

## **Educational Pathways and Youth Development**

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### **Abstract:**

This presentation examines the role that educational paths play in mediating the effects of youths' background on various developmental outcomes, focusing on students aged 15 to 18 in the National Youth Survey 2013. Although education differed by parental socio-economic status, race, and immigrant status, the role that the education system plays in the reproduction of family advantage or disadvantage is not strong. However, its mediating role transcends academic success to other developmental domains, including self-esteem, social competence, stress, and overseas experience. The findings suggest the importance and potential of reducing these differences through modifications in the educational system as well as larger societal institutions.

### **Presenter's profile:**

Irene Y.H. Ng is an Associate Professor of Social Work in the National University of Singapore, and Director of the Social Service Research Centre. She holds a joint Ph.D. in Social Work and Economics from the University of Michigan. Her research areas include poverty and inequality, intergenerational mobility, youth crime, and social welfare policy. She is Principal Investigator of an evaluation of a national Work Support programme and Co-Principal Investigator of National Youth Surveys 2010 and 2013. She is engaged in various committees, for instance in the National Youth Council, the Chinese Development Assistance Council, Ministry of Social and Family Development, National Council of Social Service and Ministry of Manpower. Her teaching areas include poverty, policy, youth work, and programme planning. .

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