

Korean Family and Gender: A Historical and Cultural Perspective

Current issues of Korean family and gender reflect many similarities both with other developed industrial societies in the OECD group and more closely with newly developed East Asian countries such as Japan, Taiwan, Singapore and Hong Kong. The most notable common issues include low fertility rate, low marriage rate, conflicts between family and work, etc. Yet, they also reflect some historical and cultural features that may be considered unique to Korea. In this presentation, I will review some of these historical and cultural features of Korean family and gender, and attempt to understand the current situation from a comparative perspective.



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