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# Population Policies in Asia: from fertility control to sex selection

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## Abstract (in French and English)

I will provide a short introduction to the panel "Critical Assessment of Asian Population Policies from a Demographic and Gender Perspective". The objective of the presentation is threefold:

1. Provide a brief historic review of the trajectory of population policies in Asia with a focus on family planning, fertility control and the emergence of gender-biased sex selection fueled by access to modern reproductive technologies;
2. Provide a theoretical and conceptual framework that illustrates how population policies and socio-demographic phenomena like skewed sex ratio and sex selection interact (mapping of the state and society interstices);
3. Introduce the keynote speakers of the panel that come from different academic disciplines (demography, law, political science, anthropology, etc.) and cultural backgrounds (European, Asian, American); all experts in the field of gender-biased sex selection and policy assessment.

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