

2020 CFPR Lunchtime Seminar



SES DIFFERENTIALS IN SINGAPOREAN PRESCHOOLERS' TIME USE PATTERNS

We examine the time use patterns of preschoolers in Singapore, a country in Southeast Asia that is highly developed and diverse in socioeconomic and cultural characteristics of its population. Data were drawn from the novel children's time diary data collected in Singapore in a new study – Singapore Longitudinal Early Development Study (SGLEADS). We examine how parents' socioeconomic status shapes the time allocation of preschool children (age 0-6) across a week, with whom they spent time doing various activities, and to identify factors that explain the differences among children of different family characteristics. Data support the hypotheses that children of better educated parents spend more time in achievement-oriented activities, and less time on electronic devices. Children of employed mothers spend more time on school/day care, less time in achievement-oriented activities, electronic devices, and sports on weekdays but not on weekends. We find a divergent pattern of Singaporean young children's time use due to assortative mating of couples.

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