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2020 CFPR LUNCHTIME SEMINAR SERIES

RELIGION AND LIVING ARRANGEMENTS AROUND THE WORLD

Few things shape our daily lives as much as our households - who lives with us, how we are related to them and what role we play at home. Religions tend to encourage certain choices surrounding home and family life over others. Likewise, many countries have policies that speak to the acceptability of different family configurations and sizes, and living arrangements are further influenced by cultural and economic factors. This project is the first to examine how the sizes and types of households experienced (extended family, single parent, etc.) vary by religion, as well as by age and sex, in 130 countries. All results are calculated from an individual perspective. We find both wide variation around the world - the average person experiences a household of anywhere between 2.7 people in Germany to 13.8 in Gambia, for instance - as well as some patterns that seem ubiquitous. For example, women in every region and across all studied religious groups are more likely than men to live as single parents, and men are at least two years older than their wives or cohabiting female partners, on average, in all 130 countries studied. These and other patterns in living arrangements, as well as some of the religious teachings, laws and economic realities that underlie them are discussed.



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Light lunch is provided. Registration is required.

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