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Perspectives on Marital Dissolution

Divorce Biographies in Singapore

Dr Sharon Quah | Asia Research Institute, NUS

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The Pod, National Library Building, Level 16

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This public lecture presents some of the key research findings discussed in Dr Sharon Quah's newly published book, *Perspectives on Marital Dissolution: Divorce Biographies in Singapore* (2015, Springer). Using Singaporean divorcees' narrative accounts, her study explores how divorcees shape and construct what she refers to as a divorce biography to end their unsatisfying marriage, cope with the crisis, negotiate the associated risks, organise post-divorce personal communities and make future plans. Her research discusses how the experience of divorce might not be all debilitating but on the contrary, could provide opportunities for productivity, self-responsibility and relationship formation. At the same time, through uncovering how divorcees navigate their divorce biographies within the economic, policy and social contexts they are located in, her work examines the conditions that facilitate or hinder the pursuit of productivity in different aspects of their post-divorce lives. Far from a standard story of divorce, her book presents the diversity and complexity of Singaporean divorce biographies.

Dr Sharon Quah is a sociologist whose research focuses on divorce, family, personal relationships, transnational and alternative intimacies, individualisation and gender. She is a Research Fellow with the Changing Family in Asia research cluster at the Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore. She is currently conducting a new research project on transnational divorce in Singapore as the Principal Investigator with a research grant awarded by the Ministry of Social and Family Development.

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