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Single Women and Marriage Resistance in Hong Kong, Tokyo and Shanghai

Speaker:

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All are Welcome!!

Abstract

This talk discusses how unmarried women view marriage in the three great East Asian cities of Tokyo, Shanghai, and Hong Kong. In all three cities, the average age of first marriage for women is 28, older than in many other places of the world including the United States. In these cities, the numbers of single women over the age of 30 are dramatically increasing. In spite of their large numbers, and certain continued growth, this segment of the population is largely ignored by their governments and social institutions. The speaker argues that most single women wish to marry but face obstacles that emerge from double standards and inconsistencies in the educational, employment and marriage systems of their societies. As a result, women resist marriage when it conflicts with their hopes to take advantage of newly available opportunities in education, employment and in areas related to self-development.



No registration necessary.

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