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Panel: Social Capital and Well-being in Okinawa and Japan from the Perspectives of the Life Course (Session 1, 2)

#### Panel Overview

Recently social capital, particularly its effect on society and individual lives has been one of the major research foci in public health and other social sciences. In those disciplinary areas, case studies on Okinawa can be very fruitful. In this panel each presenter will discuss the relationship between social capital and the social structure or human behavior in Okinawa and other local areas from the perspective of his/her specialized field. The topics include adolescents' health risk behavior, life transition into adult social roles, social and cultural determinants on elders' well-being, nutrition transition at the societal level, and economic inequality.