

2019 CFPR Lunchtime Seminar Series

MARRIAGE TRENDS IN SINGAPORE AND CHINA : WHAT ISSUES SHOULD WE BE FOCUSING ON?

The long-term rise in singlehood in Singapore appears to have largely run its course, unlike the situation in other East Asian countries. A number of likely reasons for this will be discussed. Perhaps the more important issue at present is the rise in inter-ethnic and cross-border marriages, and what this implies for the traditional categorizations of ethnicity in Singapore. Turning to China, marriage delay into the 30s is now increasing. Different socio-economic groups of women and men face sharply divergent marriage prospects: an overall excess of males, especially rural males with low education, and sharply changing ratios of women to men with higher education. The projected imbalance in numbers of potential marriage partners will play a major role in changing marriage patterns. It needs to be studied for specific geographical areas, educational and social groups. To what extent will spouse-pairing patterns change in response to these imbalances?



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Light lunch is provided. Registration is required.

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