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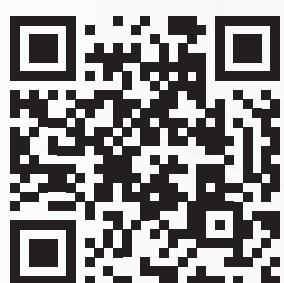
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I want to raise questions about how aging has been framed and understood historically in in Asia and the global South, and what it means to work on aging in times or conjunctures of “crises” that are demographic, epidemiological and globalized? What do these crises exacerbate and test, and how do states, health systems and philanthropies respond, and how are questions of aging and social isolation, marginality and “resilience” politicized and represented in times of crises, and how can history and recent crises debates help us think of futures?



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