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Curriculum Vitae

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CURRENT POSITION

Assistant Professor, National University of Singapore, July 2015-present

Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy

MPP Program Chair (2020-2021); MPP Program Co-Chair (2018-2019)

Courses taught: Economics of the Family; Econometrics for Public Policy Analysis; Quantitative Research Methods for Public Policy, Economic Foundations for Public Policy

Research Associate, National University of Singapore, July 2015-present

Center for Family and Population Research

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Public Policy, **Duke University**, May 2015

Concentrations: Economics, Demography

B.A. in Economics, **Princeton University**, June 2008

PUBLICATIONS AND MANUSCRIPTS

Seah, Kelvin, Jessica Pan and **Poh Lin Tan**. Forthcoming. *Breadth of University Curriculum and Labor Market Outcomes*. Labour Economics. <http://ssrn.com/abstract=3566977>

Tan, Poh Lin. 2018. *Dual Burdens of Care: "Sandwiched Couples" in East Asia*. Journal of Aging and Health 30(10): 1574-1594. <https://scholarbank.nus.edu.sg/handle/10635/151336>

Tan, Poh Lin. 2017. *The Impact of School Entry Laws on Female Education and Teenage Fertility*. Journal of Population Economics, 30(2): 503-536. <https://scholarbank.nus.edu.sg/handle/10635/151343>

Tan, Poh Lin, S. Philip Morgan & Emilio Zagheni. 2016. *A Case for "Reverse One-Child" Policies in Japan and South Korea? Examining the Link between Education Costs and Lowest-Low Fertility*. Population Research and Policy Review, 35(3): 327-350. <https://rdcu.be/6pBi>

Tan, Poh Lin. *Stress, fatigue, and sexual spontaneity among married couples in a high-stress society: Evidence from sex diary data from Singapore*. R&R (Archives of Sexual Behavior)

Agarwal, Sumit, Wenlan Qian, Tien Foo Sing and **Poh Lin Tan**. *Fortunes of Dragons: Cohort Size Effects on Life Outcomes*. R&R (Population Studies) <http://ssrn.com/abstract=3032575>.

Tan, Poh Lin. *The Value of Sons: Effect of Firstborn Sex on Parental Well-Being, Employment and Household Bargaining Power in East Asia*. R&R (Child Indicators Research)

Tan, Poh Lin. *From Marriage to Carriage: Age at Marriage, Interval to Birth, and Age at First Birth in Singapore*. <http://ssrn.com/abstract=3559913>

Zang, Emma, **Poh Lin Tan** (joint first authors) and Philip J. Cook. *Educational Externalities Within Families*. <http://ssrn.com/abstract=3542306>

Tan, Poh Lin and Tikki Pang. *Residential Proximity to Zika Case Locations and Fertility Decline Among Married Couples in Singapore*. <http://ssrn.com/abstract=3571156>

Tan, Poh Lin. *Impact of Home Ovulation Tests on Marital Sexual Life in Singapore: Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trial*. <http://ssrn.com/abstract=3560038>

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

Tan, Poh Lin. (2020). *Low Sex Marriages in Singapore*. To be presented at the 2020 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Washington DC [Canceled due to COVID-19].

Tan, Poh Lin, Emma Zang and Philip J. Cook. (2018). *Educational Externalities Within Families*. Presented at the 2018 International Sociological Association R06-41, Singapore.

Tan, Poh Lin, Sumit Agarwal, Wenlan Qian and Tien Foo Sing (2018.) *Dragon Babies*. Presented at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Allied Social Sciences Association, Philadelphia, PA.

Tan, Poh Lin. (2016.) *Dual Burdens of Care: "Sandwiched" Generations in East Asia*. Presented at the Long-Term Care for Elderly in ASEAN Plus Three: Research and Policy Challenges in Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, Singapore.

Tan, Poh Lin. (2014). *Re-examining the Impact of Education on Teenage Motherhood: Evidence from North Carolina*. Presented at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Boston, MA.

Tan, Poh Lin, S. Philip Morgan & Emilio Zagheni. (2013). *A Case for "Reverse One-Child Policies" in East Asia? Examining the Link between Education Costs and Lowest-Low Fertility*. Presented at the 2013 International Union of the Scientific Study of Population Conference, Busan, South Korea.

OP-EDS

Tan, Poh Lin. 2020. *Reversing Demographic Decline*. IMF Finance and Development. <https://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/fandd/2020/03/lessons-from-singapore-on-raising-fertility-rates-tan.htm>

Tan, Poh Lin (2019.) *Be Concerned about Unhealthy Mindsets about Dating and Marriage, Not Fewer Babies*. Channel NewsAsia, July 28 2019. <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/commentary/fewer-babies-lower-fertility-singapore-reasons-marriage-dating-11756474>

Tan, Poh Lin (2018.) *Superstition and Herd Behavior Still Hold Sway Over Fertility Decisions*. ChannelNewsAsia, 10 February 2018. <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/commentary/commentary-superstition-and-herd-behaviour-still-hold-sway-over-9944540>

Tan, Poh Lin and S. Philip Morgan (2017.) *Give More Help to Children with More Siblings*. Straits Times, 14 August 2017. <http://www.straitstimes.com/opinion/give-more-help-to-children-with-more-siblings>

MEDIA QUOTES

Straits Times, April 1 2020. *Number of Babies Born Last Year Up by 0.5 Per Cent, After Four Consecutive Years of Decline.* <https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/number-of-babies-born-last-year-up-by-05-per-cent-after-four-consecutive-years-of-decline>

Straits Times, Jan 5 2020. *Singapore's Married Women have Less Sex than Desired: Study.* <https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/health/married-women-here-have-less-sex-than-desired-study>

Straits Times, July 26 2018. *When Three Kids are Still Not Enough.* <https://www.straitstimes.com/opinion/when-three-kids-are-still-not-enough>

Straits Times, July 13 2018. *Fewer Births, More Deaths as Singapore Population Ages.* <https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/fewer-births-more-deaths-as-singapore-population-ages>

Straits Times, Oct 18 2015. *Have More Kids? For Many Women, One Child is Enough.* <https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/have-more-kids-for-many-women-one-child-is-enough>

Straits Times, Oct 18 2015. *More Women in Singapore are Staying Childless.* <https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/more-women-are-staying-childless>

Appearances on Channel NewsAsia podcasts and radio (March 28 2019; July 30 2019; July 31 2019)

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Humanities and Social Sciences Seed Grant, PI, 2020-2021 (S\$20,000)

Academic Research Fund – Tier 1, PI, 2020-2021 (S\$19,000)

School Research Excellence Award - Honorable Mention (Social and Development Policy), 2018.

National University of Singapore Faculty Start-Up Grant, PI, 2016-2019 (S\$180,000)

National University of Singapore Staff Research Support Scheme, PI, 2016-2017 (S\$14,954)

Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy Award, 2014 (US\$7,500)

Duke University Population Research Institute Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, 2012-2014 (\$42,000)

Duke University Summer Research Fellowship, 2014 (US\$5,500); 2013 (US\$5,000)

First Prize, Undergraduate Paper Competition, Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research, University of Michigan, 2008 (US\$1,000)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Guest Researcher, Laboratory for Economic and Social Demography, Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock, Germany

Summer 2011

- Conducted research on the impact of educational systems on fertility in East Asia

Population Policy Officer, National Population Secretariat, Prime Minister's Office, Singapore
August 2009-July 2010

- Conducted research on falling marriage and fertility rates in Singapore

REVIEW SERVICES

BioMed Central Geriatrics, Demography, Management Science, PLOS ONE, Population Research and Policy Review, Population Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Population Association of America