

Aging Domain

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Koichi Hiraoka is a professor at Ochanomizu University in Tokyo. He received his PhD from Tokyo University. His research interests are sociology, social policy theories, and social welfare theories. He has conducted international comparative social policy research.

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Dr. Yoshihiro Kaneko received his doctorate in economics from Hitotsubashi University in November 1993. In 1996, he joined the Department of Empirical Social Security Research at the National Institute of Population and Social Security Research, Tokyo, as a Senior Research Fellow. Dr. Kaneko co-authored a book, entitled, "Economic Analysis on Pension Systems: Towards the Actuarially Fair Pension System," for which he was awarded the 1996 Yomiuri Newspaper and Japan Institute of Labor's prize for the best book on labour issues.

Lead Presenter: Neena Chappell

Dr. Chappell is a Professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Victoria. In 1992, she became the first Director of the Centre on Aging. Over the past seven years Dr. Chappell has developed the Centre into a world-class research facility that is accessible to the community-at-large. Her previous experience as Founding Director of the Centre on Aging at the University of Manitoba helped define her commitment to research of the highest calibre in aging.

Dr. Chappell's critical research and writing on aging in our society are motivated by a strong commitment to improving the quality of life of seniors and the calibre of care they receive. Her current research focuses on respite care for caregivers, care for people with dementia, drug policies, aging and ethnicity, quality of community-based home and residential care and the Canadian health care system. Dr. Chappell has written more than 200 academic articles and reports, authored books and spoken extensively on health, health care policy, and formal and informal caregiving that has relevance to seniors. She is an Editorial Board Member of the Journal of Aging and Ethnicity, Canadian Journal of Sociology, Journal of Aging Studies, Journal of Applied Gerontology, Social Sciences, Journal of Gerontology and The Gerontologist and has sat on many boards and committees. She was an executive member of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research Task Force and its interim governing council. She is currently a member of Health Canada's Science Advisory Board and is a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

Discussant: Michiko Mukuno

Michiko Mukuno is director of the Department of Research and Planning and Coordination, and of the Department of Empirical Social Security Research, at the National Institute of Population and Social Security Research. Prior to this, she was a professor at Japan College of Social Work, teaching on social security in general. While she worked for the Ministry of Health and Welfare, she wrote and edited the 1998 White Paper 'Considering the Society with Fewer Children'. Her current research is focused on gender and social security, and social service and informal care.