

Ethnic Variations in the Determinants of Fertility Intentions in Singapore: A Survey Experiment Study

There is a rich literature examining the determinants of fertility intentions. However, how the various determinants matter differs across individuals' social, economic, and cultural backgrounds. Using data from a quasi-experimental study in Singapore, this study reveals ethnic variations in the determinants of fertility intentions in Singapore. Preliminary findings show that while marital status is more strongly associated with fertility intentions among Malay Singaporeans, employment status and subjective socioeconomic status are stronger predictors of fertility intentions among the other two ethnic groups, i.e., Chinese and Indians. The varied familism values, parenting ideals, and individual-level socioeconomic status of the three groups mediate those ethnic variations in the determinants of fertility intentions.