

Springer Book Series of *Quality of Life in Asia*

Call for Papers

Quality of Life in Japan

The Springer Book Series of *Quality of Life in Asia* is calling for papers to be published in an edited book, tentatively titled “**Quality of Life in Japan**”. This edited book aims to provide timely and in-depth research results to understand the quality of life in contemporary Japan. The editors consider Japan as a unique country in which life conditions are particularly favorable that lead to significant progress in both wealth and wellbeing. Japan also is facing challenges from ageing population, low fertility, slower economic growth, larger gender gap in occupation and wages and other socio-economic obstacles that might hamper life quality for certain demographic groups and prevent further social betterment. This project encourages contributors to offer findings and explanations from interdisciplinary angles to fully capture the distinctive features of quality of life in this East Asian society. Papers that compare Japan and other societies are much welcome. The topics of submitted papers should be relevant (but not limited) to:

- Trends of quality of life over time and across subpopulations
- Cultural roots of happiness and life satisfaction
- Gender and happiness
- Quality of life in different types of families
- Ageing, life experiences, cares and quality of life
- Employment, unemployment, and quality of life
- Income and happiness
- Social capital and wellbeing
- Community as a context of quality of life
- Poverty, social exclusion, unhappiness
- Disasters, nuclear accident, and quality of life

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Important Dates:

- Proposal: May 10, 2017
- Final paper submission: November 30, 2017
- Peer Review of submissions: by March 1, 2018 with a decision for authors
- Second round revision and review: June 30, 2018
- Publication: late 2018 (tentative)