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Cordially invite you to the Book Launch of

Age-structural Transitions: Challenges for Development

Edited by Ian Pool, Laura Rodriguez Wong and Eric Vilquin

Date : **Tuesday, 4 July 2006**

Time : **5.30 pm**

Venue : **ARI Lobby**
Asia Research Institute,
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5 Arts Link, AS7,
Shaw Foundation Building, Level 4,
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Chairperson : **Prof Gavin Jones**
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Synopsis

A neglected area of demography has been that of instability coming from structural changes: redistributions of population by age, geographically, within the labour force and through urbanisation, to cite some examples. This neglect at an empirical level contrasts to a degree with the attention paid to age-structural transitions in the theoretical mathematical demographic literature. What is known theretically is that these structural changes produce demographic instability that has major implications for development.

This book deals with only one of these dimensions of structural change, that coming from what is termed an age-structural transition. The final stage of such a transition, structural ageing (higher proportions of the total at older ages), is the most widely known yet perhaps the least important for the immediate future except in the more developed countries with low or negative rates of growth. In contrast, across much of the world, including some developed countries, changes in particular in fertility rates, exacerbated by migration and, in recently high mortality populations, by rapid declines in death rates, produce population waves, or disordered cohort flows if several waves, and their attendant troughs, follow in irregular succession. The spread of HIV/AIDS may also add to this form of demographic instability. This issue is emerging as a factor of critical significance for population and development.

A particular feature of this book is that it explores this emerging area reviewing both theoretical and substantive aspects, and paying special attention to the policy implications of age-structural transitions. Its more substantive chapters cover both the more global trends and, through case-studies, various countries with different problems. Finally, both the more generic and case0-study chapters highlight how the effects of population waves interact with forms of instability coming from other transitions, such as geographical mobility.

Refreshments

Wine, cheese and orange juice will be served.

ALL ARE WELCOME