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Zoom Registration:

https://lingnan.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN qRrRY3TDR6ye8zCU TBLzQ#/registration

The 11th South-South Forum on Sustainability (SSFS11): Health and the Road to Sustainability, will be held from June 30 to July 5, 2024. The organizers are the Chinese Institute of Hong Kong, CCRD-CS of Lingnan University, School of Chinese Medicine of Baptist University, and Global University for Sustainability, together with 11 co-organizers. It will adopt a hybrid mode: onsite (Lingnan University) and online (Zoom, Bilibili and Xiaoetong). Simultaneous interpretation will

be provided: English and Putonghua for all nine sessions, and Spanish for four sessions. Putonghua only for the June 30 session.

As in the past, the SSFS invites experts and scholars from the South and the North to meet and brainstorm to foster collective wisdom from Asia, Africa, and Latin America. The title of this year's Forum is "Health and the Road to Sustainability". How can humanity live in peace in a century of great changes? In today's world, peace is being undermined, pandemics are not receding, and the climate is rapidly and drastically changing Is humanity at the crossroads again? Where are we heading? Can an individual's pursuit of physical and mental health, and society's quest for peace, be guaranteed? How can there be sustainability?

We have three themes for in-depth discussion at the SSFS11. Theme 1: Cultural Traditions, Physical and Mental Health, and Sustainability. Taking Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) and the art of painting and calligraphy as examples, we will discuss how, under the collision of Eastern and Western cultures, the Chinese cultural tradition with the unity of heaven and humans can innovate, but also maintain its fundamental principles.

There will be three keynote speeches (public lectures) on TCM on July 2 (UTC 0200 hrs):

Implications of Cultural Amalgamation for the Integration of Chinese and Western Medicine by LYU Aiping, Vice President (Research and Development), Hong Kong Baptist University, China; Foreign Member of Academia Europaea.

The Path of Integrated Chinese and Western Medicine in the Cultural Encounter of the East and the West by WEN Jianmin (Wangjing Hospital, China Academy of Chinese Medical Sciences, China; World Federation of Chinese Medicine Societies)

Culturally Responsive Health Model by YUAN Zhong (Professor, Peking Union Medical College, China)



In addition, there will be a keynote speech on the relations between painting and health sustainability (July 2, UTC 0630 hrs):

The Art of Painting and Calligraphy, and Physical and Mental Health by PAN Gongkai (Former Dean of China Central Academy of Fine Arts; Director of Fudan Art Institute, Fudan University, China)



Furthermore, there will be a session on the de-colonization of Western medicines and the revival of subjugated indigenous medical knowledge in Asia and Africa. The speakers are as follows (UTC1300 hrs):

The Right to Science: Decolonizing Knowledge to Preserve Epistemic Biodiversity by Nicoletta DENTICO (Global Health Justice Program, Society for International Development, Italy)

The Contribution of Traditional African Medicine in the Fight Against COVID-19 and Other Tropical Diseases by Jérôme MUNYANGI WA NKOLA (University of Kolwezi, Congo)

Ayurveda in Healthcare: Swastha Vritta (The Preventive and Social Medicine) by Thushara LAL S (Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University, India)

Revisiting the Role of Western Foundations in the Medical System of the Global South by SIT Tsui Jade Margaret (Southwest University, China)



Theme 2: Health and Sustainability. Amidst the crisis of globalization, how can humanity consciously choose a sustainable path that leads to serenity of mind and heart, as well as social peace? Furthermore, we will explore the relevance of the North-South and South-South frameworks, reflect on the experiences and lessons of 'development' and 'healthcare', broaden the boundaries of the health discourse, and explore the paths to health projects and cultural sustainability. The speakers are as follows:

Rethinking the Birth of the 20th Century in the midst of Multiple Crises by WANG Hui (Tsinghua University, China)

Physical and Mental Health and the Defense of Society by DAI Jinhua (Peking University, China)



De-globalization and Ecological Transformation by WEN Tiejun (Haikou University of Economics, China)

Community Building and Life Quality: For Whom, and How to be Sustainable? by HUANG Ping (Chinese Institute of Hong Kong, China)



The Decadent West and the New Socialist World Order by Michael HUDSON (Institute for the Study of Long-Term Economic Trends, USA)

Development, Sustainability, and Ecological/Communitarian Health by Ana Esther CECENA (National Autonomous University of Mexico, Mexico)

Cuba's Experiences in Healthcare by Remy HERRERA (National Center of Scientific Research, France)

Theorizing the South Solidarity of the Oppressed and Diversification of Globalization by YIN Zhiguang (Fudan University, China)



Theme 3: Health and Community Sustainability. Whether community building and human health can be achieved and sustained is based on good community governance, ensuring the quality of people's livelihoods, valuing inclusiveness in community life, and building an ecological civilization. The speakers are as follows:

Towards Sustainable Healthcare Financing and Good Nutrition by JOMO Kwame Sundaram (Khazanah Research Institute, Malaysia)

Venezuelan Communes: Building an Alternative Life-Centered Civilization by Hernan VARGAS (Communes and Social Movements Ministry, Venezuela)

Right to Health vs Pharmaceuticalization and Commodification of Healthcare by Mira SHIVA (Initiative for Health Equity and Society, India)



Crossing the Gap between Global Drivers and Resources for Climate Justice, and Local Participatory Initiatives in Urban Areas of East and Southern Africa by Rene LOEWENSON (Training and Research Support Centre, Zimbabwe)

Gross National Happiness in Strategic and Local Planning and Development by Tandin Wangmo (Centre for Media and Democracy, Bhutan)

The Path of Education for Rural Revitalization: Experiments from Communities Practicing Pro-People, Pro-land, and Pro-nature Principles by ZHANG Xiaode (Chinese Academy of Governance, China)

Rural Community Building in the Context of Multiple Dilemmas by YAN Xiaohui (Lingnan University, China)



A Change of Meaning. Stop the Climate Emergency, Assuming Ourselves as Ecosystems by Claudia CABALLERO (Multitrueke Mixiuhca Network, Mexico)

The MST in the Fight Against Agribusiness: the Experiences of Agroecological Rice Cooperatives by Salete CAROLLO (Porto Alegre Agricultural Production Cooperatives, Brazil)

Digital Change and Ecology, Production, and Livelihoods of Rural Communities by YANG Shui (Beijing Institute of Technology, China)



Walking on the road to sustainability, we follow the law of Nature, recognize that the greatest virtue carries the characteristics of water; respect and treasure different and diverse cultures and values, and endeavor for a world in Great Harmony.

Please feel free to email your messages to the Global U Founding Members Google group for exchanges.

Take good care, stay healthy, and see you online at SSFS11!

With very warm regards, Kin Chi and Jade On behalf of the Executive Team @our.global.u@gmail.com