

**TAN Poh Lin**  
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 Programme Co-Chair (2018-2021)

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

**EDUCATION**

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

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

**PUBLICATIONS AND MANUSCRIPTS**

Zang, Emma, Poh Lin Tan (joint first authors) & Philip J. Cook. Forthcoming. Sibling Spillovers: Having an Academically Successful Older Sibling May be More Important for Children in Disadvantaged Families. *American Journal of Sociology*. <http://ssrn.com/abstract=3542306>

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Tan, Poh Lin. 2021. Ideal and Actual Intervals to First Birth in Singapore. *Asian Population Studies* 18(1): 41-60. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17441730.2021.1938382>

Agarwal, Sumit, Wenlan Qian, Tien Foo Sing & Poh Lin Tan. 2021. Fortunes of Dragons: Cohort Size Effects on Life Outcomes. *Population Studies* 75(2): 191-207.  
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Tan, Poh Lin. 2021. Stress, Fatigue, and Sexual Spontaneity among Married Couples in a High Stress Society: Evidence from Sex Diary Data from Singapore. *Archives of Sexual Behavior* 50(6): 2579-2588.  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10508-020-01848-y>

Seah, Kelvin, Jessica Pan & Poh Lin Tan. 2020. Breadth of University Curriculum and Labor Market

Outcomes. *Labour Economics* 65: 101873. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.labeco.2020.101873>

Tan, Poh Lin. 2018. Dual Burdens of Care: “Sandwiched Couples” in East Asia. *Journal of Aging and Health* 30(10): 1574-1594. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0898264318796061>

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://doi.org/10.1007/s00148-016-0609-9>

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://doi.org/10.1007/s11113-016-9390-4>

Tan, Poh Lin & Jeremy Lim-Soh. Changes in Working Women’s Self-Reported Levels of Stress, Fatigue, and Quality of Interpersonal Relationships During COVID-19: A Comparison of Essential and Non-Essential Workers in Singapore. R&R (*Journal of Social Policy*) <http://ssrn.com/abstract=3775313>

Zang, Emma, Poh Lin Tan (joint first authors), Thomas Lyttelton & Anna Guo. Gendered Time Use Patterns during the COVID-19 Lockdown: Evidence from Longitudinal Data in Singapore. <http://ssrn.com/abstract=3809482>

Tan, Poh Lin, Joan Ryan & Jeremy Lim-Soh. Epidemics and Fertility Change: Responses to Zika and COVID-19 in Singapore. <http://ssrn.com/abstract=3919334>

Tan, Poh Lin & Jeremy Lim-Soh. Access to Ovulation Tests and Strategic Timing of Intercourse in a Low Fertility Context. <http://ssrn.com/abstract=3560038>

Tan, Poh Lin, Zeewan Lee & Jie Sheng Tan-Soo. Unequal Gains from Remote Work during COVID-19: Evidence from Longitudinal Data in Singapore. <http://ssrn.com/abstract=4116981>

Agarwal, Sumit, Poh Lin Tan & Jie Sheng Tan-Soo. Long-Term Effects of Air Pollution on Singapore’s National University Admissions.

#### SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

**Tan, Poh Lin**, Zeewan Lee & Jie Sheng Tan-Soo. Unequal Gains from Remoteability: Evidence from Longitudinal Data in Singapore. Presented at the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Atlanta, Georgia.

**Tan, Poh Lin** & Tikki Pang. How Close Is Too Close? Residential Proximity to Zika Case Locations and Fertility Decline in Singapore. Presented at the 2021 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America [online].

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

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

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

**Tan, Poh Lin.** 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.** 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.** 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.

### INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Inaugural TOUCH Family Conference, TOUCH Community Services Singapore, 28-29 April 2021

International Seminar on Global Demographic Change after COVID-19, Korea Institute for Health and Social Affairs, South Korea, 25 October 2022

### OP-EDS

Tan, Poh Lin. 2022. Can Egg Freezing Crack Singapore’s Demographic Decline? *East Asia Forum*. <https://www.eastasiaforum.org/2022/07/13/can-egg-freezing-crack-singapores-demographic-decline/>

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

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

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

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

### MEDIA QUOTES AND MENTIONS

Straits Times, 5 June 2022. She Works, He Doesn't: More Men in Singapore Staying Home to Look After Their Families. <https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/community/she-works-he-doesnt-more-men-not-working-to-look-after-their-families>

Washington Post. 1 April 2022. Even After Singapore Lifts Restrictions, Residents Stick to Their Masks. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2022/04/01/singapore-ends-outdoor-mask-mandate-covid/>

ChannelNewsAsia. 21 March 2022. Commentary: COVID-19 Changed Relationships so What Happens When Things Normalise? <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/commentary/covid-19-changed-relationships-couples-argue-stress-therapy-2532956>

Straits Times, 9 January 2022. Married Couples Had More Sex During Circuit Breaker: Study. <https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/community/married-couples-had-more-sex-during-circuit-breaker-study>

Today. 7 August 2021. Adulting 101: The Cost of Raising Children Has Always Put Me Off Having One. Is it Really that Expensive? [https://www.todayonline.com/singapore/adulting-101-cost-raising-children-has-always-put-me-off-having-one-are-they?cid=telegram\\_tg-single\\_social-free\\_26012019\\_today](https://www.todayonline.com/singapore/adulting-101-cost-raising-children-has-always-put-me-off-having-one-are-they?cid=telegram_tg-single_social-free_26012019_today)

ChannelNewsAsia. 2 July 2021. 'I Don't Think I Will Regret It': Why More Married Couples are Remaining Childless. <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/singapore/census-more-married-couples-women-childless-no-kids-15139522>

Straits Times, 27 June 2021. A 'Silver Tsunami' Looms. What Can Singapore Do About It? <https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/a-silver-tsunami-looms-what-can-singapore-do-about-it>

Straits Times, 26 May 2021. Women in Singapore Less Satisfied with their Marriages During and After Circuit Breaker: Study. <https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/women-in-singapore-less-satisfied-with-their-marriages-during-covid-19-pandemic-study>

Straits Times, 14 March 2021. Births in Singapore Hit Decade Low as Deaths Climb to Historic Peak. <https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/births-in-singapore-hit-decade-low-as-deaths-climb-to-historic-peak>

Nikkei Asia. 21 October 2020. Singapore and Rest of Aging Asia Scurry to Avoid COVID Baby Bust. <https://asia.nikkei.com/Spotlight/Coronavirus/Singapore-and-rest-of-aging-Asia-scurry-to-avoid-COVID-baby-bust>

新明日报 (Shin Min Ri Bao), 6 October 2020. 有穩定收入才能安心育儿. <http://www.shinmin.sg/>

Straits Times, 1 April 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-by05-per-cent-after-four-consecutive-years-of-decline>

Straits Times, 5 January 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->  
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Straits Times, 26 July 2018. When Three Kids are Still Not Enough. <https://www.straitstimes.com/opinion/when-three-kids-are-still-not-enough>

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

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

Appearances on Channel NewsAsia radio (28 March 2019; 30 July 2019; 31 July 2019; 10 Jan 2022)

### **AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Social and Family Research Fund, Ministry of Social and Family Development, PI, 2020-2021 (S\$99,984)

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

Academic Research Fund – Tier 1, PI, 2020-2021 (S\$19,000); 2021-2024 (S\$50,000)

School Research Excellence Award - Honourable 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)

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

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Secretary, Population Association of Singapore

Research Associate, Center for Family and Population Research

Member, Population Association of America

Member, European Association for Population Studies

International Advisory Board Member, Asian Population Studies

Editorial Board Member, International Journal of Population Studies

### **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**

*Asian Population Studies, BioMed Central Geriatrics, China Economic Review, Demography, Journal of Family Issues, Management Science, PLOS ONE, Population and Environment, Population Research and Policy Review, Population Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics*