Diverse Asian America: Interracial and Interethnic Marriage

In 2020, nearly 20 million people or 6% of the U.S. population identified as Asian alone in 2010. If we add Asians in combination with another racial group, such as White or Black, the Asian alone or in combination population comprised 24 million people (7.2%). Asian Americans are diverse in national origin and vary by SES, residential patterns, jobs, education, and immigration history. Yet, they have shared social environment and experience similar discrimination in schools, jobs, and neighborhoods. Whom do they marry in America? Do they marry within their own national origin groups, with other Asians, whites, or other ethnoracial minorities? Using data from American Community Survey from 2008 to 2022, we focus on national origin diversity among Asian Americans, investigate racial and ethnic assortative mating, and explore how education, nativity, marital history, and neighborhood compositions play a role. The findings shed light on how Asian Americans integrate in the context of contact opportunities, preferences, and influences of third parties.