

Public Seminar on ProtoPolicyAsia

SPEAKERS



Dr Emmanuel Tseklevs leads Design for Global Health at ImaginationLancaster, Lancaster University. Driven by the UN's Sustainable Development Goals, his research focuses on tackling community health challenges across the world. He is currently working on understanding cleaning practices and driving infections from homes in Ghana; developing health and care policies for senior citizens in Malaysia and in promoting seafood across Europe through novel packaging design. Emmanuel has over 75 international publications and is the editor of the Design for Health book published by Routledge.

WHEN?

04th July 2019

(Thursday)

10.30 am – 12.30 pm

WHERE?

Level 1, UNU-IIGH Building,
HUKM Medical Complex
Jalan Yaacob Latiff, Cheras, Kuala Lumpur

AGENDA

10.30am – Registration

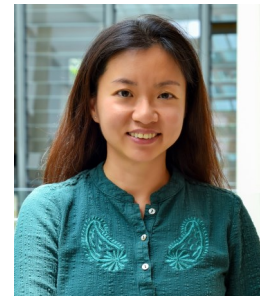
10.55am – Director's welcome note

11.00am – Dr Emmanuel Tseklevs (Design in healthcare)

11.45am – Dr Yong Min Hooi (Social cognition in Malaysia's elderly)

12.30pm – Lunch and networking

Get your tickets at <https://bit.ly/2IG6L6y>



Min is a cognitive psychologist and a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Psychology, Sunway University. Her research interests are in executive function and social cognition, specifically in older adults. Her current ageing-related research activities are funded by Newton-Ungku Omar Fund (2018-2020 with University of Aberdeen, UK) and Arts and Humanities Research Council UK (2019-2020 with Lancaster University, UK) and previously by FRGS Ministry of Higher Education and Lancaster Small Grant Schemes. Before joining Sunway University, Min has worked in University of Otago, New Zealand, University of Winnipeg, Canada, and University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus.



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ABSTRACT

Seminar by Dr Emmanuel Tsekleves

As urban environments continue to evolve due to population growth and urbanisation, significant problems can arise that affect the health and wellbeing of citizens. From climate change to urban obesity, cities are facing unprecedented challenges that require a more integrated and participatory approach to finding interventions and solutions. Furthermore the rise of the ageing population in urban environments creates new challenges for re-designing cities, with inclusiveness and accessibility at its core. All these pose Global Design Challenges that are linked closely with several of the 17 United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)¹, with urbanisation being identified as a grand global challenge.

In this regard, Design is perfectly placed to help address these complex challenges, because it uses creative and imaginative methods to visualise difficult concepts and provides a space to engage with many different actors to explore new ideas, ways of working and the future. Design's ability to engage real people and communities, understand everyday problems and implement the 'right' solution, not just the 'newest technology', enables it to act as a bridge between other disciplines. It is an important and growing voice in this field, that helps to bridge the gap between the rapid advancements in science, technology and engineering with real people, challenges and contexts on an everyday level.

In his presentation Dr Tsekleves will showcase through a range of international case studies the role of design in shaping the relationship between health, wellbeing and urban environments; and in improving the health and wellbeing of people living in cities, now and in the future.

Seminar by Dr Yong Min Hooi

Dr Min will first describe a brief overview on what is social cognition, and why this psychological concept is meaningful for social interactions particularly when we get older. In this talk, she will present empirical evidence collected from the Malaysian and UK populations comparing age and culture differences and socio-economic statuses on Theory-of-Mind tasks; false beliefs and faux pas. Our findings suggest that the working memory - an important executive function - seem to play a role on older adults' performance in social interactions. The question as to why working memory is more prevalent in the Asian compared to the UK population remains much unexplored in this region. She will also explore possible explanations on working memory capacity and localised culture perceptions as to how we interpret social signals and cues during interactions, and its relationship to overall well-being.