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Biography

Sinn-Won Han is Assistant Professor of Sociology at The University of Hong Kong. Before joining HKU, Sinn-Won received his PhD in sociology from Harvard University and was a post-doctoral researcher at Cornell University. Han's research interests include the patterns, causes, and consequences of low fertility in the post-industrial context. Under this overarching theme, his current research explores three topics: (1) Whether and how does the radius of social trust matter for fertility? (2) Do sustained low fertility and population aging retard economic growth? If so, does the decline in "economic dynamism" (e.g., the decline in technological innovations and entrepreneurship) mediates the two phenomena? (3) Is the "left-right political fertility gap" indeed the case in advanced industrial democracies, as some politicians and commentators are avidly putting it?