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The world we inhabit is shaped by our past and present and will evolve with our actions. Since the time of Malthusian discourse, which emphasized the differences between Europeans and others, there has been a tendency to first be fascinated by these differences, often – but not always – followed by the discovery of similarities. It is now time for new approaches that challenge these historical narratives. These new approaches should transcend binary oppositions and hypothetical hierarchies, giving equal consideration to both similarities and differences within and beyond Eurasia. Ultimately, such studies contribute to a better understanding of demographic regimes and family dynamics.

As is always the case in historical demography, data sources form the foundation. Even when these sources appear similar across different settings, they may have been created for different purposes, and their daily management may have varied, complicating their comparability. The recording of marriage, which varies significantly from place to place and over time, is a classic example. Coding data is another crucial step. Significant efforts have been made to develop comparable codes for occupations, social statuses, causes of death, and more. However, there is still ongoing debate about their use and usefulness. Constructing comparative databases (e.g., through the Intermediate Data Structure) is challenging, as is developing statistical methods that can perform the same analyses while accounting for the diversity in data sources, as demonstrated by the Eurasian Project.

The demographic and family diversity of historical societies is always a key element in our studies, along with a comparative perspective, though this is often implicit. Our papers typically start with a literature review to situate our research within a specific context and demonstrate its contribution. Our conferences are generally organized into sessions, each centered on a particular topic, with multiple presentations ideally fostering dialogue. At the 2024 Conference of the Asian Society of Historical Demography in Taiwan, we encourage chairs, discussants, and participants to explicitly address these questions: What do we learn from each other in terms of methods, approaches, and results? What are the similarities and differences? How do comparisons help us understand the interplay of culture, economy, ecology, and politics that underlie demographic processes?

Agenda

Time	Thursday November 7
10:00-10:20	Arrival & Registration R2319
10:20-10:40	Opening Hsun Chang (Director, Institute of Ethnology, Academia Sinica)
10:40 -11:00	Group Photo
Session A: Migrants and Natives Moderator: Hsun Chang (Research Fellow and Director, Institute of Ethnology, Academia Sinica, Taiwan)	
11:00-12:30	<i>Migration and Reproduction: Natives vs. Migrants in Early Modern Northeastern Japan</i> Satomi Kurosu (Professor, Dean of the Graduate School of Language Education and Director of the Population and Family History Project (PFHP), Reitaku University, Japan)
	Miyuki Takahashi (Professor, Department of Economics Ritssho University, Japan)
	<i>Marriage Partners match in six Taiwanese villages, 1906-1945</i> Wen-Shan Yang (Adjunct Research Fellow, Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica, Taiwan)
	Yuh-Huey Jou (Research Fellow, Institute of Ethnology, Academia Sinica, Taiwan)
	<i>The Marriage and Reproduction of Japanese Period Ami tribe</i> Shu-Juo Chen (Assistant Curator, Department of Anthropology, National Museum of Natural Science, Taiwan)
	Pi-Chen Liu (Research Fellow, Institute of Ethnology, Academia Sinica, Taiwan)
12:30-13:30	Lunch Break
Session B: Database and Visualization Moderator: Alice Cheng (Research Fellow, Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica, Taiwan)	
14:00-15:00	<i>Making Hard-to-reach Population Visible and Approachable: How Scientific Computing, Data Science, and Open Science Help Revitalize Taiwan Indigenous Peoples.</i> Ji-Ping Lin (Associate Research Fellow, Research Center for Humanities and Social Sciences, Academia Sinica, Taiwan)
	<i>Data Management and Visualization of Historical Demography: UI Innovation in Taiwan Historical Household Registers Database (THHRD)</i> Shu-Li Huang (Associate Research Fellow, Institute of Ethnology, Academia Sinica, Taiwan)
	Hsuan-Lei Shao (Associate Professor, Graduate Institute of Health and Biotechnology Law, Taipei Medical University, Taiwan)
15:00-15:30	Break
15:30-17:00	Roundtable 1: The Roles of Historical Demography in Policy Making
17:30-19:00	Welcome Dinner

Time	Friday November 8
08:40-09:00	Arrival & Registration R2319
09:30-10:30	<p>Keynote Speech : Kinship Records in Qing Classmate Books (同年齒錄)</p> <p>Professor Cameron Campbell Acting Dean of Humanities and Social Science Chair Professor, Division of Social Science The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology Moderator: Wen-Shan Yang(Adjunct Research Fellow, Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica, Taiwan)</p>
10:30-10:40	Coffee Break
Session C: Marital Dissolution and Its Influence Moderator: Chun-Hao Li (Professor and Chair, Department of Social and Policy Sciences, Yuan Ze University, Taiwan)	
10:40-12:10	<i>The Impact of Neo-Confucian Culture[宗法秩序] on Differential Mortality Rates between Spouses in Korea, 1500-1900</i> Heejin Park (Research Professor, Research Institute for Economics and Business Administration, Kyungpook National University, South Korea)
	<i>Celibacy and Marriage Patterns Along the Tamsui River (1900-1945)</i> Chia-Chi Lin (Professor, Department of History, Tamkang University, Taiwan)
	<i>Social Status, Chaste Widowhood, and Trends in Marital Age Gaps in Post-Imjin Korea, 1606– 1630</i> Sangwoo Han (Assistant Professor, Department of History, College of Humanities, Ajou University, South Korea)
	Byung-Ho Lee (Associate professor, Department of Sociology, Ajou University, South Korea)
12:10-13:30	Lunch Break
Session D: Family Formation Moderator: Mei-Chun Lee (Assistant Research Fellow ,Institute of Ethnology, Academia Sinica, Taiwan)	
13:30-14:30	<i>Sibling order and marriage behaviour in colonial Taiwan</i> Chun-Hao Li (Professor and Chair, Department of Social and Policy Sciences, Yuan Ze University, Taiwan)
	Yan-jun Li (Assistant professor, Graduate School of Economics and Management, Tohoku University, Japan)
	Wen-Shan Yang (Adjunct Research Fellow, Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica, Taiwan)
	Ying-Chang Chuang (Adjunct Research Fellow, Institute of Ethnology, Academia Sinica, Taiwan)
14:30-15:00	<i>Hijos del Aire / Children of the Air: Family Reconstitution in the Lands Below the Winds</i> Nicholas Sy (Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of the Philippines Diliman, Republic of Philippines)
	Coffee Break
15:00-17:00	Roundtable 2: Asian Historical Demography Databases and The AI Impacts