THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

HKU Research Hub of Population Studies
Department of Sociology

Bridging Sociologies in East Asia and Beyond:
Tri-University Conference on Family, Work, Culture, and Politics

Tentative Programme

Date: December 4, 2026 (Friday)
Time: 9:30 am – 6:00 pm
**Parallel sessions will be arranged in breakout rooms to accommodate all presentations.*
Venue: **Social Sciences Chamber (Main Room)**, 11/F, The Jockey Club Tower
The University of Hong Kong

TIME	PROGRAMME
0930 – 0945	Registration
0945 – 1000	Welcoming Remarks Tarani Chandola Head, Department of Sociology Professor of Medical Sociology The University of Hong Kong Group Photo **Livestream will be available in the Social Sciences Function Room and Room 9.29.*
1000 – 1155	**Sub-theme 1: Migration** ***The list below includes only the speaker of the presentation.* ***Untaken Road Matters: Perceived Counterfactual Status Gap, Intergenerational Mobility and Migration Intentions*** Yuyao Liu PhD Candidate Department of Sociology The University of Hong Kong ***Immigrants in Relational Context: Explaining Cross-National Variations in Attitudes toward Immigration*** Gayoung Lee Master's Student Department of Sociology Korea University ***Sociocultural Integration and the Behavioural–Material Divide in Disaster Preparedness in Tokyo*** Kenji Ishida Associate Professor Institute of Social Science The University of Tokyo

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1000 – 1155	***Education Differences in the Drivers of Internal Migration*** Guy Abel Professor, HKU-100 Scholar Department of Sociology The University of Hong Kong ***Recruitment and Job Search Methods and the Labour Market Positions of Migrants in Japan*** Kikuko Nagayoshi Professor Institute of Social Science The University of Tokyo *Open Floor Discussion* Moderator: Tarani Chandola Head, Department of Sociology Professor of Medical Sociology Co-Director of the HKU Stone Centre on Socio-Economic Inequality in Asia The University of Hong Kong
1200 – 1400	Lunch Break *(Invited Guests Only)*

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1400 – 1555	**<u>Sub-theme 4: Education, Marriage, and Family</u>** ***The list below includes only the speaker of the presentation.* ***Does College Education Mitigate Assortative Mating by Family Origin?*** Lai Wei Assistant Professor Department of Sociology The University of Hong Kong ***What Money Can and Cannot Buy: Family Income and the Origin Gap in University Enrollment in Japan*** Sho Fujihara Professor Institute of Social Science The University of Tokyo ***From College to Marriage: Family Origin, College Prestige, and Educational Assortative Mating in China*** Wenbo Hu PhD Student Department of Sociology The University of Hong Kong ***Lower Scores, Questioned Legitimacy: The Paradox of Place-Based Affirmative Action in China*** Ziying An PhD Student Graduate School of Education The University of Tokyo ***Psychological Risk or Psychological Protection? Understanding the Heterogeneous Mental-Health Consequences of Academic-Vocational Tracking in China*** Jiatong Li PhD Student Department of Sociology The University of Hong Kong *Open Floor Discussion* Moderator: Eric Fong Chair Professor in Sociology Associate Dean (Postgraduate Education), Faculty of Social Sciences Director, Research Hub of Population Studies The University of Hong Kong
1555 – 1615	Coffee Break *(Available at the Social Sciences Chamber Foyer)*

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1615 – 1750	**<u>Sub-theme 7: Culture and Religion</u>** ***The list below includes only the speaker of the presentation.* ***"Am I Allowed to Be Thin?": The Dual Moral Economy of GLP-1 Weight-Loss Drugs in Korean YouTube Discourse*** Gowoon Jung Associate Professor Department of Sociology Korea University ***Belonging by Choice: Religious Voluntarism and the Gender Gap in Religiosity in East Asia and Beyond*** Weidong Wang Professor of Practice Co-Director, Social Sciences Research Centre Faculty of Social Sciences The University of Hong Kong ***Issue Alignment as a Cultural Schema*** Inseong Jung Master's Student Department of Sociology Korea University ***How Did Religion and Medicine/Science Intersect in Korea during COVID-19?*** Jae-Mahn Shim Professor Department of Sociology Korea University *Open Floor Discussion* Moderator: Duoduo Xu Associate Professor Department of Sociology Co-Director of Social Sciences Research Centre The University of Hong Kong
1750 – 1800	Closing Remarks Eric Fong Chair Professor in Sociology Associate Dean (Postgraduate Education), Faculty of Social Sciences Director, Research Hub of Population Studies The University of Hong Kong **Livestream will be available in Room 9.29.*
1830 – 2100	Dinner *(Invited Guests Only)*

Breakout Room 1: Social Sciences Function Room

Time: 9:30 am – 3:35 pm
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0930 – 0945	Registration
0945 – 1000	Welcoming Remarks Group Photo **Livestream will be available in the Social Sciences Function Room.*
1000 – 1155	**<u>Sub-theme 2: Work and Occupation</u>** ***The list below includes only the speaker of the presentation.* ***Imagined Meritocracy and Social Inequality: A Comparative Study on Meritocratic Beliefs and Heterogeneous Economic Returns to Merit*** Satoshi Araki Assistant Professor Department of Sociology The University of Hong Kong ***Beyond the Workplace Model: Occupational Aspirations, Short-Cycle Higher Education, and Gender in Japanese Meritocracy*** Hirofumi Taki Associate Professor Graduate School of Education The University of Tokyo ***Is It Worth Working Here? A Comparative Analysis of Organisational Contexts and Worker Dignity*** Junghun Han Postdoctoral Researcher Department of Sociology Korea University ***When Does Negotiation Backfire? Gender, Job Level, and the Level of Wage Demands*** Yuriko Morikawa Project Research Associate Institute of Social Science The University of Tokyo ***Moral Economies of Work in Public Transit: New York City and Seoul 1974-2022*** Youbin Kang Assistant Professor Department of Sociology The University of Hong Kong *Open Floor Discussion* Moderator: Sho Fujihara Professor Institute of Social Science The University of Tokyo

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1200 – 1400	Lunch Break *(Invited Guests Only)*
1400 – 1535	**<u>Sub-theme 5: Education</u>** ***The list below includes only the speaker of the presentation.* ***Unequal Returns to Education: Perceived Discrimination and Racial/Ethnic Inequalities in Mental Health*** Hannah Baek Master's Student Department of Sociology Korea University ***Does Academic Achievement Shape How Students Imagine Their Future?*** Hiroki Ishibashi PhD Student Graduate School of Education The University of Tokyo ***Does Following to Japanese Social Norms Facilitate Integration into Japanese Society?: The Settlement Process and Identity Negotiation of Chinese International Students in Japan*** Yi Liu PhD Student Graduate School of Education The University of Tokyo ***Regional Differences in the Gender Gap in University Enrollment in Japan: Mothers' Gender Attitudes and Children's Aspirations to Attend University*** Misaki Ogura Master's Student Graduate School of Education The University of Tokyo *Open Floor Discussion* Moderator: Soohan Kim Professor Department of Sociology Korea University

Breakout Room 2: Room 9.29

Time: 9:30 am – 6:00 pm
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0945 – 1000	Welcoming Remarks Group Photo **Livestream will be available in Room 9.29.*
1000 – 1120	**<u>Sub-theme 3: Political Sociology</u>** ***The list below includes only the speaker of the presentation.* ***Democracy in and through Liminality: Citizen Responses to the 2024 Martial Law in Korea*** Junsoo Jeong PhD Candidate Department of Sociology Korea University ***State-Building and the Changing Structure of American Elite Recruitment 1850-1998*** Benjamin Rohr Assistant Professor Department of Sociology The University of Hong Kong ***Poisoning the Discourse: Measuring the Hidden Power of Poverty Stigma in U.S. Policy Language with Masked Language Models*** Yunseok Jeong Master's Student Department of Sociology Korea University *Open Floor Discussion* Moderator: Jae-Mahn Shim Professor Department of Sociology Korea University
1120 – 1155	Direct guests to the Social Sciences Chamber
1200 – 1400	Lunch Break *(Invited Guests Only)*

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1400 – 1535	**<u>Sub-theme 6: Gender, Children, and Youth</u>** ***The list below includes only the speaker of the presentation.* ***Does Career Success Translate into Wealth?*** ***Gender, Marriage, and Asset Formation among Korean Managers*** Soohan Kim Professor Department of Sociology Korea University ***Daughters and Sons Are Not Taught Equally: Exploring Gendered Housework Socialisation in Japanese Families*** Minaho Todaka Project Research Associate Institute of Social Science The University of Tokyo ***Marriage as Choice, Marriageability as Obligation: Negotiating Masculine Worth in Korean Digital Discourse*** Hojung Joo Master's Student Department of Sociology Korea University ***Intergenerational Ties and Transitions to First and Second Births in South Korea*** Rokhui Son PhD Student Department of Sociology The University of Hong Kong *Open Floor Discussion* Moderator: Guy Abel Professor, HKU-100 Scholar Department of Sociology The University of Hong Kong
1555 – 1615	Coffee Break *(Available at the Social Sciences Chamber Foyer)*

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	<u>Sub-theme 8: Marriage and Family</u> ***The list below includes only the speaker of the presentation.* ***Parental Educational Pairing and the Intergenerational Transmission of Advantage: Family Processes, Family Cultural Capital, and Child Development*** Nanxun Li Research Assistant Professor Research Hub of Population Studies Faculty of Social Sciences The University of Hong Kong ***Whose Burden? Elder Parental Caregiving and Depression among Married Women in South Korea*** Youme Kwon Master's Student Department of Sociology Korea University
1615 – 1750	***How Parents Perceive the Digitalisation of Education in Japan?*** Yilin Xie PhD Student Graduate School of Education The University of Tokyo ***Educational Differences in Divorce Across 30 Years of Marriage: The Role of Educational Pairing in South Korea*** Sangsoo Lee Assistant Professor Department of Sociology Korea University *Open Floor Discussion* Moderator: Kikuko Nagayoshi Professor Institute of Social Science The University of Tokyo
1750 – 1800	Closing Remarks **Livestream will be available in Room 9.29.*
1830 – 2100	Dinner *(Invited Guests Only)*

November 17, 2026