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## Reinstitutionalization of Marriage among Young People in Taiwan

### About the Webinar

This study identifies the forces that obstruct the deinstitutionalization of marriage through an investigation of the meanings that underpin people's decision to marry or not. Drawing on the love and marriage histories of 35 young Taiwanese women and men, we discover that despite the openness to diverse ideologies of marriage and family, people still marry. Some embraced marriage as a capstone, especially by highly educated people who have made a deliberate plan that aligns with the rules of personal and professional success. Others who did not want to marry were eventually drawn into it by their partner, parents and peers, and by the financial and legal advantages of being married. To resolve this ideological tension, they try to minimize the difference between cohabitation and marriage, re-establishing their belief in cohabitation as an ideal partnership arrangement. Some delayed marriage gave themselves a deadline for marriage. For single unpartnered women though, once that deadline has passed, they redefine singlehood as a preferable alternative to marriage. Our study illuminates that marriage is hegemonic but reinstitutionalized, meaning that its traditional significance and practices such as timing, post-marriage gender and intergenerational relations, and living arrangements have changed.

### About the Speaker

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