Sixth Family Research Network (FRN) Forum: "Singlehood in Singapore: Issues and Challenges"

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TRENDS AND IMPLICATIONS OF RISING SINGLEHOOD IN SINGAPORE

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Trends in singulate mean age at marriage (SMAM) for women, 1970-2005
Trends in proportions single among women aged 30-34 in selected East Asian countries, 1970-2005
Trends in % single among women aged 35-39, selected East Asian countries, 1970-2005
Trend in % single among men aged 35-39, selected East Asian countries, 1970-2005
Age-specific proportion single among female residents, Singapore, 1990-2010
Age-specific proportion single among male residents, Singapore, 1990-2010
Median age at first marriage of grooms and brides married under the Women’s Charter, 1999-2009

- **Indian brides**: 26.7 (1999) vs 27.7 (2009)
- **Chinese grooms**: 29 (2009) vs 31.2 (2009)
- **Indian grooms**: 29.9 (1999) vs 30.7 (2009)
Proportion never-married by age, sex and educational level, Singapore, 2000 and 2010

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Policies with pro-marriage impacts

- Why is singlehood not rising further in Singapore?
- What is unique in Singapore policies?
  - Housing policy
  - SDN
  - Other??