

# LOW FERTILITY IN JAPAN: A COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE

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Mary Brinton is the Reischauer Institute Professor of Sociology at Harvard University. Her current work focuses on why several regions of the postindustrial world—including Southern Europe, Eastern Europe, and East Asia—now exhibit historically low fertility rates that are leading to rapid population aging and the prospect of lowered economic productivity. She is conducting a five-country comparative study of gender inequality and fertility that utilizes survey data and original in-depth interviews with young urban adults in the family formation stage. Brinton's broader interests are in labor markets and gender inequality in postindustrial societies, with a focus on Japanese society. She has been at Harvard University since 2003, and previously taught at the University of Chicago and Cornell University.

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