

NUS ARTS FESTIVAL 2014

Film Screening of Super Women, followed by Panel Discussion:

Walking the Poverty Line

An International Women's Day Event

Date: Thursday, 20 March 2014

Time: 1930hr – 2130hr

Venue: Ngee Ann Kongsi Auditorium, Education Resource Centre, Utown

PANELISTS

Assoc Prof John Donaldson

Principal Investigator, Unmet Social Needs

LIE Centre School for Social Innovation, SMU

John is an Associate Professor of Political Science, School of Social Sciences, at Singapore Management University. He is the author of *Small Works: Poverty and Economic Development in Southwestern China* (Cornell University Press, 2011). His research focuses on seeking effective solutions to rural poverty reduction around the world, local rural poverty reduction policies in China, the transformation of China's agrarian system, and central-provincial relations. Recently, he has extended his research on China's rural transformation by comparing it with that of India. His research has been published in such journals as *World Development*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Politics and Society*, *China Journal*, *China Quarterly* and *Journal of Contemporary China*. John has served as a faculty member at SMU since graduating in 2005 from George Washington University in Washington DC

Dr Theresa W. Devasahayam

President-Elect, Soroptimist International of Singapore

Former Gender Studies Programme Coordinator, ISEAS

Theresa holds a PhD in anthropology from Syracuse University, New York, U.S.A. She has authored and edited several books on the following: women's labour force participation, low-skilled migrant women, gender and ageing, and women and politics. Her book, *Gender, Emotions and Labour Markets: Asian and Western Perspectives*. London: Routledge (2011) (co-authored with Ann Brooks) has been endorsed by Prof. Saskia Sassen from Columbia University. Additionally, she has published in numerous international and regional journals as well as local and regional newspapers. She has also been cited by CNN, Bloomberg, Channel NewsAsia, and the Straits Times. Theresa enjoys working at the intersections between academia, research and international development. She was Associate Population Affairs Officer in the Emerging and Social Issues Division (ESID) of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) in 2004-2005. Since then, she has been consultant to various United Nations agencies.

Ms. Winifred Loh

President, AWARE Singapore

Winifred has been involved in the Social Sector in various leadership roles since her twenties, most recently as President of AWARE (Association of Women for Action and Research) where she has been a member since 2001. She has led volunteer teams on projects for Caritas and the Association of Pauline Cooperators within the Catholic community. She has consulted for the Singapore International Foundation, in partnership with UNITAR (United Nations Institute for Training and Research), and VSO Bahaginan, a development organization based in the Philippines. Professionally, Winifred was Human Resource Director in two Multi National Corporations, responsible for Learning & Organization Development, HR Generalist and Business Partner functions. She is currently an independent Consultant and Executive Coach. She holds a Master of Arts, Education and Human Development from George Washington University as well as a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature, Sociology and Philosophy from National University of Singapore.

Discussion to be moderated by Michal Sarig-Kaduri, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Israel