

**Economic and Social Research Council/
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Monday 28 and Tuesday 29 March 2011

Growing Older in Urban Environments: Perspectives from Japan and the UK

Bishop Partridge Room, Church House Conference Centre
Dean's Yard, London SW1P 3NZ

Agenda

Monday 28 March 2011

- 10.00 - 11.00 Registration
- 11.00 - 11.30 **Welcome and introduction**
Professor Paul Boyle, Chief Executive, Economic and Social Research Council
Professor Kozo Hiramatsu, Director, JSPS London
Baroness Sally Greengross, Commissioner for the Equality and Human Rights Commission and Chief Executive, International Longevity Centre (UK)
Setting the Scene – Conference Objectives
Professor Chris Phillipson, Research Institute Director for Social Sciences, Keele University
- 11.30 – 1.00 **Ageing in Japan and the UK**
Demographic and social characteristics of ageing populations in Japan and the UK. Review of historical as well as future perspectives on population change.
Key questions for discussion:
- What has been the pattern of population ageing in Japan and the UK?
 - What will be the key changes in the period up to 2030?
 - What are the characteristics of urban development in Japan and the UK?
- Speakers:**
Dr Yoko Nitta, Associate Fellow, Research Institute of Science and Technology for Society, Japan Science and Technology Agency
Professor Anthony Warnes, Professor of Social Gerontology, Sheffield Institute for Studies on Ageing, Sheffield University
- 1.00 – 2.15 Lunch
- 2.00 -3.30 **Ageing in Urban Environments**
This session will examine experiences and issues facing older people living in complex urban environments.
Key questions for discussion:
- What do we know about the experiences of older people living in urban areas?
 - How are older people affected by urban change?
 - What are the advantages and disadvantages for older people living in city environments?
- Speakers:**
Professor Takiko Okamoto, Meiji-Gakuin University, Chair of Japanese Society of

Behavioral Sciences for the Elderly

Professor Thomas Scharf, Director of the Irish Centre for Social Gerontology, NUI, Galway

3.30 - 4.00

Tea

4.00 - 5.30

Ageing in Place in Urban Environments

Examination of the development of environments which support 'ageing in place' within cities from the perspective of housing, health and social care.

- **Key questions for discussion:**
- What are the factors supporting 'ageing in place' within cities?
- What are the policies which can assist the development of 'age-friendly cities'?
- How can we develop inter-generational ties within cities and urban areas?

Speakers:

Professor Takeo Ogawa, Kumamoto University

Professor Sheila Peace, Faculty of Health and Social Care, The Open University

Tuesday 29 March 2011

09.30 - 11.00

Developing Sustainable Communities: Social and Design Issues

Examination of current research on developing sustainable communities serving the needs of different generations.

Key questions:

- What do we mean by sustainable communities?
- How can we improve the experience of city living for older people from a sociological perspective?
- How can we improve the experience of city living from a design perspective.

Speakers:

Professor Hiroko Akiyama, Institute of Gerontology, The University of Tokyo

Professor Elizabeth Burton, Professor of Sustainable Building Design and Wellbeing, Warwick University

11.00 – 11.30

Coffee

11.30 – 1.00

Workshops:

Aim: to review potential research, policy and practice collaborations

1.00 - 2.15

Lunch

2.15 - 3.30

Policy issues for ageing populations

Joint session between International Longevity Centre-Japan and International Longevity Centre UK looking at policy issues for the future for developing sustainable cities in the context of ageing populations.

Speakers:

Fumio Isoke, Representative Director of the Institution for Future Welfare, and Senior Researcher of the International Longevity Centre-Japan.

Dylan Kneale, Senior Researcher, International Longevity Centre, UK

3.45- 4.30

Concluding session with panel discussion

Chair: **Professor Chris Phillipson**, Research Institute Director for Social Sciences, Keele University