

Human Development Seminar Series

“Raising Global Families: Parenting, Immigration & Class in Taiwan and the US”



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2:00-3:00pm

Where: LIBR 507

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Public discourse on Asian parenting tends to fixate on ethnic culture as a static value set, disguising the fluidity and diversity of Chinese parenting. Such stereotypes also fail to account for the challenges of raising children in a rapidly modernizing world, full of globalizing values. This talk examines how ethnic Chinese parents in Taiwan and the United States negotiate cultural differences and class inequality to raise children in the contexts of globalization and immigration. Dr. Lan’s research enlists a comparative, multi-sited research model with middle-class and working-class parents in Taiwan and Chinese immigrant parents in the Boston area. Despite sharing a similar ethnic cultural background, these parents develop class-specific, context-sensitive strategies for arranging their children’s education, care, and discipline, and coping with uncertainties provoked by their changing surroundings.



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