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Sano Shoin Hall
Hitotsubashi University
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- Advanced Empirical Analysis of Health and Labour in the Ageing Society -

Date Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29, August 2019

Venue Sano-Shoin Hall, Hitotsubashi University, Kunitachi, Tokyo, Japan

Organizers Hitotsubashi University

Research Center for Health Policy and Economics (HIAS Health), Hitotsubashi
Institute for Advanced Study (HIAS), Hitotsubashi University

Singapore Management University (SMU)

Center for Research on the Economics of Ageing (CREA), SMU

Overview

With the world ageing population, health and labour in the era of ageing society are considered to be one of the most important research field in Hitotsubashi University and Singapore Management University (SMU), the members of SIGMA* (about SIGMA, please see page 4). Based on these situations, the two universities will host an academic forum for researchers studying health and labour economy, following the Japan-Singapore Academic Forum on Ageing and the Japan-Singapore Health & Labour Policy Roundtable, which were held at SMU in August 2018.

At this two-day forum, researchers from CREA, SMU will be invited as speakers, and make presentations and discussions together with researchers from HIAS Health, Hitotsubashi University and from other Japanese universities. Topics includes the results of empirical analysis using household survey panel data on the elderly in Japan and Singapore, and the similarities and differences between two countries in determinants for health and labour participation, comparing similar items in each results. Moreover, each university will report on its academic achievements for health and working behaviour and discuss their policy implications. Participation of graduate students and young researchers from the university as well as policymakers from Japanese administrative agencies is highly encouraged.

A high correlation between health and employment is widely known. In order to promote employment of the elderly (in the era of 100-year lives) while limiting medical and nursing expenses that are increasing with the ageing population, it is essential to maintain their mental and physical health as well as induce them to work. It is academically and societally significant to discuss the determinants for health and labour participation while comparing the results of empirical research at SMU and the experiences in Singapore. We hope that this forum will contribute to "Evidence-based Policy Making (EBPM)" promoted by the Government.

Day 1 Wednesday 28 August, 2019

9:00	Arrival of participants (+Refreshments)
9:30-9:40	Welcome Remarks by Hitotsubashi University representative Koichi Tadenuma, President, Hitotsubashi University)
9:40-9:50	Welcome Remarks by Singapore Management University representative Matthew Lee, Director, International Office, Singapore Management University
9:50-10:00	Group photo session
10:00-10:10	Tea Break
10:10-10:20	Opening Remarks (about the Forum) by the director of HIAS Health Motohiro Sato, Professor, Graduate School of Economics, Hitotsubashi University
10:20-10:50	Introduction of JSTAR Mitsuhide Hoshino, Director of Research, Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry (RIETI)
10:50-11:20	Introduction of Singapore Life Panel (SLP) Bryce Hool, Director, Centre for Research on the Economics of Ageing, SMU
11:20-12:10	Presentation #1 “The Elderly’s Employment Situation in China, Japan, and Singapore: Evidence from the Longitudinal Panel Surveys” (by Emiko Usui with Xinxin Ma, and Jessica Ya Sun) Emiko Usui, Associate Professor, Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University
12:10-13:00	Lunch
13:00-13:50	Presentation #2 “The Effects of Cash Transfers to Health Savings Accounts on Healthcare Utilization and Health” Jessica Ya Sun, Research Fellow, CREA, SMU/tenured track professor at Huazhong University of Science and Technology
13:50-14:40	Presentation #3 “Association between SES and long-term care provision in Japan: An analysis using JSTAR” Yoko Ibuka, Professor of Economics, Keio University (HIAS Health adjunct member)
14:40-14:50	Tea Break
14:50-15:40	Presentation #4 “Health Shocks, Labour Supply and Medical Savings Adequacy: Early Insights from the Singapore Life Panel” Terence Cheng, Visiting Professor, SMU and Affiliated Researcher, CREA, SMU/Senior Lecturer, School of Economics, University of Adelaide, Australia
15:40-16:30	Presentation #5 “Husband’s Job-Loss and Wife’s Health!” (by Miki Kohara and Aya Nushimoto) Miki Kohara, Professor, Osaka School of International Public Policy, Osaka University
16:30-17:15	General Discussion
17:30-19:00	Reception Party

Day 2 Thursday 29 August, 2019

9:00	Arrival of participants (+Refreshments)
9:30-10:20	Presentation #6 “Upskilling of older workers in Singapore” Stephen Hoskins, Principal Research Associate, CREA, SMU
10:20-10:30	Tea Break
10:30-11:20	Presentation #7 “Preventive impact of social participation on the onset of non-communicable diseases among middle-aged adults: A 10-wave hazards-model analysis in Japan” Takashi Oshio, Professor, Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University (HIAS Health member)
11:20-12:10	Presentation #8 “Payroll Taxation and Its Consequences for Subjective Well-being, Labor Market Outcomes and Consumption” Seonghoon Kim, Assistant Professor of Economics/Lee Kong Chian Fellow, School of Economics, SMU and Researcher, CREA, SMU
12:10-13:00	Lunch
13:00-14:00	Campus tour
14:00-14:50	Presentation #9 “Affordable False Teeth: The Effects of Patient Cost Sharing on Denture Utilization and Subjective Chewing Ability” (by Michihito Ando with Reo Takaku) Michihito Ando, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Rikkyo University
14:50-15:40	Presentation #10 “The Impact of Smartphone Use on Ageing and Well-being” Hwajin Yang, Associate Professor of Psychology, School of Social Science, SMU and Researcher, CREA, SMU
15:40-15:50	Tea Break
15:50-16:30	General Discussion and Wrap-up
	End of the forum

List of Attendees

Koichi Tadenuma	President, Hitotsubashi University
Matthew Lee	Director, International Office, SMU
Hiroshi Sato	Vice President, Hitotsubashi University/ Director, HIAS, Hitotsubashi University
Motohiro Sato	Director, HIAS Health, Hitotsubashi University
Bryce Hool	Director, CREA, SMU
Mitsuhide Hoshino	Director of Research, Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry (RIETI)
Jessica Ya Sun	Research Fellow, CREA, SMU
Stephen Hoskins	Principal Research Associate, CREA, SMU
Terence Cheng	Visiting Professor, SMU/Affiliated Researcher, CREA, SMU
Seonghoon Kim	Researcher, CREA, SMU
Hwajin Yang	Researcher, CREA, SMU
Takashi Oshio	Professor, Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University
Emiko Usui	Associate Professor, Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University
Yoko Ibuka	Professor of Economics, Keio University
Miki Kohara	Professor, Osaka School of International Public Policy (OSIPP), Osaka University
Michihito Ando	Associate Professor, Graduate School of Economics, Rikkyo University
Xinxin Ma	Associate Professor, University of Toyama
Yuki Izumi	Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry (RIETI)
Ying Yao	Specially Appointed Assistant Professor, HIAS, Hitotsubashi University
Thomas Rouyard	HIAS Postdoctoral Researcher, HIAS, Hitotsubashi University
Masaki Takahashi	HIAS Postdoctoral Researcher, HIAS, Hitotsubashi University

* SIGMA : Societal Impact and Global Management Alliance

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About the Venue

Sano-Shoin Hall
Hitotsubashi University
Kunitachi, Tokyo, Japan



Sano shoin was built in 1929 originally as a private residence by Mr. Zensaku SANO, the founding president of Tokyo University of Commerce, the precursor of Hitotsubashi University. It had been used as a guest house for foreign visitors after donated to the University. Then, it was renovated to the conference hall and guest house by Josui-kai, alumni association of the University, in 1944.



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