

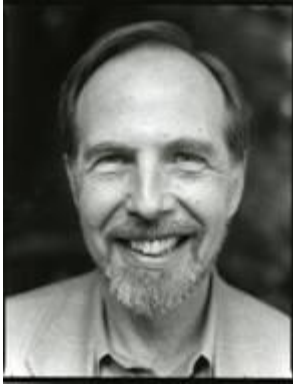
# Launch of Harvard Ezra F. Vogel Malaysia/Singapore Initiative and Inaugural Public Lecture

- Topic** : **"The Global Economic Crisis and Moral Changes"**
- Speaker:** : Professor Arthur Kleinman, Harvard University
- Guest-of-Honour** : Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam  
Minister for Finance  
Honorary Patron, Harvard Ezra F. Vogel Malaysia/Singapore Initiative
- Date** : Thursday, 26 March 2009
- Venue** : Lee Kong Chian Lecture Theatre, Academic Complex South Spine 3, Basement 2 - 10  
Nanyang Technological University (NTU) [[map](#)]
- Time** : 6.00 pm - 7.45 pm [registration and reception start at 4.30 pm]
- Chairperson** : Associate Professor Kwok Kian Woon, Head of Division of Sociology  
School of Humanities and Social Sciences, NTU

## Synopsis

Professor Kleinman's lecture on "The Global Economic Crisis and Moral Changes" will examine moral problems and dilemmas in society, economics, politics, professions, and religions in face of the global economic crisis – a suitable topic in view of the current financial turmoil.

## Biography



Professor Arthur Kleinman is the Victor and William Fung Director of the Harvard University Asia Center, appointed July 1, 2008. He is also the Esther and Sidney Rabb Professor of Anthropology in FAS and Professor of Medical Anthropology and Psychiatry in HMS. Professor Kleinman, who is both a physician and anthropologist, chaired the Department of Anthropology from 2004-2007 and from 1991-2000, he chaired the Department of Social Medicine. Kleinman has conducted research on Chinese society since 1969 and has been involved in activities in other Asian societies including Japan, India, Indonesia, the Philippines and Malaysia.

Professor Kleinman is conversant in Mandarin and has lived in Asia for a total of six and a half years. He is an honorary professor at Fudan University (Shanghai) and co-Director of the Harvard-Fudan Medical Anthropology Collaborative Research Center. He has mentored more than 60 Ph.D. students and 200 postdoctoral fellows, including many from China, Taiwan, Japan, Korea, Thailand, Indonesia, and India.

His first book, *Patients and Healers in the Context of Culture* (1979), offered the first description of Taiwan's health care system. In 1986, he published one of the earliest studies on the survivors of China's Cultural Revolution (*Social Origins of Distress and Disease: Neurasthenia, Depression and Pain in Modern China*). In more recent years he has led programs on pandemic flu in Asia, SARS in China, and global mental health. His most recent book, *What Really Matters: Living a Moral Life Amidst Uncertainty and Danger*, examines the effect of social change on moral experience.

## Registration

Admission is free and registration is required. As seats are limited, it will be on first-come-first-serve basis. To register, please click [https://wis.ntu.edu.sg/pls/webexe/REGISTER\\_NTU.REGISTER?EVENT\\_ID=OA09030915593826](https://wis.ntu.edu.sg/pls/webexe/REGISTER_NTU.REGISTER?EVENT_ID=OA09030915593826). If you have any queries, please feel free to contact Ms Joey Kek at **65148364** or email [kqkek@ntu.edu.sg](mailto:kqkek@ntu.edu.sg).

---

### Jointly organised by:



### Sponsored by:

