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Taiwan's Social and Demographic Changes and Development

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Course Date & Time

July 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28

9:10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Course Objectives

- To get familiar with key concepts of population and social changes
- To learn and discuss key progresses of population and social changes and development in Taiwan.
- To understand the challenges and opportunities for social and public policies that promote population and social development in Taiwan

Course Outline or Topics

Session 1 (July 19):

Introduction and Overview of Taiwan's Population and Social Changes over past Hundred Years

- Contents:
 - Course design and description (seating, grading, assignment, etc)
 - Overview of the course and all relevant topics
 - History of population and social development in Taiwan
 - Documentary on youtube: "Tug Of War: The Story Of Taiwan" by PBS

Session 2 (July 20):

Aging of Taiwanese Society

- Readings:
 - Lin, Y. Y., & Huang, C. S. (2016). Aging in Taiwan: building a society for active aging and aging in place. *The Gerontologist*, 56(2), 176-183.
- Contents:
 - Short quiz of prior session
 - Lecture and discussion of the readings
- Assignment:
 - Choosing a presentation topic

Session 3 (July 21):

Low Fertility

- Readings:
 - Poston, D. L. (2000). Social and economic development and the fertility transitions in mainland China and Taiwan. *Population and Development Review*, 26, 40-60.
- Contents:
 - Short quiz of prior session
 - Lecture and discussion of the readings
- Assignment:
 - Collecting materials/data for your presentation

Session 4 (July 26):

Diversity of Family and LGBT Rights

- Readings:
 - Ho, M. S. (2019). Taiwan's road to marriage equality: Politics of legalizing same-sex marriage. *The China Quarterly*, 238, 482-503.
- Contents:
 - Short quiz of prior session
 - Lecture and discussion of the readings
- Assignment:
 - Making slides for your presentation

Session 5 (July 27):

Cross-Strait Marriages and New Immigrants

- Readings: Wang, H. Z. (2011). Immigration trends and policy changes in Taiwan. *Asian and Pacific Migration Journal*, 20(2), 169-194.
- Contents:
 - Short quiz of prior session
 - Lecture and discussion of the readings
- Assignment:
 - None. Prepare your presentation for tomorrow.

Session 6 (July 28):

Conclusion and Student Presentation

- Contents:
 - Review of the key concepts and issues
 - Student presentation and discussion

Course requirements/ Grading Standards

Short Quiz (20%)

Class Participation and Discussion (40%)

Final Presentation (40%)