

“Demographic Change and Wellbeing in Japan and Asian Economies” Japanese Economic Review (JER) special issue conference

February 2 and 3, 2024

CIRJE, Kojima Hall, University of Tokyo (MAP)

35 min presentation, 10 min discussant and 5 min floor discussion

Day 1 February 2

Session 1: East Asia Comparison (Chair: Hanming Fang, University of Pennsylvania)

- 9:00-9:50 **Selahattin Imrohoroglu** (University of Southern California) and Zhixiu Yu “Labor Supply, Income, and Wellbeing of Older Individuals in China, Japan, and Korea: An Empirical Study”
Discussant: **Yasuyuki Sawada** (University of Tokyo)
- 9:50-10:40 Hidehiko Ichimura, Xiaoyan Lei, Chulhee Lee, Jinkook Lee, **Yasuyuki Sawada** (University of Tokyo) “Wellbeing of the Older People in East Asia: China, Korea, and Japan”
Discussant: **Aiko Kikkawa** (Asian Development Bank)
- 10:40-11:30 **Aiko Kikkawa** (Asian Development Bank), Martino Pelli, Lennart O. Reiners and Douglas Rhein “The Determinants of Well-being of Older Persons: A Comparative Study across Developing Asia”
Discussant: **Selahattin Imrohoroglu** (University of Southern California)

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Session 2: Japan (Chair: Yasuyuki Sawada, University of Tokyo)

- 11:40-12:30 Eiji Yamamura and **Fumio Ohtake** (Osaka University) “Family Structure, Gender, and Subjective Well-being: Effect of Children before and after COVID-19 in Japan”
Discussant: **Kazuyuki Terada** (Soka University)
- 12:30-13:20 **Meng Zhao (Moe Konishi)** (Gakushuin University) “Does Free Cancer Screening Make a Difference? Evidence from the effects of a free-coupon program in Japan”
Discussant: **Fumio Ohtake** (Osaka University)

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- 14:00-14:50 Taiyo Fukai, Setsuya Fukuda, Hidehiko Ichimura, Daigo Nakata, Itaru Sato, and **Kazuyuki Terada** (Soka University) “National Transfer Accounts (NTA) in Japan: 1984-2014”
Discussant: **Meng Zhao (Moe Konishi)** (Gakushuin University)

Session 3: Korea (Chair: Hidehiko Ichimura, University of Arizona and University of Tokyo)

- 14:50-15:40 **Joelle H. Fong** (National University of Singapore) and John Piggott “Accessing long-term care social insurance benefits in South Korea and its correlates”
Discussant: **Jong-Wha Lee** (Korea University)
- 15:40-16:30 Do Won Kwak and **Jong-Wha Lee** (Korea University) “The Impact of Retirement and Re-employment on Life Satisfaction: A Longitudinal Study Among the Elderly in Korea”
Discussant: **Joelle H. Fong** (National University of Singapore)

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Session 4: Southeast Asia (Chair: Jong-Wha Lee, Korea University)

- 16:40-17:30 **Maki Nakajima** (National University of Singapore), Aiko Kikkawa, Norma Mansor, and Halimah Awang “Subjective Well-being of Older Persons in Malaysia”
Discussant: **Hang Thu Nguyen-Phung** (Asian Growth Research Institute)
- 17:30-18:20 **Hang Thu Nguyen-Phung** (Asian Growth Research Institute), Miki Kohara, and Secil Er “The Impact of ICT Development on Female Employment and Household Well-being in Vietnam”
Discussant: **Maki Nakajima** (National University of Singapore)

19:00- DINNER

Day 2 February 3

Session 5: Japan, PRC, and the US (Meng-Chi Tang, National Chung Cheng University)

- 10:10-11:00 Yi Chen and **Hanming Fang** (University of Pennsylvania) "The State of Mental Health Among the Elderly Chinese"
Discussant: **Takashi Oshio** (Hitotsubashi University)
- 11:00-11:50 **Takashi Oshio** and Satoshi Shimizutani (University of Tokyo) "Well-being paradox: Comparing the age-happiness relationship across Japan, China, and the US"
Discussant: **Hanming Fang** (University of Pennsylvania)
- 11:50-12:40 Jingyi Fang and **Yasuyuki Sawada** (University of Tokyo) "On the Effectiveness of Insurance Mechanisms for the Elderly in China"
Discussant: **Satoshi Shimizutani** (University of Tokyo)

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Session 6: Japan and Taiwan (Satoshi Shimizutani, University of Tokyo)

- 13:30-14:20 Meilian Zhang, **Ting Yin** (Hitotsubashi University and RIETI), Emiko Usui, Takashi Oshio and Yi Zhang "Unraveling the Determinants of Overemployment and Underemployment Among Older Workers in Japan: A Machine Learning Approach"
Discussant: **Meng-Chi Tang** (National Chung Cheng University)
- 14:20-15:10 **Anqi Li** (Jinan University) and Shiko Maruyama "Who Suffered Most in the Pandemic? A Distribution Regression Analysis of Happiness in Japan"
Discussant: **Ting Yin** (Hitotsubashi University and RIETI)
- 15:10-16:00 **Meng-Chi Tang** (National Chung Cheng University) and Hsin-Yi Chiu "Upstream or Downstream Transfer behind Patrilocal Coresidence? Evidence from Three-generational Panel Data"
Discussant: **Anqi Li** (Jinan University)

Venue

The conference will be held at: The University of Tokyo Kojima Hall
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