

Female deficit in Asia: Trends and Perspectives

Provisional Programme

Monday, 5 December 2005

8:00 - 8:30 **Registration**
Hartati Ayrat (CICRED)

8:30 - 9:15 **Opening ceremony**
Chair: Gavin Jones (ARI)
Brenda Yeoh (Asia Metacentre), Isabelle Attané (INED)

9:15 - 13:00 **Session 1** **Trends and differentials in gender discrimination**

This session focuses on the trends and differentials observed at the national level in several Asian countries. Mortality trends and variations in the sex ratio at births over time are essential components to monitor the evolution of gender-based sex discrimination. Of particular importance to this session will be the studies of differentials observed across subpopulations (religious groups, regions, etc.) in specific countries

Chair and general discussant: Ena SINGH

Kim, Doo-Sub Song, Yoo-Jean	Hanyang University, Korea Hanyang University, Korea	<i>Does religion matter? A study of regional variations in sex ratio at birth in Korea</i>	<i>Discussant: P.Gooch</i>
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Li, Shuzhuo Jiang, Quanbao Wei, Yan Feldman, Marcus	Xi'an Jiaotong University, China Xi'an Jiaotong University, China Xi'an Jiaotong University, China Stanford University, U.S.A.	<i>Female Child Survival in China: Past, Present and Prospect for the Future</i>	<i>Discussant: P. Arokiasamy</i>
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Vo Anh Dung Phuong Thi Thu Huong, Nguyen Ngoc Huyen Le Thanh Son	Vietnam Commission for Population Vietnam Commission for Population Vietnam Commission for Population Ha Tay Province's Commission for Population, Vietnam	<i>Sex ratios at birth in Vietnam and some localities: Current situation and comments</i>	<i>Discussant: Chen Wei</i>
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Graham, Elspeth	University of St Andrews, U.K.	<i>Son preference, female demographic deficit and Singapore's fertility transition</i>	<i>Discussant: Yuan Xin</i>
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11:15 - 11:30 **Coffee break**

Siagian, Tiodora Hadumaon Dasvarma, Gouranga	Central Board of Statistics, Indonesia Flinders University	<i>The Masculinization of the Sex Ratio in Indonesia</i>	<i>Discussant: S Agrawal</i>
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Alam, Nurul Van Ginneken, Jeroen Bosch, Alinda	ICDDR, Bangladesh NIDI, Netherlands NIDI, Netherlands	<i>Decreases in Male and Female Mortality and Missing Women in Bangladesh</i>	<i>Discussant: PK Bhargava</i>
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Meslé, France Vallin, Jacques Badurashvili, Irina	INED, France INED, France Georgian Center of Population Research	<i>A Sharp Increase in Sex Ratio at Birth in the Caucasus, Why? How?</i>	<i>Discussant: Le Bach</i>
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13:00 - 14:30 **Lunch**

14:30 - 17:45 **Session 2** **Methods and models**

This session will be devoted to the presentation of methods and models used to estimate the intensity of female discrimination and its components. It will also examine the various models that can be used to account for observed variations in sex discrimination across regions, households or other measurement units.

Chair and general discussant: Gavin JONES

Chen, Wei	People's University of China	<i>Sex Ratios at Birth in China</i>	<i>Discussant: Sayeed Unisa</i>
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Zhou, Yun Zheng, Zhenzhen	Peking University, China China Academy of Social Sciences, China	<i>Sex ratio of reported birth between 1910 and 1969 in China</i>	<i>Discussant: Irudaya Rajan</i>
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Bhargava, Pradeep Kumar Hiremath, G.M	Population Research Centre, Dharwad, India Population Research Centre, Dharwad, India	<i>Proximate determinants of sex ratio and its regional variations in India</i>	<i>Discussant: Wu Haixia</i>
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16:00 - 16:15 **Coffee break**

Arokiasamy, Perianayagam	International Institute for Population Sciences, India	<i>Sex Ratio at Birth and Excess Female Child Mortality in India: Regional Patterns</i>	<i>Discussant: G. Dasvarma</i>
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Bhat, Mari	International Institute for Population Sciences, India	<i>Factors Influencing the Use of Sex Selection Technologies and Sex ratio at Birth in India</i>	<i>Discussant: M. Feldman</i>
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Guilmoto, Christophe Z	LPED, Research Institute for Development, France	<i>Spatial regression and determinants of juvenile sex ratio in India</i>	<i>Discussant: Bill Lavelly</i>
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(Ending at 17:45)

18:30: Welcome dinner

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9:30 - 13:00 **Session 3** **Local perspectives**

Gender discrimination systems are better understood from their own local contexts. This session brings together various studies conducted at the local or regional levels focusing on specific areas in Asian countries where discrimination towards girls is rife. Methods used here combined statistical modeling from household and more qualitative observation techniques.

Chair and general discussant: YANG Wen-Shan

Sekher, T.V. Hatti, Neelambar	Institute for Social and Economic Change, India Lund University	<i>Vulnerable daughters in a modernizing society: From 'son preference' to 'daughter discrimination' in modern India</i>	<i>Discussant: Nurul Alam</i>
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Sudha, Shreeniwas Khanna, Sunil Rajan, Irudaya Srivastava, Roma	University of North Carolina, U.S.A. Oregon State University, U.S.A. Centre for Development Studies, India University of North Carolina, U.S.A.	<i>Traditions in transformations: Gender Bias among the Nairs of Kerala</i>	<i>Discussant: Zhou Yun</i>
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Agrawal, Sutapa	International Institute for Population Sciences, India	<i>Discrimination from conception to childhood: a study of girl child in rural Haryana, India</i>	<i>Discussant: Zheng Zhenzhen</i>
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11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break

Lavelly, William	University of Washington, U.S.A.	<i>Sex Selective Abortion, Hidden Girls, or Infanticide? Explaining the female Deficit in a Chinese County</i>	<i>Discussant: Leela Visaria</i>
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Bossen, Laurel	McGill University	<i>Missing Girls, Land and Population Controls in Rural China</i>	<i>Discussant: D.S. Kim</i>
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Li, Shuzhuo Wu, Haixia Feldman, Marcus	Xi'an Jiaotong University, China Xi'an Jiaotong University Stanford University	<i>Social Network and Son Preference of Rural-urban Migrants in China: A Study in Shenzhen</i>	<i>Discussant: E. Graham</i>
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13:00 - 14:30 Lunch

14:30 - 15:30 Session 3 (cont.) Local perspectives

Unisa, Sayeed Pujari, Sucharita Usha, R.	International Institute for Population Sciences, India International Institute for Population Sciences, India International Institute for Population Sciences, India	<i>Measuring Sex selective Abortion in India: Evidence from Haryana</i>	<i>Discussant: I Badurashvili</i>
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Larsen, Matthia Gooch, Pernille Hatti, Neelambar	Göteborg University, Sweden Lund University, Sweden Lund University, Sweden	<i>Uncertainty and Discrimination. Vulnerable Daughters in a Modernizing Society (India)</i>	<i>Discussant: J Véron</i>
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(Ending at 15:30)

Wednesday, 7 December 2005

9:00 - 10:15 Publication committee meeting (members only)

10:15 – 13:00 Session 4 Impact of gender imbalances

This session is devoted to the exploration of various consequences of gender imbalances on local society. A specific focus of this session is on the estimation of future demographic disequilibrium that is likely to affect the marriage markets as women become scarce. Matrimonial migrations will also be examined in relation to the growing deficit of women.

Chair and general discussant: Bill LAVELY

Yuan, Xin Tu, Edward Jow-Ching	Nankai University, China Hong Kong University	<i>High Sex Ratio at Birth and Female Deficit in China</i>	<i>Discussant: TV Sekher</i>
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Li, Shuzhuo Jiang, Quanbao Attané, Isabelle Feldman, Marcus	Xi'an Jiaotong University, China Xi'an Jiaotong University, China INED, France Stanford University, U.S.A.	<i>Son preference and the Marriage Squeeze In China-- An Integrated Analysis of First Marriage and Remarriage Market</i>	<i>Discussant: Hatti Neelambar</i>
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11:15 - 11:30 Coffee break

Le Bach Duong Bélanger, Danièle Khuat Thu Hong	Institute for Social Development Studies, Vietnam University of Western Ontario Institute for Social Development Studies, Vietnam	<i>Transnational Migration, Marriage and Trafficking at the China-Vietnam border</i>	<i>Discussant: L. Bossen</i>
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Hong Xoan Nguyenthi Graeme, Hugo	University of Adelaide, Australia University of Adelaide, Australia	<i>Marriage Migration between Vietnam and Taiwan: A view from Vietnam</i>	<i>Discussant: T. Siagian</i>
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Yang, Wen Shan Liu, Ying-ying Tiffany	Institute of Sociology Research Center for Social Sciences and Humanities	<i>Gender Imbalances and the Twisted Marriage Market in Taiwan</i>	<i>Discussant: J Van Ginneken</i>
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13:00 - 14:30 Lunch

14:30 - 17:30 Session 5 Policy Aspects and round table

This final session will serve as a conclusion to the conference. Contributions examine ethical issues related to sex selection as well as the policy response to the growing sex ratios among children, including local campaigns to fight gender-based discrimination, national policies and their impact on discriminatory behaviour.

Chair and general discussant: Kumud SHARMA

Visaria, Leela	Gujarat Institute of Development Research	<i>Female deficit in India: Role of prevention of sex selective abortion Act</i>
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Zheng, Zhenzhen	Chinese Academy of Social Sciences	<i>Interventions to balance sex ratio at birth in rural China</i>
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Singh, Ena	UNFPA, Delhi	<i>Sex selection: Advocacy and communication challenges</i>
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Open discussion

15:30-15:45 Coffee break

Round table: Synthesis and Perspectives

I. Attané and C.Z. Guilimoto (global synthesis) with PN Mari Bhat (synthesis and perspectives for South Asia), Li Shuzhuo (synthesis and perspectives for China) and Gavin Jones (synthesis and perspectives for South-East Asia)

17:30 - 18:00 Closing ceremony