Social Capital and Its Institutional Contingency
A Study of the United States, China and Taiwan

Edited by Nan Lin, Yang-chih Fu and Chih-jou Jay Chen
Contents

List of Figures xi
List of Tables xiii
Acknowledgments xvii
Availability of Data Sets and Code Books xix

INTRODUCTION

1 Social Capital in a Comparative Perspective 3
   NAN LIN, YANG-CHIH FU AND CHIH-JOU JAY CHEN

PART I
Measuring Social Capital

2 Contact Status and Finding a Job: Validation and Extension 21
   NAN LIN, HANG YOUNG LEE AND DAN AO

3 Homophily and Heterophily in the Position-Generated Networks in the U.S. and China 42
   DAN AO

4 Status-Based Differential Memory and Measurement of Social Capital: Recall Errors and Bias Estimates 64
   KUO-HSIEN SU AND NAN LIN

PART II
Endogeneity of Social Capital: Structural and Network Features

5 Similarities and Differences in Relation-Specific Social Resources Among Three Societies: Taiwan, China and the United States 83
   RAY-MAY HSUNG AND RONALD L. BREIGER
Contents

6 How Social Capital Changes During One's Current Job: Work Conditions and Contact Patterns 99
   YANG-CHIH FU, RAY MAY HSUNG AND SZU-YING LEE

7 Occupational Sex Composition, Cultural Contexts and Social Capital Formation: Cases of the United States and Taiwan 121
   WEI-HSIN YU AND CHI-TSUN CHIU

8 The Internet Implications for Social Capital: Stock, Changes and Tie Strength 150
   WENHONG CHEN

PART III
Accessing and Mobilizing Social Capital: Institutional, Networking and Organizational Factors

9 Job Search Chains and Embedded Resources: A Comparative Analysis Among Taiwan, China and the US 169
   CHIH-JOU JAY CHEN

10 Network and Contact Diversities in Race and Gender and Status Attainment in the United States 197
    JOONMO SON

11 The Road to Democracy: A Three-Society Comparison of Civic Network Structures 216
    YANLONG ZHANG AND HANG YOUNG LEE

PART IV
Social Capital and Well-Being

12 Social Capital in the Workplace and Health Disruptions: A Cross-National Investigation 241
    STEVE MCDONALD, FEINIAN CHEN AND MARTHA CROWLEY
13 Bright and Dark Sides of Who You Know in the Evaluation of Well-Being: Social Capital and Life Satisfaction Across Three Societies
LIJUN SONG

Appendix I: Social Capital USA 2004 Telephone Interview Questionnaire 279
Appendix II: Sample Characters for U.S., Taiwan and China 2004–2005 Social Capital Surveys 325
Bibliography 391
Contributors 417
Index 423