

A Quantitative Picture of Contemporary Japanese Families

Tradition and Modernity in the 21st Century

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This volume contains articles on result of quantitative analyses using micro data on Japanese family. Currently the family, household, and kinship are regarded as hot-issues in ageing and low-fertility society like Japan, but family-related policies are often implemented without firm empirical ground. With an intention to offer law/policy implication based on positive scientific evidences with national-representative data, the authors discuss urgent social problems related to contemporary families: parent-child relationships under stem family tradition, unpaid work and sexual division of labor in household, women's employment and work-family conflict, and inequality in both economic and educational aspects.

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