

Youth Sexuality & Marriage in Asia

Proposal for an APA Scientific Group

♥ Relationships

👤 Demographics

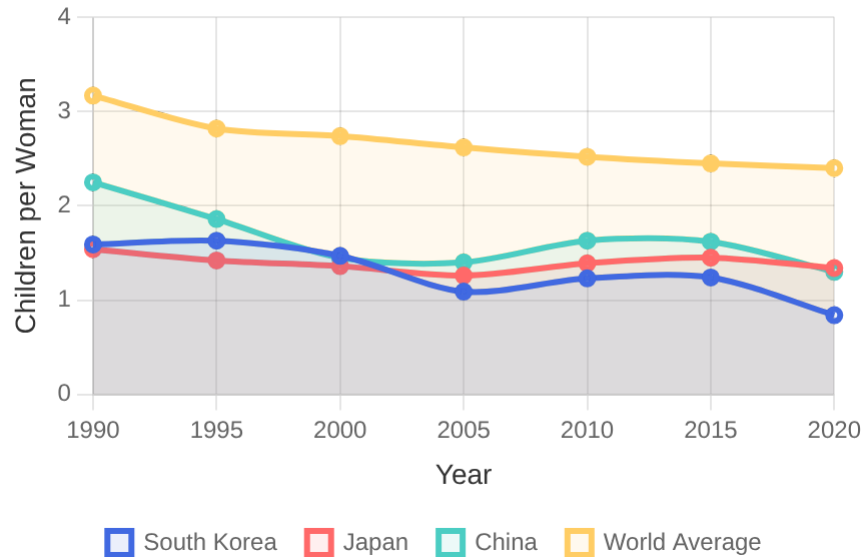
📈 Marriage Delays

🌐 Asian Context

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The Demographic Challenge in Asia

Fertility Rates Comparison (1990-2020)



📉 Marriage Delays & Singlehood

Increasing numbers of young adults delaying marriage or remaining single

👤 Population Impact

Contributing to declining fertility rates and aging population

➔ East Asia

Economic pressures, evolving gender norms

↓ South Asia

Traditional values vs. modern aspirations

↓ Southeast Asia

Blend of traditional values and globalization

🌐 West Asia

Complex cultural and economic transitions

The Research Gap

Shifting Attitudes



Changing Perspectives

Sexuality

Relationships

Marriage Decisions

Health Implications



Demographic Impact

Health Outcomes

Delayed Marriage

Celibacy Trends

Cross-National Analysis



Comparative Studies

Regional Variations

Cultural Contexts

Asian Regions

Data Limitations



Inadequate Research

Methodological Gaps

Longitudinal Data

Qualitative Insights

💡 Critical Insights Needed



Population Health: Mental Well-being, Reproductive Health



Social Structures: Family Support, Labor Market



Gender Dynamics: Changing Roles, Expectations



Urbanization: Rural-Urban Divide, Modernization

Our Solution: APA Scientific Group



Interdisciplinary Approach

Population Health

Social Sciences

Demographic Research



Cross-National Collaboration

East Asia

South Asia

Southeast Asia

West Asia



Focused Investigation

Youth Sexuality

Relationship Perceptions

Demographic Shifts



Policy Impact

Youth Welfare

Gender Equity

Population Sustainability



Encouraging cross-national dialogue within APA and related disciplines

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Diverse representation from East, South, Southeast, and West Asia

Research Objectives

1



Investigate Influence

Youth Sexuality

Relationships

Marriage Delays

2



Map Regional Variations

Trends

Factors

Regional Analysis

3



Assess Impacts

Population Health

Socioeconomic

Outcomes

4



Develop Frameworks

Interdisciplinary

Analytical

Comprehensive

5



Formulate Recommendations

Evidence-Based

Policy

Stakeholders





From understanding to action: Transforming research into policy impact

Research Plan & Timeline

Foundation Phase

June 2025–May 2026


 **Inaugural Workshop**
Q3 2025 • **Virtual**


 **Literature Review**
Q4 2025

 **Call for Proposals**
Q1 2026


Research & Impact Phase

June 2026–December 2027

 **Symposium**
Q2 2026 • **APA Conference**

 **Field Research**
Q3–Q4 2026

 **Policy Brief/Webinar**
Q1 2027

 **Culminating Conference**
Q2 2027 • **Hybrid**



Ongoing Activities

Quarterly Virtual Meetings

APA Webpage

Project Resources

Expected Outputs

1



Working Paper

2025

Based on [inaugural workshop](#) outcomes

2



Annotated Bibliography & Data Repository

2026

[Literature review](#) and [centralized data](#)

3



Peer-Reviewed Articles

2027

[3-5 articles](#) on youth sexuality trends

4



Policy Brief & Webinar

2027

[Evidence-based recommendations](#) for stakeholders

5



Edited Volume or Special Issue

2027

Publication in [Asian Population Studies](#)



Translating research into tangible impact across academia and policy

Potential Impact & Outcomes

1



Enhanced Understanding

Youth Sexuality

Demographic Changes

Cultural Factors

2



Evidence-Based Policy

Youth Health

Family Dynamics

Social Programs

3



Strengthened APA Network

Collaborative Research

Cross-Border

Knowledge Sharing

4



Mentorship Opportunities

Early-Career

Capacity Building

Skill Development

5



Addressing Demographic Challenges

Declining Fertility

Aging Populations

Sustainable Solutions



Transforming research into meaningful impact across Asia

Funding Requirements



Resources Needed



Travel Expenses

\$5,000



Publication Fees

\$2,000



Webinar Hosting

\$500



Research Assistant

\$3,000

Total Estimated Cost

\$10,500

Budget Distribution



■ Travel Expenses ■ Publication Fees ■ Webinar Hosting
■ Research Assistant



Potential Funding Sources



APA Seed Grants

Internal funding opportunities



External Grants

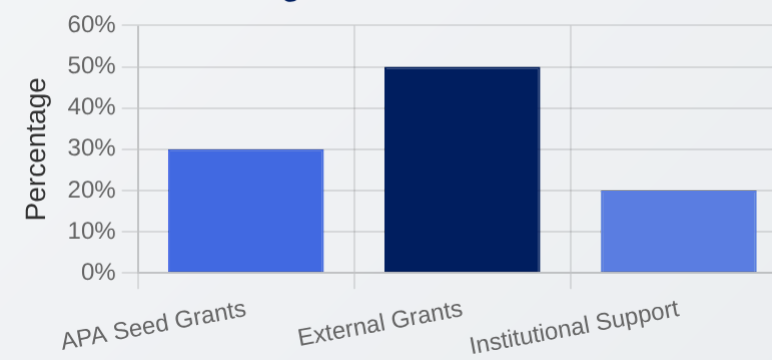
e.g., UNFPA, regional foundations



Institutional Support

Member organizations' contributions

Funding Sources Distribution



Collaborative fundraising strategy leveraging member networks and resources

Join Us in Addressing This Critical Challenge



Pressing Demographic Challenge

Marriage Delays

Declining Fertility

Aging Population



Interdisciplinary Approach

Population Health

Social Sciences

Youth Sexuality



Expert Team & Comprehensive Plan

Diverse Expertise

Cross-National

Meaningful Research



Enhancing APA Leadership

Policy Impact

Network Building

Knowledge Sharing



Together, we can make a difference in understanding and addressing these demographic shifts



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