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Localization of Research in Population Aging: Examples from Singapore

About the Webinar

Population aging is a global issue that is driving increased research in the social sciences. While much of the relevant literature comes from the West, it is now crucial for Asian researchers to focus on the issue of research localization. This presentation uses several studies on population aging from Singapore as case studies to underscore the importance of this issue. These studies delve into well-established topics in the field of aging studies, which may seem to have straightforward answers. For instance, they explore how living alone is linked to social isolation in later life, how social support influences the health of older adults, what constitutes successful aging, and how to bridge the digital gap between the young and old. The key message is the pressing need to develop new measurements, theories, and interventions that are rooted in the local context and history, rather than simply adopting Western approaches.

About the Speaker



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