

## Introducing the GenTime project: Temporal structures of gender inequalities in East Asian and Western countries

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### Abstract

In this talk, I will introduce the European Research Council funded project GenTime (2018-2026). I will outline the project aims and summarise key research findings. We harmonise large scale time diary data from China, Japan, South Korea and Taiwan in the 1980s to the 2010s. We analyse the harmonised data to study changes in gender inequalities in time use across East Asian and Western societies. We have found that the closing of gender gaps in paid work, domestic work, and total work time has stalled in the most recent decade in several countries. The magnitude of the gender gaps, cultural contexts, and welfare policies plays a key role in determining whether the gender revolution in the division of labour will stall or continue. Women undertake more total work than men across all societies: The gender gap ranges from 30 minutes to 2 hours a day. Our findings suggest that cultural norms interact with institutional contexts to affect the patterns of gender convergence in time use, and gender equality might settle at differing levels of egalitarianism across countries.