All welcome to attend a unique international seminar focusing on the theme of family separation in East Asian countries and developing regions. Please register to secure a place (see below).

Divorce and parental separation is an intensely private event affecting the lives of many people, yet it sets up many challenges for the state and for families. It has transformed the normative trajectory of family life in many western democracies and is now on the increase in many East Asian and developing countries. This seminar will debate family breakdown and the impacts on gender roles re parenting, working and caring.

Convened by Dr Christine Skinner from the University of York and Dr Sirin Sung from Queen’s University Belfast, early career researchers and PhD students will present their work. Expert discussants will provide a response, discussants are:

- Emeritus Professor Gillian Pascall (University of Nottingham)
- Professor Dan Meyer (University of Wisconsin, Madison)
- Dr Kay Cook (RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia)

Seminar Themes:
Keynote presentation from Dr Sirin Sung:

- The East Asian Welfare States, social change and gender

Other indicative themes TBC, but the focus will be on East Asian and developing countries:

- Lone Parenthood
- Financial obligations in separated families
- Sharing the care of children in separated families

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http://www.york.ac.uk/spsw/research/child-maintenance-esrc-seminars/

The seminar is free to attend and refreshments will be provided, you will need to bring your booked tickets to guarantee entry to the event. There will be some limited support with transport costs for PhD students studying in the UK (but outside of York). ESRC Award Ref: ES/L000792/1 Dr Christine Skinner (Department of Social Policy and Social Work, University of York). 29/4/14