NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY SINGAPORE | School of Humanities
College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences

PROGRAMME

WHO CARES?

STORIES OF UNCERTAINTY AND THE WORK OF CARE

19–20 Nov 2026

NTU SHHK Building · HSS SEM Rm 7 and 9 · Black Box
A two-day interdisciplinary symposium on how care and uncertainty shape human experience — what it means to care, and who bears the work of caring.

DAY 1 THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER - HSS SEM RM 7 (Level 1)

Care, obligation, storytelling and performance

08:15–08:55 Registration & Breakfast

08:55–09:00 **Welcome**
Michelle Chiang

OPENING ADDRESS
09:00–09:15 **How do we 'account' for care?**
Clare Herrick (King's College London)

09:15–10:45 PANEL 1
Accounting for Care: Institutions, Infrastructures and Hidden Labour
Chair: Shelley Tuazon Guyton

09:20 What does it mean to care well? Staff Voices, Relationships, and Growth in a Youth Residential Hostel
Katherine Kwan (NUS) & Carmmen Lee (Trybe Limited)

09:40 Kanbyŏngin: Biomedicine, American Aid, and the 'Marginalized Central' in the Age of the National Health Insurance in South Korea
Park Hyung Wook (NTU)

10:00 "This is community; I want to give back" — the infrastructures of care in the lives of rental flat residents
Yu Jiajia (NUS)

10:20 *Panel discussion*

10:45–11:15 Morning Tea

11:15–12:45 PANEL 2
Obligations of Care: Kinship, Dependency and Refusal
Chair: Lim Lee Ching

11:20 Correspondence as Care in Schizophrenic Autobiographies
Daniel Kong (NTU)

11:40 Making Care Visible: Community Care Workers and the Hidden Work of Helping Families Navigate Care
Yun (Millie) Su & Caroline Lim (SUSS)

12:00 Who cares for the dead?
Lye Kit Ying (SUSS)

12:20 *Panel discussion*

12:45–14:00 Lunch

WORKSHOP (Blackbox Studio)
14:00–15:00 **Death and Care: Participatory storytelling through Death Cafes**
Facilitators: Clarissa Poon, Lee Yeong Ern David, Lim Song Yi & Sylvia Mun (SUSS)

15:00–15:30 Afternoon Tea

CREATIVE PRESENTATION (Black Studio)
15:30–16:30 **Are we care-full?: Reflections by three instructors of a storytelling module**
Chew Yi Wei & Janice Kam (SUSS)

16:30–17:00 **Conversation with presenters**
Moderator: Daniel Kong

17:00–17:45 Reception & Informal Networking

17:45–18:00 Transition to Dinner

18:00–20:00 **Symposium Dinner**

DAY 2 FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER - HSS SEM RM 9 (Level B1)

Voice, publics and collaboration

08:15–08:55 Breakfast Coffee & Informal Arrival

DAY 2 OPENING
08:55–09:15 **'Ableist Fragility' and Chronic Stress in a Non-Autistic Parent Memoir from Germany**
Sonja Fritzsche (Michigan State University)

09:15–10:45 PANEL 3
Making Care Legible: Voice, Testimony and Institutional Power
Chair: Chew Yi Wei

09:20 Language for Justice: Analysing Narrative Strategies that Assist with Reporting Sexual Abuse
Nicole Ong (SUSS)

09:40 Positionality and the work of care in response to sexual misconduct in the university
Shelley Tuazon Guyton (NUS)

10:00 Performing Care Otherwise: Ovidia Yu, Heteronormativity, and Care Ethics in Singapore
Lim Yu Hannah Jade (NTU)

10:20 *Panel discussion*

10:45–11:15 Morning Tea

11:15–12:45 PANEL 4
Care in Circulation: Infrastructures, Narratives and Publics
Chair: Katherine Kwan

11:20 Medical Campaign Narratives, Care and Authenticity: Does it matter if AI is disclosed?
Joanne Lim Yong-Kwan (SUSS)

11:40 Reading the News: Tracing Care in Public Narratives
Lim Yiru (SUSS)

12:00 Uncertain Care: The Albatross File as a Story of What Was Not Told
Lim Lee Ching (SUSS)

12:20 *Panel discussion*

12:45–13:45 Lunch

PROJECT STUDIO
13:45–15:15 **From Conversation to Collaboration**
A structured collaboration session to develop shared questions, project ideas and possible outputs.
Facilitator: Michelle Chiang

15:15–15:45 Afternoon Tea

15:45–16:30 **Project Pitches & Commitments**
Short group pitches, collaborator sign-ups and next steps.

16:30–16:45 **Closing Reflections & Thanks**

Programme details are subject to final confirmation.
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