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Age-friendly Neighborhood Environment, Health and Well-being Among Older Adults in China: Evidence from Longitudinal Studies

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Developing age-friendly neighborhoods is a priority for practice and policy to promote active aging and increase life satisfaction for older adults. However, there has been a paucity of longitudinal evidence on the interaction effects of age-friendly neighborhood environments and functional abilities on health and well-being among older adults in urban China. This seminar will introduce three longitudinal studies based on data from the China Health and Retirement Longitudinal Study (CHARLS): the first study examines the accumulative effect of person-environment fit on older adults' functional abilities and life satisfaction trajectories; the second study examines the buffering effects of age-friendly neighborhood environment on the relationship between functional abilities and depressive symptoms among older adults, particularly focusing on the enabling and compensatory roles of age-friendly neighborhoods; the third study examines the accumulative and sequenced effects of exposure to urbanicity from 1992 to 2018 on later-life depressive symptoms among older adults over the life course.



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