

Sex imbalances: trends, interpretation and consequences

Workshop at CEPED, 5 February 2014

IDSi room 1:30-5:30 pm

Sex imbalances at birth have gradually changed the sex composition of the populations of several countries in Asia and Eastern Europe, leading several governments to intervene to reduce prenatal sex selection. This workshop will bring together scholars working on different regions (Eastern Europe, East and Southeast Asia) to share and discuss their current research agenda.

1:30 Inauguration by Etienne Gérard, director of CEPED

1:40 *Trends in sex ratio*

- Géraldine Duthé (INED, Paris): **Persistence of high sex ratios at birth in the Caucasus**
- Li Shuzhuo and Yan Shaohua (Jiaotong University, Xi'an): **Evolution of gender imbalance in contemporary China**

2:25 *Singlehood in China*

- Zhang Qunlin (Xi'an Polytechny University): **Sexual risk behaviors among forced male bachelors in a context of sex ratio imbalance**
- Yang Xueyan (Jiaotong University, Xi'an): **Sexual wellbeing and safety among forced male bachelors in a context of sex imbalance and marriage squeeze**

Break

3:30 *Kinship and sex ratio*

- Christophe Z Guilmoto (IRD/CEPED, Paris): **Studying sex imbalances where there is none**
- Loes Schenk-Sandbergen (U. of Amsterdam): **Are matrilineal marriages a solution to combat sex selection?**

4:15 *Gender and policy implications*

- Lisa Eklund (Lund University): **Critical gender perspectives on sex ratio imbalances**
- Laura Rahm (Paris Descartes/CEPED, Paris): **How effective are sex selection policies?** (PhD project)

5:00 *General discussion*

All are welcome to attend. (Please send us an email at guilmoto@ird.fr)



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