



Call for Papers: Kunshan Forum

The Global Health Research Center at Duke Kunshan University will hold the inaugural conference of Kunshan Forum. The main theme of the 2015 Conference is Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) and China's Health System Reform. Populations in China and many other LMICs are undergoing rapid changes including growing rates of obesity, diabetes, hypertension, cardiovascular disease, stroke, mental health problems, and other non-communicable diseases. As the disease pattern transits toward non-communicable diseases, there is a wide public concern on whether the reform of health system in China is able to cope with several challenging issues arising from the increasing burden of NCD. The Forum focuses primarily on the discussion of the interaction between the increasing importance of NCD and the reform of health system in three different sectors: primary care, hospitals and long-term care.

DATES: May 29 and 30, 2015

VENUE: Duke Kunshan University, Kunshan, Jiangsu Province, China

TO SUBMIT A PAPER: The deadline to submit the abstract of a research article is **March 31, 2015**. The Forum will select 40 to 50 papers for an oral presentation at the concurrent sessions. The time length of each concurrent session is 90 minutes and each session will have three paper presentations by authors and comments by three discussants. The empirical studies using data obtained from China will be given priority, but other empirical studies using data from other countries with relevant policy implications for China are also encouraged to submit. Young researchers are especially encouraged to apply. No poster presentation will be accepted. The abstracts (in English) have to be sent to the following email address: chee.ruey.hsieh@duke.edu

NOTIFICATION of ACCEPTANCE: **April 15, 2015.**

REGISTRATION: **April 30, 2015.**

ACCOMMODATION and TRAVEL EXPENSES: The Forum will cover the speaker's costs of hotel (at Fairmont), food and local transportation (up to 3 nights). However, speakers have to cover their own travel expenses.