

TUESDAY DECEMBER 12, 2017
CLOSING CONFERENCE AGING JAPAN/ SCHELTEMA/ LEIDEN

The LeidenAsiaCentre cordially invites you to the official

CLOSING CONFERENCE
“AGING JAPAN”

PROGRAM

10.00 hrs Registration and Coffee reception

10.30 hrs Morning program

- **Prof. Kasia Cwiertka** (Director LeidenAsiaCentre, Chair Modern Japanese Studies, Leiden University):
Opening and welcome
- **Prof. Emiko Ochiai** (Kyoto University):
The Elderly in the World's Most Aged Society
- **Prof. Jennifer Robertson** (University of Michigan):
Robot Caregivers and Robo-therapy in Japan: Treating the 'Trauma' of Aging
- **Q and A**

13.00 hrs Luncheon

14.00 hrs

Afternoon program

- **Anoma van der Veere MA** (LeidenAsiaCentre):
Content analysis of newspapers in Japan: Symbolic innovation and the demand for technological solutions for an aging society
- **Dr. Susanne Brucksch** (German Institute for Japanese Studies):
Report on projects in Japan using IT in elderly care
- **Dr. Michel Bleijlevens** (University of Maastricht):
Innovation in elderly care: relevant lessons from Japan

General debate with panel/ all speakers on what we can learn from experiences in Japan

17.30 hrs

Closing remarks by Kasia Cwiertka, followed by drinks

19.00 hrs

Dinner for speakers and partners

SPEAKERS

Dr. Michel Bleijlevens is Research Fellow at Maastricht University. He is affiliated with the Living Lab in Aeging and Long-Term Care. His research focuses on elderly care, including effective nursing care (e.g., reduction and prevention of physical restraint usage and involuntary treatment, fall prevention and enhancing physical activity), and the organisation of the care process (e.g., best practices in dementia care and innovations in elderly care).

Dr. Susanne Brucksch is Senior Research Fellow at the German Institute for Japanese Studies. Her research covers social science, innovation studies (especially the field of biomedical engineering / medical technologies), and science & technology studies.

Prof. Dr. Katarzyna J. Cwiertka is Professor and Chair of Modern Japan Studies at Leiden University. She is one of the three academic directors of the LeidenAsiaCentre. Her research on East Asia covers material culture and consumption, history and anthropology of food, anthropology of colonialism and war, and globalisation.

Prof. Dr. Emiko Ochiai is Professor at Kyoto University, Division of Behavioral Studies. She has contributed to comparative studies of Asian societies and reconstruction of sociological theories from an Asian perspective. Her recent research projects combine family studies, welfare state studies, and migration studies to develop a framework to understand on-going transformations in private lives and public institutions affecting each other.

Prof. Dr. Jennifer E. Robertson is Professor of Anthropology and the History of Art at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (USA), where she works on (among others) mass and popular cultures, ethnic diversity in Japan, gender and sexuality, and Japanese culture and society. She is also a co-editor of the journal *Critical Asian Studies*.

Anoma van der Veere MA is a Junior Researcher at LeidenAsiaCentre. He graduated from the Research MA Program Asian Studies at Leiden University, with a focus on popular culture, education, and policymaking in East Asia. His research specialization includes discourse and content analyses, specifically on media representations of minority groups.