

International Symposium on Transnational Caregiving and End of Life from Global Perspectives (Online)

at 3pm-5pm on March 11, 2024 (Pacific Time太平洋標準時間)
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3:00pm-3:10pm, Chair : Linda Neuhauser, DrPH (Clinical Professor, UC Berkeley)

Opening Remarks: Neville Greening, Ph.D., PsyD, MBA, MSc
(CEO, Japan Trading Company; Executive Director, Aspire Communications, Inc.; Multilingual Expert Program, School of Humanities, Osaka University)

3:10pm-3:30pm, Aging in Asian America: Elderly Care for an Immigrant Population:
Lok Siu, Ph.D. (Professor of Ethnic Studies, UC Berkeley)

3:30pm-3:50pm, Caregiving and End of Life in North America and Latin America:
Marlon Maus, MD, DrPH, FACS (Adjunct Professor, UC Berkeley)

3:50pm-4:10pm, Assessing Family Roles and Advance Care Preparedness in Influencing Perceived Surrogate Decisions for Life-Sustaining Treatments at End-of-Life: Evidence from Taiwan:
Duan-Rung Chen, Ph.D. (Professor, National Taiwan University)

4:10pm-4:40pm, Confucian Perspective on Dying : A Study of Vietnamese Refugees Living in Japan: Takaya Hayashi, Ph.D. (Lecturer, Mukogawa Women's

University), and Gyo Miyabara, Ph.D. (Professor, Osaka University)

4:40pm-5:00pm, Transnational Caregiving and End of Life in Japanese Americans in the United States and Japan, in Collaboration with AI and Robots: Kazumi Hoshino, Ph.D. (Visiting Professional Researcher, UC Berkeley; Visiting Researcher, Osaka University)

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Symposium Objectives

According to Confucius in his Analects, “Rong” as early as sixth century BC, dying and death are natural processes in human beings. Every transnational caregiving is going through end of life beyond borders across the globe. Global aging has developed transnational caregiving for older adults across the Pacific-Rim. If adult immigrants correspond to older parents’ expectations, (1) they temporarily return to their home countries (i.e., transnational long-distance caregiving) and/or (2) their elderly parents immigrate to their adult children’s countries (i.e., immigration due to caregiving). On the other hand, other immigrants may provide only psychological support and/or financial support for their older parents and may ask their families in their home countries to provide physical and informational support and care for their older parents.

During the increasing number of the COVID-19 patients, the policies and the travel bans/restrictions had been issued in the United States, Mexico, China, Taiwan, Japan, and worldwide. The pandemic, the policies, and the travel bans have given transnational family caregivers challenges and benefits, including (1) Transition in transnational caregiving, (2) Utilization of information and communication technology (ICT), (3) Shortages of transnational professional care workers, (4) Enhancement of health disparities and inequity, (5) Expansion of economic disparities in minorities, and (6) Acceleration of discrimination against Asians and Asian Americans.

Given the significant changes throughout the world, the 2023 Japanese Fiscal Year International Symposium highlights transnational caregiving for older adults and end of life from global perspectives, including North America, Latin America, Europe, Africa, and Asia. The International Symposium also sheds light on policy implications of innovation of transnational caregiving for older adults and end of life, in collaboration with ICT (Information and Communication technology), AI (Artificial Intelligence), and robots in the post COVID-19 era.