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### Bio: Presenters from Social Science Research Council

**Dr. Setsuya Fukuda** is a social demographer and full-time researcher at the National Institute of Population and Social Security Research where he conducts demographic research on the inter-relationships between gender, family formation and family policy. He received his B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. in economics from Meiji University. After graduate study, he worked as a researcher at Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research in Rostock, Germany (2008–2011). From 2011–13, he worked in the government as an expert in the Ministry of Health, Labor, and Welfare, analyzing governmental statistics. In 2014–15, he received an Abe Fellowship, and conducted a US-Japan comparative study on educational differentials in marriage at the Center for Demography and Ecology, University of Wisconsin-Madison. His current research focuses on gender role division, couples' well-being and fertility in international comparative settings, looking, in particular, at how Japan's gender structure is going to change in relation to population decline and new family policies developed in 'Abenomics'.

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