

**Singapore Families: Risk and Protective Factors
Joint Workshop by Social Lab, Institute of Policy Studies and
Social Science and Policy Research Cluster, NUS Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences**

Date: Friday, 29 January 2016
Time: 9.30am – 12.30pm
Venue: Auditorium, Shaw Foundation Alumni House
NUS Kent Ridge Campus, 11 Kent Ridge Drive
Singapore 119244

About the Workshop

In the popular imagination, the family serves various positive functions for individuals and society. It is seen as a safe haven for producing well-adjusted children and a buffer from the vicissitudes of daily living. The family is an important social and economic resource, often translating into emotional and caregiving support. Within the intimate and private confines of the family, there is, however, potential for conflict and tension. Differences between spouses, between parent and child, or between siblings, can stem from emotional stress brought about by expectation or communication gap or external challenges. A better understanding of the stressors and preparedness to promote protective factors necessary to strengthen family resilience are important aspects of social policy goals.

The workshop aims to address some of the relational issues that impact the Singapore family, amidst the rapid changes relating to our increasingly ageing population and globalised, networked society.

Time	Tentative Programme
9.00am–9.30am	Registration and Reception
9.30am–9.40am	Opening Remarks
9.40am–10.25am	<p>Panel 1 – Family Relations Moderator: Leong Chan Hoong, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Policy Studies; Deputy Head, IPS Social Lab</p> <p>Topics and Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Landscape of Families: Charlotte Beck, Senior Director, Family Development Group, Ministry of Social and Family Development 2. Parents and Teenagers: Joe Chan, Manager, Youth Centre, REACH Family Service Centre 3. Seniors and Adult Children: Mark Lin, Deputy Director, Elderly Services, Marine Parade Family Service Centre
10.25am–10.55am	Question & Answer
10.55am–11.25am	Break
11.25am–12.00pm	<p>Panel 2 – Family Dynamics Moderator: Tan Ern Ser, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology; Chair, Social Science and Policy Cluster, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences; Head, IPS Social Lab</p> <p>Topics and Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transnational Marriages: Agnes Chia, Group Director, Family and Community Services, Care Corner Singapore 2. Domestic Violence: Pang Kee Tai, Deputy Director, Centre for Promoting Alternatives to Violence (PAVe)
12.00pm–12.30pm	Question & Answer
12.30pm	End of Workshop, Lunch

Registration

Registration is free. RSVP by Friday, 22 January 2016

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All other RSVPs and enquires to be directed to fass_ssp@nus.edu.sg, with your full name and organisation.

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