

Centre for Family and Population Research Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences

## CFPR LUNCHTIME SEMINAR SERIES 2019

## POVERTY AND PRESCHOOLERS' DEVELOPMENTAL OUTCOMES

This study aims to examine the mechanisms linking poverty and children's cognitive development and behavioral outcomes among pre-schoolers aged 3 to 5. Based on the data from The Urbanization and Children Development Study in China, this study employs the structural equation modeling to evaluate the factors that mediate the relationship between family income and children's developmental outcomes. This study jointly tests the family investment model and family stress model and takes into consideration the parental labor migration. Consistent with the findings in western countries, the family's ability to provide a stimulating learning environment is more important to children's cognitive development, while the primary caregiver's emotional distress and parenting behaviors are more related to children's external behavior problem.

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Date: 25 January 2019 | Time: 12noon - 1.30pm | Ventus Evans Room

Refreshments will be served! Register at: https://tinyurl.com/y6wx8u4r