fellow, Brunel University)

Professor Itsuko Toyama (Kanamoto)

(Professor of Intercultural Communication, St. Andrew's University, Japan)

Ms. Atsuko Takenaka

(The Japan Association in the UK)

Program

- 13:00 Open
- 13:30—13:45 Opening of the Seminar & Welcome Address
Mr. Keisuke Sano (Chairman, The Japan Association in the UK)
Mr. Kenichi Yanagisawa (Director, The Japan Foundation)
- Guest Speech
Mr. Hiroshi Kawamura
(Minister and Consul-General, The Embassy of Japan in the UK)
- 13:45 – 13:50 Introduction of Seminar:
Professor Itsuko Toyama (Kanamoto) (St. Andrew's University, Japan)
- Session I: Keynote Speakers**
- 13:50—14:10 **'Migration Consequences: Families, Integration, Ageing'**
Professor Michael Keith
(Centre Director, The Centre on Migration, Policy and Society, University of Oxford)
- 14:10—14:30 **'Placing Ethnicity at the Centre of Studies in Later Life: Theoretical and Empirical Challenges'**
Professor Chris Phillipson
(Professor of Sociology and Social Gerontology, University of Manchester)
- 14:30—14:40 Questions & Answers for Session I
- 14:40—14:50 Tea Break
- Session II: Ethnic Dimensions of Ageing in the UK**
- 14:50—15:10 **'Older Chinese Migrants Alone and Lonely in Crowded Cities'**
Dr. Lee Siew-Peng
(Visiting Research Fellow, Brunel University)
- 15:10 – 15:30 **'A Quantitative Survey on Ageing and Wellbeing of the Elderly Japanese in London'**
Professor Itsuko Toyama (Kanamoto)
(Professor of Intercultural Communication, St. Andrew's University, Japan)
- Ms. Atsuko Takenaka
(The Japan Association in the UK)
- 15:30—15:40 Questions and Answers for Session II
- 15:40 – 15:45 Tea Break
- 15:45 – 16:00 Discussion
- 16:00 Closing Address
Mr. Hal Parker (Programme Officer, The Japan Foundation)
- Drink Reception