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FAMILY AND POPULATION CHANGES IN SINGAPORE

This seminar presents an overview of the historical origins and contemporary transformations of Singapore families and population. Utilizing a variety of data sources including historical records, ethnographic studies, censuses and official statistics, we show trends in migration, age and gender compositions, fertility and parenthood, marriage patterns, inter-ethnic and transnational family formation, diverse family forms and household structures, and family attitudes and ideals for the three officially designated ethnic groups - Chinese, Malays, and Indians. In light of major theoretical frameworks for global family changes, Singapore constitutes a unique case due to its historical, cultural, and institutional setups. We highlight critical public policies that help shape the family and population changes and identify challenges these changes pose for Singapore's future development.

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The current presentation will be based on the first two chapters of the edited book entitled "Family and Population Changes in Singapore: A Unique Case in the Global Family Change".

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