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Family Demography and Ageing

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Overview

This course will provide an introduction to historical and current changes in family size, structure, and household relationships in transitional societies from a socio-demographic perspective. The focus will be more on India to understand the effect of such transition on individuals, family and society on a vulnerability framework. The course will focus on issues such as family and household transition and its implications on wellbeing outcomes for mainly in general and elderly in particular.

Goals

1. To understand the change in family both theoretically and empirically
2. To provide basic and advanced concepts and methods of analysing family demography and population ageing with an inter-disciplinary perspective.

Course Requirements:

Instruction Methods

Classroom lectures and Practicals

Evaluation1

Total Credits: 2

Review Essay 0.25; Presentation/ Assignment 0.25; Term Paper and Viva 0.5; End Semester Exam 1.0

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I. Concepts and Theories of Family Demography

Concepts of Family Demography: Family, Household, Family Size, Family Structures. Attitudes and Expectations in Family Formation; Type of Families in Global and Indian Perspective.

Theoretical Perspectives on Family Change: Agrarian change and family transformation; Indian families (caste, religion and regions); Family change in the context of modernization and urbanization: demographic transition and second demographic transition.

II. Family Transitions: Demographic and Life Course Perspective and Implications

Implications of Family Change for Wellbeing of Women, Children and Older Population; Family change and inter-generational support and policy; Family Instability in an International Perspective..

Marriage and Family; Family Transitions and its effect on Fertility, Mortality and Health. Fertility in Complex Families, Family Structure and Child Outcomes. Time Use of Parents and Children. Impact of Fertility on Families in Later Life .

III. Family Transition and Gender Roles

Intergenerational Impacts on Health and Demographic events. Grandparents and Parents Residence.

Families in Transiting Societies and Changing Gender Roles; Gender, Work, and Family: Gender, Families, and Time Use. Work-Family Balance and Conflict.

IV. Demography of Ageing: Demographic and Economic Approaches

Ageing: Concepts and Definition and its limitations, Ageing Process and Demographic Explanations, Process of ageing at global and country level. Data on ageing from Census and other sources. Large scale data gathering on population ageing in India and in other countries; Methods of data analysis

Theoretical perspective: Ageing, welfare and Intergenerational relationship and transfers. Economic life cycle approach; Ageing and Economic Growth, Challenges of Economic Support to Older population Caldwell theory of intergenerational transfer.

V. Living Arrangement and Intergenreational Care

Living arrangement for Older Population, Physical and Emotional, and Social Support for Older Population. Left Behind Older Population, Care Economy and its status and future impact

VI. Ageing and Health

Health and Socio-Economic Wellbeing in Later Life; Health Status and Health Care of Older Population; Subjective well-being and its measurement;; Disability and Acitivities of Daily Living, Cronic diseases and its impact on elderly; Menatal health. Future health burden and financing of elder care

VII. Policy and Ageing

Policy framework in the international contexts; Policy approach in the context of developed countries; Madrid plan of action; India's policies on elderly and programme implementation

Suggested Readings

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