The Timing of First Marriage in Contemporary China

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Using a national probability sample from the Life Histories and Social Change in Contemporary China project (1996), this lecture explores a wide array of determinants of marriage timing in the People’s Republic of China. Three theoretical paradigms - the intergenerational transmission of social status thesis, the state control thesis, and the structural conditions and marriage market thesis - will be used to examine such factors as family background, state policies, rural-urban residence, educational attainment, and occupational status. Gender differences will be highlighted and discussed as well.