

BROWNBAG SEMINAR CUM RESEARCH FINDING SEMINAR

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Date: 21 March 2023 (Tuesday)

Time: 12:00nn - 1:00pm

**Venue: WYL314, 3/F, Dorothy Y. L. Wong Building,
Lingnan University**



Maternal Distress, Child Development

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Abstract: This paper investigating the effects of postnatal distress on-children's short and long-run outcomes. We use postnatal distress when child was 9 months old to predict child performance to see if there is lasting effect on child future performances. The specification mitigate the concern of reverse effect of child future performance on lagged distress. In order to control for the omitted variables, we include variables that simultaneously affect maternal distress and child future outcomes in robust analysis. Our findings suggest that postnatal stress has a negative impact on both cognitive and non-cognitive skills. It shows lasting effect on non-cognitive skills which was not found for cognitive skills. Our result is robust to alternative specifications.