

## **Asia-Pacific Social Science Review**

### **Call for Papers**

#### **Special Issue on Asia's Aging Populations, Healthcare and Caregiving Needs: Realities in Asia's Growing Aging Populations**

The growing global aging population presents specific health concerns that impact the economy, health systems, financial institutions, and medical advancements. Health, healthcare, and caregiving are foundational for managing these issues and preparing the region for long-term solutions. This societal phenomenon has ignited a need for all stakeholders in the health profession to voice their input through empirical research, academic discourse, and practical recommendations. Asia, home to the largest segment of the global aging population, faces added challenges related to cultural expectations of filial piety, intergenerational living conditions, and various national governance systems. These factors contribute to the complexity of managing healthcare and caregiving for older adults experiencing declining health and increasing care needs.

The social sciences provide a complementary view to the advances of medical sciences in managing the healthcare and caregiving needs of the aging population. The myriad social science perspectives—including economics, political science, sociology, anthropology, psychology, and demography—add to the growing body of necessary academic input needed to prepare for the realities of managing the healthcare and caregiving needs of this expanding group.

To assist in the academic efforts of elucidating the complementary role that the social sciences play in managing the healthcare and caregiving of the aging population, the Asia Pacific Social Science Review is announcing a call for papers for a special issue focused on “Asia's Aging Populations, Healthcare, and Caregiving Needs: Realities in Asia's Growing Populations.”

This special issue welcomes academic articles (research articles and review articles) from all Asian nations. The submitted articles must focus on the aging (older adult) population in Asia and must be proven to have solid methodologies and scientific rigor. Papers with an interdisciplinary/transdisciplinary focus are most welcome.

Topics of interest include:

- Lived experiences of older adults with health issues.
- Lived experiences of caregivers (formal and informal) of older adults with specific health conditions.
- Health policy and its impact on the healthcare options of the aging population.
- Groups or segments (i.e., community-based organizations) of society providing healthcare and caregiving to members of the aged/aging population.

- Public health initiatives targeted at alleviating the health concerns of the aged population.
- Mental health issues and the aged population.
- Physical fitness and physiotherapy as part of healthcare and caregiving for the aged population.
- Nutrition and food security for the aged population.
- Health issues/concerns unique to the aged population.
- Health systems and provisions for the aged population.
- Minority group elderly persons (ethnic, LGBT, etc.) and health concerns.
- New research methodologies in studying healthcare and caregiving for the aged population.

To submit a paper for consideration in this special issue, please first submit a proposal (500 words or less) to the Guest Editor, Associate Professor Dr. Mark Stephan Felix, at [mark.fel@mahidol.ac.th](mailto:mark.fel@mahidol.ac.th) by **April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. Proposal submissions should include the following:

- A tentative title
- Names and affiliations of all anticipated authors and the contact information for the corresponding author
- A description of the proposed research, including the rationale, objectives, methods, results, and conclusions.

The Guest Editor will invite submissions of full manuscripts for selected proposals. The deadline for submission of full manuscripts is **30<sup>th</sup> June 2025**.

We look forward to your contribution!