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will present

Gender Asymmetries in Marriage Markets: A Global perspective

Abstract

We use census and register microdata for Spain, the United States, Canada, and Japan, to examine gender differences in characteristics of natives and their immigrant spouses, and whether these patterns differ between unions of native men and native women. Cross-national unions exhibit striking gender asymmetries, whereby native men partner with individuals from countries at a lower development level (HDI), while native women choose spouses from similar or higher HDI countries. Unions of native men are characterized by large spousal age differences, which increase with the HDI gap; this pattern reverses among native women. These strong asymmetries between unions of native men and women do not extend to education level, with cross-national unions, overall, involving highly educated individuals. These results point to the endurance of certain features of traditional marriage patterns in cross-national unions, which differ starkly between native men and native women.

Speaker's bio

Albert Esteve (Ph.D. Demography, UAB) is a Serra Húnter professor of Demography at the Department of Political and Social Sciences at the Universitat Pompeu Fabra-UPF and director of the Center for Demographic Studies-CED, one of the leading population research centers in Europe. He received post-doctoral training at the University of Minnesota, the Institute National d'Études Démographiques in Paris and Princeton University. He has been awarded numerous individual fellowships and research grants from competitive national and international calls. He has been a fellow of the Ramón y Cajal program (2007-2011) and has obtained funding from the Spanish and Catalan National R&D Plan and from research framework programs of the European Union. In 2009, he was awarded the WorldFam project, a Starting Grant financed by the European Research Council.

His areas of expertise include topics related to general and family and household demography, conducting research at both national and international level. He has contributed to the development of research infrastructures for the social sciences, including the IPUMS-international database, the largest world repository of census and survey microdata. He is the principal investigator of the Explorador Social, a data discovery tool for harmonized geo-referenced socio-demographic data for Spain. His research publications can be read in journals such as *Population and Development Review*, *Demography*, *Annual Review of Sociology*, *World Development*, and the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, among others. He has been the chief-editor of the *European Journal of Population* (2018-20) and director of the *European Doctoral School in Demography in Barcelona* (2019-2023). He is actively involved in the mentoring of pre and post-doctoral students. He is the principal investigator of the DEMFAMS group as “Grup de Recerca Consolidat” by the Catalan Government. In 2021, he was awarded the ICREA Academia distinction.