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RD 629:

Nuptiality, Fertility, and Family Planning

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Overview

This course provides an introduction to the basic concepts of nuptiality, fertility and family planning and the trends and determinants of key indicators of nuptiality, fertility and family planning.

Goals

To provide the students an acquaintance with the societies at different levels of development and its relationship to nuptiality, fertility and family planning. To develop a capacity to understand and appreciate the role of socioeconomic variable at the individual and societal level in population studies, with special reference to nuptiality, fertility and family planning in a regional perspective.

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

Milestones

5th September 2016

Finalisation of Topics for Review Essay

24th September 2016

Finalisation of Topics for Term Paper

21 November 2016

Submission of Review Essay

22 November 2016

Submission of Term Paper

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Course Content:

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| Nuptiality | I. Concepts of Nuptiality, Age at Marriage, Early and Child marriages in India and factors affecting it. Global and Indian perspective on Marriage Instability, Union Dissolution, Marriage Squeeze, Marriage Markets. |
| | II. Theories of marriage (Second demographic Transition, Becker's theory; Social theories: Structural-Functional theory, Giddens theory, Social-Conflict theory, Symbolic-Interaction). |
| Fertility | III. Concepts of Fertility, Role of Fertility in Demography, Levels and Trends of Fertility in the Global, National and Regional Perspective. |
| | IV. Theories of Fertility Change. |
| | V. Factors determining fertility: Social, Economic, Demographic, Biological and Environmental. Individual, Household, Community and Regional/Spatial. |
| Fertility preference and Family Planning | VI. Conceptualising Fertility preference and decision making; Ideal and desired family size, Preference for timing of child bearing; Measuring unwanted fertility; Access and demand for family planning, Measuring unmet need for family planning; family planning in a comparative prespective Returns of family planning and fertility decline. |

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