

Department of Economics Seminar

"Status Inheritance Rules and Intrahousehold Bargaining" (in English)

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Abstract:

We study how changes in the status inheritance rules affect intrahousehold bargaining outcomes. This question is analyzed in the context of a reform occurred in China that granted men the same rights as women in passing on residency permits (hukou) to their children regardless of their spouse' hukou. This reform worsened the relative position of women with privileged urban hukou status in the marriage market. We find that this change decreased the female-favored consumption and children's consumption in the urban-urban marriages that were formed before the reform. This finding shows that the allocation of household resources responds to changes in the relative position in the marriage market.

Biography:

Prof. Han is an assistant professor of economics in the Division of Social Science at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. Her research interests focus on political economy in authoritarian regimes and public policy issues in developing economies. Her studies on political economy mainly focus on political selection and incentives of politicians in China. Her research on public policy issues centers on education and social segregation. Her recent studies explore the peer effects in education, the impacts of reforms in education finance system, and the effect of status transmission on marriage segregation in China.

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