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Housing Challenges and Innovations in Ageing Communities: Intergenerational Housing

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Organizers:
Centre of Urban Studies and Urban Planning,
The University of Hong Kong
School of Accounting, Economics and Finance,
Curtin University

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The old age cohorts are expanding rapidly in many cities, engendering ageing, aged and super-aged communities. The housing wellbeing of the elderly people arouses increasing social concern as higher proportions of the urban population face growing risks of illness, sense of loneliness, insecurity, and the need for an assistive living environment. In parallel, young people find it increasingly difficult to afford decent independent living with the uproar of housing prices and rents in many cities across developing and developed economies. Intergenerational housing thus become more common in Western cities and in rapidly developing Asian cities, either because adult children stay on with their parents, or they take subsidized housing with an obligation to provide support to their elderly neighbors. While intergenerational housing can help maintain and improve the wellbeing of the elderly people and the housing wellbeing of the young, deteriorating housing affordability also gives rise to the question of intergenerational housing

wealth inequality. This symposium grapples with the causes and consequences of these housing challenges and looks for innovative ways to combat the problems to improve the housing wellbeing and housing equity.

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Symposium Chair:



Professor Rebecca L.H. Chiu
The University of Hong Kong

Symposium Co-chair:



Professor Rachel Ong
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Programme

2:00-2:05pm **Welcome remarks:**



Professor Rebecca L.H. Chiu
Chairman Asia Pacific Network for Housing Research

2:05-2:15pm **Opening remarks:**



Professor Chris Webster
Dean of Faculty of Architecture
The University of Hong Kong

Session 1: *Intergenerational housing: More than a shelter*

Moderator



Professor Shenjing He
The University of Hong Kong

Speakers

2:18-2:38pm



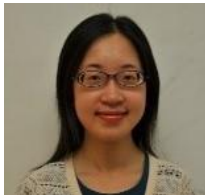
Professor Misa Izuhara

Professor of Social Policy School for Policy Studies, Centre for Urban and Public Policy Research
University of Bristol, U.K.

Collaborative housing: exploring alternatives for family-centred intergenerational living

The decline of traditional intergenerational co-residency is not a new phenomenon in East Asia. In the context of social care in crisis, the lack of housing options and the prevalence of lone-living, collaborative housing has the potential to meet the increasing care needs of an ageing population by going beyond the family-centred approach. Drawing on UK experiences, the potential and barriers to such alternative housing options as opposed to the dominant private form of living will be explored.

2:38-2:58pm



Dr. Mandy Lau

Associate Professor Department of Urban Planning and Design
The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

Us versus Them? Viewing the retired elderly through the eyes of young adults

Intergenerational housing and intergenerational programs have become catchwords in contemporary ageing cities. It is often assumed that the older and younger generations want to interact with each other, but is this really the case? Are young adults actually interested in interacting with the elderly? Do young adults hold negative stereotypes of the elderly, and does that hinder their interaction with the elderly? This presentation will share the findings from a

recent research project on intergenerational relations in Hong Kong. The presentation will focus on three major aspects: i) young adults' level of interest in interacting with the retired elderly; ii) young adults' stereotypes of the retired elderly; and iii) young adults' frequency and intimacy of contact with the retired elderly.

2:58-3:18pm



Professor Wan Nor Azriyati Wan Abd Aziz & Dr. Ainoriza Mohd Aini
Former Professor & Senior Lecturer Department of Real Estate Universiti Malaya, Malaysia

Intergenerational housing in multi-ethnic Malaysia

Intergenerational household is a significant type of household in Malaysia and the number is expected to increase with the recent demographic and socio-economic trends. What prompts three generations or more to live together under one roof? What are the housing challenges and the housing outcomes for these types of households? Drawing from recent in-depth interviews of intergenerational households, this presentation offers an insight into the intergenerational living experience in multi-ethnic Malaysia.

3:18-3:38pm



Dr. Bo Kyong Seo
Assistant Professor Department of Applied Social Sciences
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong

Housing and intergenerational coresidence in South Korea: trends, profiles and dynamics

South Korea is currently experiencing a rapid increase of its ageing population and, at the same time, affordable housing crisis adversely affecting young people. The speaker will talk about the trends of intergenerational coresidence in relation to the recent housing market changes and the characteristics of people living in multigenerational households in South Korea.

3:38-3:58pm **Discussion**

3:58-4:18pm **Break**

Session 2: Intergenerational housing wealth inequality: Social and economic causes and implications

Moderator



Professor Kath Hulse Swinburne
University of Technology

Speakers

4:18-4:38pm



Professor Rachel Ong Vifor
Professor

School of Accounting, Economics and Finance
Curtin University, Australia

Housing wealth and inequality: intergenerational differences in Australia

This presentation sheds light on the pivotal role of housing wealth as a contributor to intergenerational economic inequality in Australia. The presentation highlights trends in home ownership, mortgage debt and housing wealth inequality across Australian age cohorts over the period 2001-2017. The Australian trends are compared with trends from the USA and UK to shed light on how differences in institutional settings might affect housing wealth inequality across generations.

4:38-4:58pm



Professor Yosuke Hirayama

Professor
Graduate School of Human Development and Environment
Kobe University, Japan

Accumulating or dissipating: housing assets and social stratification

In mature economies, as growth slows, and as wealth accumulates, the redistribution of housing wealth, rather than income flow, becomes more important as a driver of shaping social inequalities. Using the case of post-growth Japan that is characterized by demographic and economic stagnation, this presentation looks at the importance of distinguishing between 'accumulating families' and 'dissipating families' in exploring housing asset-based social stratification.

4:58-5:18pm



Professor Jie Chen
Professor
Department of Public Economics and Social Policy
Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China

The changing dynamics of intergenerational housing wealth inequality in China and its socio-economic impacts

This talk will first provide an overview of literature and empirical evidences regarding intergenerational housing wealth inequality in mainland China and discusses the theoretic framework towards the understanding its evolutions, characteristics and socio-economic impacts. The talk will further present some descriptive data on this topic from various sources as well as some preliminary findings.

5:18-5:38pm



Professor Laurence Murphy
Professor of Human Geography School of Environment
The University of Auckland, New Zealand

A fear of missing out: changing homeownership rates and mortgage market dynamics in New Zealand

Where once homeownership was viewed as a marker of citizenship, increasingly the home is viewed as a fungible asset. Declining homeownership rates and increasing house prices have promoted increasing political and public concern regarding housing affordability issues in New

Zealand and contributed to an emerging discourse centred on a notion of intergenerational exclusion. This paper charts evolving trends in homeownership.

5:38-5:58pm **Discussion**

5:58-6:00pm **Closing remarks:**



Professor Shenjing He
Chairman designate Asia Pacific Network for Housing Research
