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Chinese Women's Paid Work and Unpaid Care Responsibilities during Economic Transition



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China has undergone **major transformations** that have moved the country from an agrarian and centrally planned economy, largely closed to foreign investment and international trade, to one that has become increasingly industrialized, market-oriented, and remarkably open and globally integrated. The economic transformations have **fundamentally changed the mechanisms for allocating goods and labour** in both market and non-market spheres.



Professor Dong will discuss the **social and economic trends** that intensify the pressure on the **care economy** and on women in particular in playing their dual roles as **caregivers and income-earners** in post-reform China. Her presentation will provide insights on a number of important issues, such as

- How the **reform process** reshapes the institutional arrangements of care for children and elders.
- How the **changing care economy** affects women's choices between paid work and unpaid care responsibilities.
- The **implications of work-family conflicts** for the well-being of women and their families.

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Dr. Dong is a founding member and co-director of the Chinese Women Economists Research Training Program at the National School of Development of Peking University. She has served on the board of directors of the International Association of Feminist Economics since 2007 and is an associate editor of *Feminist Economics*.

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