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### 1. Relational wellbeing: An alternative approach

**Dolgion Aldar (Independent Research Institute of Mongolia)**

The last few decades have seen an ever-growing trend towards the use of wellbeing research to inform decision making and evaluating policy successes (OECD 2011). Today, there is a wide consensus among academics and the international development community that wellbeing represents a new development paradigm giving opportunities to go beyond economic growth and pursue a more human-centred approach (Stiglitz et al. 2009; Government of Bhutan, United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals Declaration, OECD). There is also a wide recognition that wellbeing is a complex and multidimensional concept (Atkinson 2013).

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## Dominant approaches in wellbeing

Major research paradigms and analytical attention on understanding wellbeing have focused on subjective and material/objective wellbeing. Fuelled by the dominant position achieved by economics and psychology, wellbeing is seen as an object of personal responsibility (e.g. Diener 1997; Deci and Ryan 2000; Cummins 2010) and as the desired outcome of external socio-economic factors and policies (e.g. Easterlin 1974, Veenhoven 2008 and Stiglitz et al. 2009). Here, wellbeing is understood as subjective wellbeing (SWB) – consisting of life satisfaction, positive and negative affect and meaning in life (OECD 2013) and objective wellbeing – consisting of material living conditions such as housing, income and jobs (OECD 2011).

In more recent years, the dominant SWB and OWB approaches have reached significant debates. The vast majority of studies using these approaches focus on developing universal objective measures of wellbeing which allow comparisons and to identify common determinants and results of wellbeing across cultures and times (Veenhoven 2008). Although the constructs used in understanding happiness and subjective wellbeing are becoming more diversified (White et al. 2016, 13), the dominant wellbeing approaches pursue for a ‘utilitarian search for social conditions that produce the greatest happiness for the greatest number’ (Veenhoven 2008, 2).

The dominant wellbeing approaches have attracted much criticism, especially from social scientists. Opponents have challenged the SWB approach’s positivist foundations; the alleged epistemological merits of quantitative approach; the separation between individuals, community and society (Rose 1999 cited in Sointu 2005) and focus on autonomy (Deci and Ryan 2000); ignorance of the importance of context<sup>1</sup>; the dominance of individualist values and Global North focus in their studies; and the commoditisation of wellbeing into a ‘state of affairs’ and a goal to be achieved<sup>2</sup> (Atkinson 2013). As such, subjective and objective measurements of wellbeing have drawbacks to explain relationality, subjectivity and context of wellbeing. Also the main disadvantage of these dominant approaches is that they tend to focus on the current state of affairs and hence do not allow social scientists to understand how societies change.

## Alternative approach in wellbeing: Relational wellbeing (RWB)

Moving beyond the SWB, alternative approach of wellbeing was proposed by White and

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<sup>1</sup> e.g. Easterlin paradox, Stiglitz et al. 2009

<sup>2</sup> e.g. Evans and Prilleltensky 2007; Sen 1999

Atkinson (White et al. 2012 and Atkinson 2013). The relational wellbeing (RWB) approach proposes an alternative definition of wellbeing and provides a framework for social researchers to study wellbeing. It enables researchers to focus on 'relationships' between people and groups, various dimensions of wellbeing and between subjective and objective wellbeing. It brings the role of context back into the analysis by arguing that wellbeing is grounded in a particular social and cultural context in a particular time and place (Atkinson 2012). Most importantly, it allows studying wellbeing as a 'process' which is dynamic and interactive. As such the RWB allows understanding the motions, subjectivity of wellbeing in its context whilst moving beyond the Western and neoliberal values and beliefs (McCubbin, et al. 2013).

Another important contribution of RWB in the literature is that it provides a set of research strategies. The use of qualitative and mixed-methods approach is more established in RWB studies compared to those of the dominant wellbeing approaches. Attention on integrating qualitative and quantitative approaches allows to recognize the relational aspect of subjective data, 'their meaning found in relation to the person whose perspectives are reported' and his/her particular setting (White et al. 2012). As such RWB research uses more interpretative approach where 'the subjectivity of subjective data' is crucial (White 2015).

## Gaps

Despite the accelerating number of studies in wellbeing in developing countries, the RWB has only recently started to receive sustained attention (White 2015, 18) and even less notice has been paid to its use at societal level as well as in post-communist transitions. Although RWB approach emphasises societal dimensions in wellbeing, there is little research available to date that was conducted at societal level and major discussions seem to rely on community level studies as evidence (e.g. ESRC Wellbeing in Developing Countries Research Group (WeD)).

There have been several studies to understand societal wellbeing through the concept of 'social wellbeing' (e.g. Keyes 1998 and Koo, et al. 2016 and the Social Wellbeing Research Consortium in Asia'). What is common in these studies is that they put the negative and positive effects of relationships on wellbeing into the centre of analysis. In other words, they use various notions of social structure and values such as social integration, sense of belonging and interdependence and sense of shared consciousness as explanatory factors for social wellbeing. However, they do not offer a valid alternative framework for analysing RWB because they primarily rely on components approach and quantitative research of wellbeing; treat wellbeing as a state of affairs.

In summary, there is still an important gap in wellbeing studies that needs to be filled by social scientists – moving beyond psychology and economics.

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## 2. Call for Submission to World Congress of sociology 2018



### RC55 Social Indicators

#### Program Coordinator:

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**Submit your proposal before September 30, 2017!**

#### Sessions:

- a). Family, Work, and Quality of Life
- b). General Subjective Wellbeing and Its Sub-Dimensions: How Are They Interconnected?
- c). Impressions of Societal Malaise – Addressing Societal Change By Focusing on Public Perceptions of Crisis
- d). Indicators of Social Inequalities: Comparative Analysis Among Countries
- e). Leisure for a Livable Society
- f). Long Term Trends in Quality of Life
- g). Migration and Quality of Life

- h). Multidimensional Poverty, Capabilities, and Social Exclusion Measures: How They Shape Poverty Eradication Programs and Public Policies
- i). Period and Cohort Effects on Wellbeing in Early Adulthood
- j). Poverty, Vulnerability, Resilience, and Well-Being: Conceptualizing, Measuring and Analyzing Complex Multidimensional Phenomena
- k). Social Capital and Its Measurement
- l). Social Indicators and Quality of Life: Novel Ideas, New Findings, Candid Reporting
- m). Wealth, Inequalities and SWB

### **3. Call for Application to Ruut Veenhoven Prize 2017**

- The Erasmus Happiness Economics Research Organisation (EHERO) grants the Ruut Veenhoven Prize 2017

The prize was created in 2014 in honour of Emeritus Professor Ruut Veenhoven (1942), a prominent researcher and one of the founders of the field of Happiness Studies. The prize carries an award of the equivalent of 2,500 Euro plus a certificate of appreciation. It is intended to award outstanding research in the field of Happiness Studies by a promising researcher; a researcher who has performed exceptional research and is just embarking on a research career (having obtained a doctorate within the last six years).

The Erasmus Happiness Economics Research Organisation (EHERO) invites the submission of research work written in English. The prize will be presented at the Ruut Veenhoven Seminar in Happiness Studies to be held in Rotterdam on November 28, 2017. The winner will be selected by a committee headed by Emeritus Professor Justus Veenman, Erasmus University Rotterdam, the Netherlands.

#### **Goal, Procedure and Jury**

- ✧ The Award recognizes annually a scholar (having obtained a doctorate within the last six years) who has demonstrated innovation and excellence in Happiness Studies through the publication of a research paper or PhD thesis of outstanding quality. Research papers should have been accepted for publication in a peer reviewed international journal. However, no work should be submitted that has been published before 2012. The submission has to be accompanied by a CV and a summary of the submitted work in English (maximum of 2 pages).

- ✧ An exemption is made for female scholars who have been on maternity leave. They should have obtained their doctorate within the last eight years, where no work should be submitted that has been published before 2010.
- ✧ Scholars can maximally submit one research paper.
- ✧ The jury will consist of a chairman and four full professors; they will be supported by a secretary and two advisors (who are not part of the jury). More information on the composition of the committee can be found below.
- ✧ Documents have to be submitted in electronic format (pdf) to [veenhovenaward@ese.eur.nl](mailto:veenhovenaward@ese.eur.nl)
- ✧ The deadline for submission is September 1, 2017.
- ✧ Knowledge of the intended recipient of the prize must be treated with confidentiality.
- ✧ The winner will be invited to the Ruut Veenhoven Colloquium in Happiness Studies in Rotterdam on the 28th of November 2017, all costs covered.

#### **Jury Ruut Veenhoven Award 2017**

- Prof.dr. Justus Veenman (chair), Erasmus School of Economics, Erasmus University Rotterdam
- Prof.dr. Lidia Arends, Faculty of Social Sciences, Erasmus University Rotterdam
- Prof.dr. Werner Brouwer, Institute of Health Policy and Management, Erasmus University Rotterdam
- Prof.dr. Kirsten Rohde, Erasmus School of Economics, Erasmus University Rotterdam
- Prof.dr. Jack Vromen, Faculty of Philosophy, Erasmus University Rotterdam
- Dr. Martijn Burger (secretary), Erasmus School of Economics, Erasmus University Rotterdam
- Prof.dr. Harry Commandeur (advisor), Erasmus School of Economics, Erasmus University Rotterdam
- Prof.dr. Ruut Veenhoven (advisor), Erasmus Happiness Economics Research Organization, Erasmus University Rotterdam

#### **More information**

For more information please contact Gerda de Rave: <mailto:derave@ese.eur.nl>

#### **4. New books and papers by members published during the period from Jan to June, 2017**

- Nicolae Bulz (National Defence College, Romania) recently published:
  - a). **Book** : *HOW DOES CHANGE COME ABOUT? ABOUT SOCIETAL INTERACTIVE CHANGE*

**Publishing :**

Reference material for the book/e-book launched on February 7, 2017 within the editorial efforts from LAMBERT Academic Publishing, Saarbrücken, Germany

**Abstract :**

The author tries to (re-)adapt the complex societal (hypothetical) realities to the large scale accumulation of scientific representation(s) for the contemporary problems – within an entire study.

- Ruut Veenhoven (Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands) recently published:
  - a). Sascha Lance, Martijn Burger Mood and Ruut Veenhoven, Mood during commute in The Netherlands: What way of travel feels best for what kind of people? Accepted for publication in Transportation Research Part A, online since May 11 2017, DOI: 10.1016/j.tra.2017.04.025 Together with Sascha lancee and Martijn Burger.
  - b). Amanina Abdur Rahman and Ruut Veenhoven, Freedom and happiness in nations: A research synthesis. Accepted for publication in Applied Research on Quality of Life.
  - c). Gael Brule and Ruut Veenhoven, The '10-excess' phenomenon in responses to survey questions about happiness Social Indicators Research, 131 (2) 853-870, DOI: 10.1007/s11205-016-1265-x Open Access.
  - d). Tineke DeJonge, Wim Kalmijn and Ruut Veenhoven, Diversity in survey questions on the same topic: Techniques for improving comparability Social Indicators Research Book Series. Volume 68, ISBN: 978-3-319-53260-8 (Print) 978-3-319-53261-5 (Online).
  - e). Ruut Veenhoven, Co-development of Happiness Research: Addition to "Fifty Years After the Social Indicator Movement Social Indicators Research. online since February 28 2017, DOI 10.1007/s11205-017-1554-z.
  - f). Ruut Veenhoven: Greater happiness for a greater number: Did the promise of enlightenment come true? Social Indicators Research, DOI 10.1007/s11205-015-1128x, 130 (1), 9-25, Open Access.

- Ming-Chang Tsai (Academia Sinica, Taiwan) recently published:
- a). Ming-Chang Tsai and Wan-chi Chen (eds). 2017. *Family, Work and Wellbeing in Asia*. Dordrecht, The Netherlands: Springer.
  - b). Ming-Chang Tsai and Wan-chi Chen. 2017. The Family-Work Nexus and Wellbeing in Asia: An Introduction. In Ming-Chang Tsai and Wan-chi Chen (eds), *Family, Work and Wellbeing in Asia*, pp. 3-17: Dordrecht, The Netherlands: Springer.
  - c). Ming-Chang Tsai and Wen-Shan Yang. 2017. Familial Exchange and Intergenerational Contact in East Asian Societies. In Ming-Chang Tsai and Wan-chi Chen (eds), *Family, Work and Wellbeing in Asia*, pp. 21-42. Dordrecht, The Netherlands: Springer.

## 5. Webinar: Scale-homogenization

Smoothing survey data based on different questions on the same topic

### Subject matter

- Problems with comparability of existing survey data  
Survey questions on the same topic (e.g. happiness or life satisfaction) often differ in response format (e.g. a 3-point or a 5-point scale). This complicates comparison across surveys and over time; a large body of incomparable data has gathered dust in the archives of survey agencies.

Survey studies often have different language versions, e.g. the World Values Survey uses questionnaires in 50 different languages. This language variation also complicates comparison: will the response option 4 'pretty happy' on a 5-point scale for English speaking respondents be the same as for Chinese respondents ticking the same option 4 labelled as: 相当快乐 in their questionnaire?

- Solutions  
At the Erasmus University Rotterdam, we have developed two new techniques for scale homogenization. We did this in the context of comparative happiness research, but the techniques are also applicable for other fields of research, such as survey studies on health or political attitudes. The techniques are: The Scale Interval Method (SIM): Here native speakers rate the intensity of verbal response options on a numerical scale, e.g. in the context of a particular question the verbal response option 'very happy' equals 8.4 on numerical scale 0-10.

Ratings are made by native-speakers; mostly students. Some 200 judges are required to obtain a reliable estimate. See [http://worlddatabaseofhappiness.eur.nl/scalestudy/scale\\_fp.htm](http://worlddatabaseofhappiness.eur.nl/scalestudy/scale_fp.htm) The Reference Distribution Method (RDM): Here the continuous distribution, estimated on basis of the responses to an appointed survey item, preferably with a 10- or 11-point numerical scale, serves as a reference to estimate the population mean based on the responses to another question on the same topic using a different response scale. This method requires that both questions have been used in the same population in the same year, e.g. that two surveys in the USA in 2015 have used a question on life satisfaction, one of which was rated on a 5-point scale with verbal response options, while the other was rated on a 0-10 point numerical scale.

### Webinar

#### Teachers:

- ✧ Dr. Tineke de Jonge
- ✧ Prof dr. Ruut Veenhoven

#### Topics:

1. Who we are
2. Introduction to the problem
3. Earlier solutions to the problem
4. Scale Interval Method
5. Reference Distribution Method
6. Demonstration of an application
7. Demonstration of use in World Database of Happiness
8. Other applications of the methods
9. Further development of these techniques

#### Materials:

- a). Book: Diversity in Survey Questions on the same topic: Techniques for improving comparability
- b). Programs:
  - Program Processing Assessments Scale Interval Study
  - Best Fit Beta Distribution for a Single Measurement
  - Program Reference Distribution Method for Time Series

a). World Database of Happiness: <https://worlddatabaseofhappiness.eur.nl>

Upcoming dates:

- ✧ Friday October 27, 2017, 14-17 hrs CET
- ✧ Friday November 3, 2017, 14-17 hrs CET

Costs:

- ✧ Book + software: € 250
- ✧ Webinar: € 500 per day part

Organization:

Erasmus University Rotterdam, jointly by Erasmus Happiness Research Organization (EHERO) and Erasmus Quantitative Intelligence (EQI)

### Other scale homogenization services

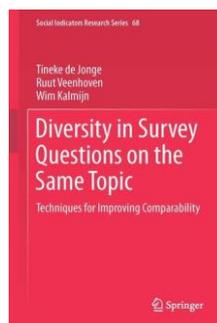
In house seminar: for your team

Data smoothing at Erasmus University: you send us the data and we do the smoothing; you can be present in this process.

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Book:



## 6. The 2017 Mid-term Conference of RC55 in Taipei: A Profile

A mid-term conference every two years has now been an established convention for RC55. This year's event happened on April 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017, in Academia Sinica, Taipei. The call was out in September, 2016, after the scientific members teamed up. The team was comprised of Rob Bijl (The Netherlands *Institute for Social Research*), Thung-hong Lin

(Academia Sinica, Taiwan), Christian Suter (University of Neuchatel, Switzerland) Ming-Chang Tsai (Academia Sinica, Taiwan). The Research Center for Humanities and Sciences, with which I am affiliating, provides substantial supports of logistics, including accommodations in the guesthouse on campus. The Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica and Taiwanese Sociological Association also offered various supports to make the conference a success. I cannot thank too much Miss Ginger Chiang, the secretary of the conference, for her great effort and careful attention to the details of management from the first day we started to prepare for the conference.

The theme of the conference was *The Future of Social Indicators: Regional Responses to Global Challenges*. To highlight our interest and mission under this central tenet, we invited two prominent keynote speakers. On the morning of the April 21<sup>st</sup>, Professor Ruut Veenhoven (Social Conditions for Human Happiness, Erasmus University Rotterdam) gave a speech titled "Developments in Happiness Research", in which he looked backward to how this field evolved in the beginning, and looked forward to the future (third) waves of happiness research. On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Professor Ken Land gave his speech titled "How Composite Social Indicators Resolve the Easterlin Happiness Paradox and Their Time Series Properties". He provided valuable insights to the critical issue of income-happiness paradox and called for attention to the imprint of macroeconomic expansions and contractions behind the overall improvements of well-being of the studied groups.

There were 26 papers in the final count. The participants came from 12 countries (Japan, China, Hong Kong, Singapore, the Netherlands, the Switzerland, Britain, the US, Germany, France and Montenegro). The topics of the presented papers were of a wide diversity, showing various interests of the members (see the final program attached). The venue was in the main building of RCHSS. Parallel sessions were used as the schedule was quite busy over the two days.

A great dinner together is also a must to celebrate the great solidarity of the community. In fact, we had two dinner banquets. On the night of the 21<sup>st</sup>, we gathered at "North Cloud". Its feature was Taiwanese/Chinese cuisine. It was a welcome party, aiming to refresh especially those who traveled from afar to Taiwan. On the 22<sup>nd</sup>, for the sake of different food experience, we went to Thai Town Cuisine, and of course tried Thai food in this famous chain restaurant located in a nearby business district. A great social dinner is surely a key ingredient of happiness for humans.

The Research Committee 55-Social Indicators of International Sociological Association

It has been three months since we bid farewell. But we will meet again soon at ISA's 2018 World Congress in Toronto. Please book this coming event of July 15-21, 2018 in your schedule. The call is open until **September 30 of this fall**. Looking forward to seeing you in Toronto!

With warmest regards,  
 Ming-Chang Tsai  
 President of RC55-Social Indicators





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	<p>Chair: <b>Michael Gebel</b> (Professor, Dept. of Sociology, University of Bamberg)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Michael Gebel</b> (Professor, Dept. of Sociology, University of Bamberg) <i>The Transition from Education to Work and Youths' Well-being. Evidence from German Panel Data</i></li> <li><b>Masayuki Kanai</b> (Professor, Dept. of Sociology, School of Human Sciences, Senshu University) <i>The Effect of Subjective Mobility on Life Satisfaction: Comparison between Japan and Korea</i></li> <li><b>Hsiu-jen Yeh</b> (Professor, Dept. of Social Welfare, National Chung Cheng University) <i>Well-Being Consequences of Early Adversity, Socioeconomic Status, and Health in Taiwan: A Life Course Perspective</i></li> </ol>	
	Panel 3b: Recent Methodological Advances	Conf. Rm 2
	<p>Chair: <b>Pei-shan Liao</b> (Associate Research Fellow and Executive Secretary, Center for Survey Research, RCHSS, Academia Sinica)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Tugce Beycan</b> (Ph.D. Student, Dept. of Sociology, University of Neuchâtel) &amp; <b>Christian Suter</b> (Professor, Dept. of Sociology, University of Neuchâtel) <i>Measuring Capabilities and Multidimensional Poverty through Two Different Approaches: Evidence from Turkey</i></li> <li><b>Alessandro Fergnani</b> (Graduate Student, Graduate Institute of Futures Studies, Tamkang University) <i>Measuring Aggregate Social Competitiveness</i></li> <li><b>Chao Shi</b> (Master Student, Institute of Population Research, Peking University) &amp; <b>Kenneth C. Land</b> (John Franklin Crowell Professor Emeritus of Sociology, Duke University) <i>The Data Envelopment Analysis and Equal Weights/Minimax Methods of Composite Social Indicator Construction: A Methodological Analysis of Data Sensitivity and Robustness</i></li> </ol>	

## Saturday, April 22nd, 2017

09:30-10:30	Keynote Speech	
	<p>Chair: <b>Rob Bijl</b> (Deputy Director, The Netherlands Institute for Social Research)</p> <p>Speaker: <b>Kenneth C. Land</b> (John Franklin Crowell Professor Emeritus of</p>	

	Sociology, Duke University) Topic: <i>How Composite Social Indicators Resolve the Easterlin Happiness Paradox and Their Time Series Properties</i>
10:30-10:50	Coffee Break
10:50-11:50	<p>Panel 4a: Gender, Fertility and Health Behaviors <span style="float: right;">Conf. Rm 1</span></p> <p>Chair: <b>Po-fan Tai</b> (Director, Department of Sociology, Fu Jen Catholic University &amp; President, Taiwanese Sociological Association )</p> <p>1. <b>Seydou Dicko</b> (PhD Candidate, Graduate School of International Media, Communication, and Tourism Studies, Hokkaido University) &amp; <b>Naoya Ito</b> (Professor, Research Faculty of Media and Communication, Hokkaido University) <i>Modeling Health-enhancing Behaviors: How an Extended RANAS with Trust May Predict the Adoption of Toilets in Burkina Faso?</i></p> <p>2. <b>Pi-chun Hsu</b> (Associate Professor, Dept. of Social Welfare, Chinese Culture University) &amp; <b>Haw-jen Chiou</b> (Professor, Dept. of Business Administration, National Taiwan Normal University) <i>Gender Equity, Son Preference, and Fertility Intentions in Taiwan</i></p>
	<p>Panel 4b: Inequality and Divide in Happiness <span style="float: right;">Conf. Rm 2</span></p> <p>Chair : <b>Masayuki Kanai</b> (Professor, Dept. of Sociology, School of Human Sciences, Senshu University)</p> <p>1. <b>Yu Tao</b> (Assistant Professor, Dept. of Sociology, College of Arts and Letters, Stevens Institute of Technology), <b>Wendy Hui Wang</b> (Associate Professor, Dept. of Computer Science, Stevens Institute of Technology), <b>Kristyn Karl</b> (Assistant Professor of Political Science, College of Arts and Letters, Stevens Institute of Technology) , <b>Paige Brown</b> (Undergraduate student in Chemical Engineering, Stevens Institute of Technology) &amp; <b>Kai Wang</b> (Assistant Professor of Business, Kean University) <i>Online Privacy Literacy: What Factors Affect Awareness and Skills of Online Privacy in the United States?</i></p> <p>2. <b>Yung Yau</b> (Associate Professor, Dept. of Public Policy, City University of Hong Kong) <i>Disability and Inequality of Happiness: A Cross-cultural Study of Little People in Hong Kong, Singapore and Taipei</i></p>
11:50-13:30	Lunch
13:30-15:30	<p>Panel 5: Segregation, Dependence and Exclusion <span style="float: right;">Conf. Rm 1</span></p> <p>Chair: <b>Wing-hong Chui</b> (Professor, Dept. of Applied Social Sciences, City University of Hong Kong)</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Ka-ki Chan</b> (Lecturer, Department of Social Work, Hong Kong Baptist University) &amp; <b>Tat-chor Au Yeung</b> (PhD Candidate, Department of Sociological Studies, The University of Sheffield) <i>A Study of Young Working People's Retirement Planning in Hong Kong</i></li> <li><b>Joëlle Gaymu</b> (Researcher and Director, Old Age and Ageing, Institut National D'études Démographique) &amp; <b>Loïc Trabut</b> (Researcher, Old Age and Ageing, Institut National D'études Démographiques) <i>Spatial Segregation or Integration: The Political Response after 20 Years of Transformation in Lifestyles of Dependent Elderly People on the French Territory</i></li> <li><b>Joonmo Son</b> (Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, National University of Singapore) <i>Three Sources of Social Isolation and Depression in Korean and Chinese Elderly</i></li> <li><b>Hsin-chieh Chang</b> (Assistant Professor, Institute of Health Behaviors and Community Sciences, National Taiwan University) <i>No Pain, No Gain: Social Relationships, Perceived Discrimination, and Wellbeing among Vietnamese Marriage Migrants in Taiwan and South Korea</i></li> </ol>
15:30-15:50	Coffee Break
15:50-17:20	<p>Panel 6: Social Network and Social Capital <span style="float: right;">Conf. Rm 1</span></p> <p>Chair: <b>Hsiu-jen Yeh</b> (Professor, Dept. of Social Welfare, National Chung Cheng University)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Chun-hao Li</b> (Associate Professor, Dept. of Social and Policy Sciences, Yuan Ze University) &amp; <b>Shu-yao Hsu</b> (Assistant Professor, Dept. of Leisure Management, Kang Ning University) <i>Social Networks and Happiness of Female Immigrants in Transnational Marriages in Taiwan</i></li> <li><b>Amritorupa Sen</b> (PhD Student, Dept. of Sociology, National University of Singapore) <i>Questioning Tie Strength: "Helpful Tie" as a New Dimension in Social Capital Research</i></li> <li><b>Eiji Sumi</b> (Associate Professor, Faculty of Economics, Niigata University) <i>Income Inequality, Social Capital and Subjective Well-being: Evidence from Japan</i></li> </ol>
17:20-17:30	<p>Closing Remarks <span style="float: right;">Conf. Rm 1</span></p> <p><b>Ming-CChanghang Tsai</b> (Research Fellow and Executive Director, Center for Asia-Pacific Area Studies, RCHSS, Academia Sinica)</p>