

Host and Moderator



Associate Professor Robyn Mildon

Co-Director, Centre for Holistic Initiatives for Learning and Development (CHILD), Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore

Executive Director, Centre for Evidence and Implementation (CEI), Singapore/Australia/UK

Robyn Mildon, PhD, is an internationally recognised figure in the field of evidence synthesis and translation, implementation science and program and policy evaluations in health and human services with particular expertise in early childhood. She is the Founding Executive Director of the [Centre for Evidence and Implementation \(CEI\)](#), a global social purpose organisation whose work now spans across 8 countries.

Robyn is a Visiting Professor at the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore, Co-Director of the recently established Centre for Holistic Initiatives for Learning and Development (CHILD) and Centre for Behavioural and Implementation Science Interventions (BISI), National University of Singapore, an Adjunct Associate Professor at Monash University in Australia, and Chair of the [Evidence and Implementation Summit 2021](#) (www.eisummit.org).

Over her career, Robyn's work has helped to advance the implementation of better evidence in policy and practice settings, improving the quality and effectiveness of health and human services. She has been a keynote speaker at multiple events around the globe and designed and led a number of workshops to train students, policy makers and practitioners in implementation science and evaluation methods. Robyn has authored or co-authored multiple peer-reviewed publications, commissioned evidence reviews and book chapters. She is also a Co-Author of an edited book *Implementation Science 3.0* (Springer, 2020).

Panel



Ms Kerry Albright

Deputy Director a.i. & Chief,
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Kerry is currently the Chief, Research Facilitation & Knowledge Management and Deputy Director a.i. at UNICEF's dedicated research centre- the Office of Research-Innocenti, based in Florence, Italy.

In her substantive role, she oversees research quality assurance and ethical evidence generation standard-setting for UNICEF's 190+ offices and 15,000 staff worldwide. She also has oversight of UNICEF-Innocenti activities in (i) research governance (ii) evidence synthesis and knowledge management, (iii) research capacity-building (iv) research uptake and impact and (v) behavioural sciences research and implementation research. Her work focuses on strengthening an evidence and learning culture across UNICEF and working with external partners in support of a global community of practice around evidence for children.

Prior to joining UNICEF in 2015, she worked in various roles at the United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID), now the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office where she worked as Head of the Evidence to Action Unit and also co-founded the Global Open Data for Agriculture and Nutrition (GODAN) initiative.

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Professor Chong Yap Seng

Dean, Yong Loo Lin School of
Medicine, National University of
Singapore

Lien Ying Chow Professor in
Medicine

Professor Chong Yap Seng is the Dean of the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine and a clinician-investigator with a special interest in fetal growth and early development. He is also the Chief Clinical Officer (CCO) of the Singapore Institute for Clinical Sciences, Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR) and the Lien Ying Chow Professor of Medicine in the Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore (NUS). He is the Lead Principal Investigator of the Growing Up in Singapore Towards healthy Outcomes (GUSTO) and the Singapore Preconception Study of long-Term maternal and child Outcomes (S-PRESTO) studies. He is also a Senior Consultant in the Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology at the National University Hospital (NUH), and a member of the Executive Group of the National University Health System (NUHS) as well as a board member of the National Medical Research Council.

His other research interests include strategies to promote breastfeeding, natural childbirth, and intrapartum and postpartum management issues. He has over 390 research publications, including papers in The Lancet, JAMA, and BMJ, and received more than \$100 million in research grant funding. He also has numerous collaborations with industry, particularly in the area of early human development and nutrition. He was awarded the National Outstanding Clinician Scientist Award by the Ministry of Health in 2017.

Panel



Professor Richie Poulton

Director, Dunedin
Multidisciplinary Health and
Development Research Unit (the
Dunedin Study)

Co-Director, National Centre for
Lifecourse Research,
University of Otago

Professor Richie Poulton is Director of the [Dunedin Multidisciplinary Health and Development Research Unit](#) which conducts the Dunedin longitudinal study, one of the most detailed studies of human health and development ever undertaken. In 2017, the Dunedin Study received the New Zealand Prime Minister's Science Prize for work that has had a significant impact on New Zealand and internationally.

In 2007, he established and became a Co-Director of the National Centre for Lifecourse Research, a research centre based at the University of Otago, but with partners located at universities across New Zealand and internationally.

Richie has also held a part-time position as the inaugural Chief Science Advisor to the NZ Ministry of Social Development since October 2014 and Chief Science Advisor to the Prime Minister in her role as Minister of Child Poverty Reduction, both until July 2021.

He has published 300+ peer-reviewed scientific papers, with many appearing in leading international journals. He is one of only two New Zealanders to have been listed as a Highly Cited Researcher (in the top 1% worldwide) every year since 2014, and was listed in 2015 World's Most Influential Scientific Minds, Thomson-Reuters. In 2017 he was made a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit (CNZM) in the Queen's Birthday Honours List, for services to health research and science.

Richie's research interests include: mental health, childhood predictors of life success, and psychosocial determinants of chronic physical disease.