



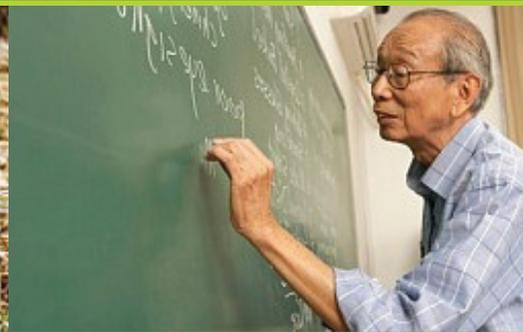
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BACKGROUND

In the decades ahead, China, like other countries, will have a very large older population, with many older adults relatively healthy and interested in being actively engaged. Productive Aging refers to involvement in society through employment, volunteering, caregiving, education and skill building, or other pathways. Contributions of older adults will be necessary for social and economic development of families, communities, and society. The challenge is how to initiate and build this agenda. To begin to address this challenge, gerontology scholars from seven countries participated in a conference to advance international research and policy innovations in productive aging, with a focus specifically on China. A Chinese leading gerontology scholar, Dr. DU Peng of Renmin University observed that this was the first time Productive Aging was being considered at a national conference or meeting in China.

LEADERSHIP AND SPONSORS

To plan and organize the conference, Dr. GAO Jianguo, Dr. CHENG Shengli, and Ms. SUN Yanyan of the School of Philosophy and Social Development, Shandong University, worked with Dr. Nancy MORROW-HOWELL, Dr. Michael SHERRADEN, Ms. Li ZOU, and Ms. Jing TAN from the Center for Social Development at Washington University's Brown School. Dr. Ada MUI of Columbia University and Dr. Fengyan TANG of the University of Pittsburgh served as consultants to the project.

Support was provided by Shandong University, Washington University in St. Louis, the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Centre for Social Development Asia at the National University of Singapore, and the Center for Social Development at Washington University's Brown School.



YANG Tuan delivers the welcoming address at the opening ceremony.



Li ZOU, LIU Qun, Michael SHERRADEN, TSIEN Teresa, Nancy MORROW-HOWELL, and HONG Song-Iee gather following their panel on caregiving.

THE PROGRAM

Productive aging was identified as a major theme of the Fifth Annual International Symposium and Lectures in Social Policy, organized annually by the Social Policy Research Center of the Chinese Academy of Social Science. The conference took place at Shandong University in Jinan, China, from July 27-29, 2009. Lectures on Productive Aging were included in the general session of the first day of the conference, and this topic was the sole focus of an independent forum on the second day. Further, workshops on the third day were led by gerontology scholars, who integrated content on productive aging into didactic sessions on program development and evaluation. The conference program is presented at the end of this document.

AUDIENCE AND MATERIALS

Over 200 researchers and faculty members from mainland China joined the meeting. At least 60 Chinese universities were represented. Participants also came from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China Rehabilitation Research Center, Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Ministry of Civil Affairs, the Amity Foundation, and Shandong People's Publishing House. Representatives from the Shandong Provincial Ministry on Aging were actively involved; they met with the visiting gerontologists to discuss programs and policies and hosted a dinner for the international gerontologists.

Approximately 30 participants from outside mainland China joined the discussion, including gerontologists from Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Japan, Australia, and the United States.

Papers were printed for the audience in Chinese (with the English language papers translated before the conference). Presentations were simultaneously

translated into Chinese and English.

Audience members were very engaged, as demonstrated by active Q & A sessions following paper presentations. The Chinese scholars challenged Western notions underlying the concept of Productive Aging, with very interesting conversations about how to translate not just the words but also the ideas into Chinese culture. A spirit of collegiality, respect, and mutual learning prevailed throughout the conference.

PUBLICATIONS

Conference papers will be revised and edited over the next two months, and then published in both Chinese and English. The English version will be published in a special issue of the *China Journal of Social Work*, and the Chinese version will be published as an edited volume by an academic press in China.

NEXT STEPS

Response has been very positive, from both presenters and the audience. At the conference, interest was expressed in staying in contact for future collaboration. The group will stay in touch through the review, revision, editing, and publication of conference papers.

Dr. YANG Tuan, Deputy Director of the Social Policy Research Center at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, commented that the topic of aging will always be included in the future Annual International Symposia and Lectures in Social Policy. In addition, more state officials will be invited to engage with scholars at academic meetings following the good example led by this productive aging meeting where officials from the Chinese Ministry of Civil Affairs were actively involved. It is likely that future research partnerships on productive aging will emerge from this conference and network.



DU Peng speaks on active aging in China.

PARTICIPATING GERONTOLOGISTS

- » **Li-Mei CHEN**, School of Human Welfare Studies, Kwansai Gakuin University
- » **Iris CHI**, Chinese-American Golden Age Association/ Frances Wu Chair for the Chinese Elderly Professor, School of Social Work, University of Southern California
- » **Alice CHONG**, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, & Associate Professor, Dept of Applied Social Studies, The City University of Hong Kong
- » **Rita CHOU**, College of Social Work, University of South Carolina
- » **Peng DU**, Institute of Gerontology, The School of Sociology and Demography, Renmin University of China
- » **Song-iee HONG**, Department of Social Work, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore
- » **Qin LI**, School of Philosophy and Social Development, Shandong University
- » **Qun LIU**, Shandong Architecture College
- » **Terry LUM**, Associate Professor, School of Social Work, University of Minnesota
- » **Nancy MORROW-HOWELL**, George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis
- » **Ada MUI**, Columbia University School of Social Work
- » **Elizabeth OZANNE**, Social Work, The University of Melbourne
- » **Fengyan TANG**, School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh
- » **Philip TAYLOR**, Employment Policy, Business, Work, and Ageing Centre for Research, Swinburne University
- » **Teresa TSIEN**, Department of Applied Social Sciences, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- » **Jeni WARBURTON**, Faculty of Health Sciences, Albury-Wodonga Campus, La Trobe University
- » **Pei-Shan YANG**, Department of Social Work, National Taiwan University

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

MONDAY, JULY 27

SOCIAL POLICY IN THE CONTEXT OF THE GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS

8:30-9:00 Opening Ceremony

Chairman: YANG Tuan, Vice Chairman, Special Committee of Social Policy, the Chinese Sociological Association, & Deputy Director of the Social Policy Research Center, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

Welcome address by FAN Liming, Professor, Vice-Chancellor of Shandong University

Address by Michael SHERRADEN, Chaired Professor, Director of the Center for Social Development at Washington University's Brown School

Address by WANG Sibin, Professor of Beijing University, Chairman of the Chinese Association of Social Work Education

Address by ZHU Jinchang, Chairman of the Special Committee of Social Policy at the Chinese Sociological Association

Address by DOU Yupei, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Chinese Civil Affairs

Keynote Speeches

Chairman: ZHANG Xiulan, Director of the Institute of Social Development and Public Policy, Beijing Normal University & Vice Chairman, the Special Committee of Social Policy at the Chinese Sociological Association



Li ZOU moderates a panel on caregiving and productive aging.

9:00-9:30 Social policies in context of global economic crisis. GUAN Xinping, Professor and Head of the Department of Social Policy and Social Work, Nankai University

9:30-10:00 Global crisis and transition of social policy. Michael SHERRADEN, Chaired Professor and Director of the Center for Social Development at Washington University's Brown School

10:00-10:20 Q & A

Plenary Session

Chairman: GUAN Xinping, Head of the Department of Social Policy and Social Work, Nankai University & Vice Chairman of the Association of Chinese Social Work Education, & Vice Chairman, the Special Committee of Social Policy at the Chinese Sociological Association

10:40-11:10 East Asian social policy in the context of economic crisis. TAKEKAWA Syougo, Professor, Tokyo University

11:10-11:40 Financial crisis and construction of a welfare state. ZHANG Xiulan, Professor, Director of the Institute of Social Development and Public Policy, Beijing Normal University

Plenary Session

Chairman: Michael SHERRADEN, Chaired Professor and Director of the Center for Social Development at Washington University's Brown School

Commentator: PENG Xizhe, Professor & Dean of the School of Social Development and Public Policy, Fudan University, & Vice Chairman, Special Committee of Social Policy, Chinese Sociological Association

13:30-13:50 China's population aging and active aging. DU Peng, Professor, Research Center for Population and Development, Renmin University of China

13:50-14:10 Productive engagement of older Americans. Nancy MORROW-HOWELL, Chaired Professor, Washington University's Brown School

14:10-14:30 Productive aging policy and programs in Australia. Elizabeth OZANNE, Associate Professor, University of Melbourne

14:30-14:50 Productive aging in Japan. CHEN Li-Mei, Professor, School of Human Welfare Studies, Kwansai Gakuin University

15:10-15:40 Q & A

Plenary Session

Chairman GAO Jianguo, Professor, Head of the Department of Social Work, Shandong University

Commentators: ZHANG Youqin, Professor, Head of the Department of Social Work, Xiamen University; Vice Chairman of Association of the Chinese Social Work Education

15:50-16:10 Correct diagnosis and appropriate treatment for the global financial crisis? Social protection measures and social policy responses in East Asia. MOK Ka Ho, Professor, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Hong Kong

16:10-16:30 Impact of the economic crisis on aging Chinese immigrants in Canada. Daniel W.L. LAI, PhD, Professor & Associate Dean (Research & Partnerships), Faculty of Social Work, University of Calgary

16:30-16:50 The responsiveness of financial tsunami policy in Taiwan: Is the policy inclusive of gender? WANG Lirong, Professor, Department of Social Work, National Taiwan University



Nancy MORROW-HOWELL shares her research on productive engagement of older Americans.

16:50-17:10 Social integration of Asia and housewifery: International flow of care labor. SHEN Jie, Professor, Urawa University

17:10-17:30 Promoting employment in the non-profit sector is a long-term policy in a new era of social policy. YANG Tuan, Deputy Director of Center for Social Policy, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

17:30-17:45 Comments

17:45-18:00 Q & A

TUESDAY, JULY 28

SPECIAL CONFERENCE: PRODUCTIVE AGING

8:30-8:50 Opening Ceremony

Moderator: GAO Jianguo, Professor & Director, Center for Welfare Research, Shandong University

Addressors: Michael SHERRADEN, Professor & Director, Center for Social Development at Washington University's Brown School and ZHANG Xueyan, Director, Shandong Provincial Working Committee on Aging

Presentations in Productive Aging: Concepts and Challenges

Moderator: Nancy MORROW-HOWELL, Chaired Professor, Washington University's Brown School

8:50-9:10 Productive aging in China: Diversity and creativity. Ada MUI, Professor, School of Social Work, Columbia University

9:10-9:30 What is productive in Taiwanese centenarians' lives? A challenge for the definition of productive ageing. YANG Pei-Shan, Associate Professor, Department of Social Work, National Taiwan University

9:30-9:50 Can modernization generate productive aging? Some Swedish experiences. Stina JOHANSSON, Professor, Department of Social Work, Umea University

9:50-10:10 Q & A

Break

Panel 1: Caregiving

Moderator: Li ZOU, International Director, the Center for Social Development at Washington University's Brown School

10:30-10:50 Survey and reflection on the current situation of urban older caregivers. LIU Qun, Associate Professor, School of Law and Politics, Shandong Architecture University

10:50-11:10 An overview of national profiles of older caregivers and caregiving-related policies in Korea. HONG Song-lee, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, National University of Singapore

11:10-11:30 Older adults as caregivers in Hong Kong. TSIEN Teresa, Senior Lecturer, Department of Applied Social Sciences, Hong Kong Polytechnic University

11:40-12:00 Q & A

Panel 2: Volunteering

Moderator: Terry LUM, Associate Professor, School of Social Work, University of Minnesota

13:30-13:50 Older Volunteerism in the urban community of Jinan. LI Qin, Professor, School of Philosophy and Social Development, Shandong University

13:50-14:10 Volunteering by older adults in the United States. TANG Feng-Yan, Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh



GAO Jianguo moderates the opening ceremony on Day 2 of the conference.



YANG Pei-Shan, ZHANG Xueyen, Ada MUI, and CHEN Zhijun pose for a group photo between presentations.

14:10-14:30 Volunteering as a productive ageing activity: Evidence from Australia. Jeni WARBURTON, Professor, La Trobe University, Australia

14:30-14:50 Older volunteerism in Hong Kong. CHONG Alice Ming-Lin, Associate Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences & Associate Professor, Department of Applied Social Studies, City University of Hong Kong

14:50-15:10 Q & A

Panel 3: Entrepreneurship & Employment

Moderator: Iris CHI, Professor, School of Social Work, University of Southern California

15:10-15:20 Population ageing in a globalizing labor market: Implications for older workers. Philip TAYLOR, Professor, Swinburne University, Australia

15:20-15:40 Work participation among older adults in China and its theoretical and policy implications. Rita Jing-Ann CHOU, Assistant Professor, College of Social Work, University of South Carolina

15:40-16:00 Q & A

Panel 4: China Aging Research

Moderator: Min ZHAN, Associate Professor, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign

16:20-16:35 The present situation of population aging in Shandong Province and some policy suggestions, LI Yu-Jiang, Professor, School of Population Resources and Environment, Shandong Normal University

16:35-16:50 Establishment and reform of the old-age security system in Taiwan. LU Xue-Jing, Professor, Department of Labour and Social Security, Capital University of Economics and Business

16:50-17:05 Positive aging: A social constructionist view. GUO Aimei, Professor, Department of Labour and Social Security, Nanjing Normal University

17:05-17:20 Survey on urban older adults' social participation under the background of positive aging. LI Zong-Hua, Professor, Department of Social Work, School of Law, Jinan University

17:20-17:35 On present situation, orientation, and development of the aging industry in China, YU Ge, Lecturer, School of Philosophy and Public Management, Lining University

17:35-17:50 Q & A

17:50-18:00 Closing Session

Closing Speaker: Nancy MORROW-HOWELL, Chaired Professor, Washington University's Brown School



Michael SHERRADEN sets the stage for a discussion of social policy in the context of the global financial crisis.

SPECIAL WORKSHOPS

Developing Programs for an Aging Society

Ada MUI, Columbia University School of Social Work;
Iris CHI, School of Social Work, University of Southern California

Program Evaluation: Building the Evidence Base

Terry LUM, School of Social Work, University of Minnesota;
Iris CHI, School of Social Work, University of Southern California



Front row (left to right): LIU Qun, YU Ge, LI Qin, HONG Song-Iee, Min ZHAN, Ada MUI, Iris CHI, WANG Lirong, CHONG Alice Ming-Lin, YANG Pei-Shan, Jing-Ann CHOU, GUO Aimei, and CHEN Zhijun

Back row (left to right): LU Xue-Jing, TANG Feng-Yan, Stina JOHANSSON, Daniel W.L. LAI, Terry LUM, Philip TAYLOR, Michael SHERRADEN, Nancy MORROW-HOWELL, Elizabeth OZANNE, CHEN Li-Mei, GAO Jianguo, and LI Yu-Jiang

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