

Call for Papers: China Population and Development Studies

Special Issue on Reproductive Health: “*Reproductive Health at a Crossroads: 30 Years After ICPD in Cairo*”

China Population and Development Studies invites submissions for a special issue on reproductive health, marking three decades since the historic Cairo Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in 1994. This issue will publish cutting-edge empirical research that addresses reproductive health in diverse settings worldwide, seeking to shed light on key issues shaping reproductive health in different sociocultural and healthcare environments. We particularly welcome research that adopts a demographic lens or demographic methodologies to examine reproductive health trends, outcomes and services. We aim to feature demographic perspectives on topics such as contraceptive use, maternal health, sexual and reproductive health, and reproductive justice, with an emphasis on both emerging and persistent challenges in varied global contexts. In this special issue, we aim to highlight studies from countries at various stages of demographic transition, including high-, middle-, and low-income countries and their respective reproductive health priorities.

Scope of the Special Issue

We welcome submissions from scholars addressing a broad spectrum of topics relevant to reproductive health, including but not limited to:

- Contraceptive access and use
- Various pregnancy outcomes including miscarriages, stillbirths and induced abortions
- Reproductive justice and health equity
- Assisted reproductive technologies

All articles will undergo a rigorous double-blinded peer-review process, ensuring the highest academic standards. Six to eight articles will be selected for publication in this issue.

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Submission and Publication Details

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