

Seminar on

Is China Building a Welfare State: An Examination of the Emergence of Long-term Care Insurance

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Venue : Room 533, 5/F, The Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus, HKU



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About the Speaker:

Dr. Chan obtained his Ph.D in Social Policy and Social Work from the University of York in 2009 and is now working as an associate professor at the School of Government, Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou. Dr. Chan has been working intensively on long-term care finance as well as social work development in the Pearl River Delta in recent years and he has been invited to chair a number of panel committees in financing social services in the region. He is currently serving as secretary for the East Asian Social Policy (EASP) research network.

Abstract:

Mainland scholars find it difficult to reach a consensus on if China is building a welfare state given a number of important social policies have been introduced in the past one and half decade. China is now stepping into an ageing society, the fact of which determines that the next step of social policy reform relies heavily on introducing new measures to deliver and finance long-term care. This paper aims to join the debate by examining the emergence of a long-term care insurance in China. By looking into the process of the debate before the pilot schemes, the rather ambiguous role played by the central government in steering up the reform and comparing the long-term care reform between the Mainland and Taiwan, this paper argues that it is difficult, at least from the case of long-term care insurance, to support an optimistic view that China has any wish to build a comprehensive welfare state with clear ideology behind it.

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