

Home-Leaving and Its Determinants in Japan, Germany and Italy

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Research suggests that lowest-low fertility is closely connected to the changes in leaving home among youths. Using recent data from Gender and Generation Survey of Japan, Germany and Italy, this study examined and compared the trend of leaving home and the predictors of age at first leaving home experienced between the ages of 15 and 34 years. Comparison of the trends of home-leaving showed that the direction and the timing of change were different among the three countries. Results from the event history analysis showed that the effects of socio-economic status of the respondents and their fathers on the timing of first home-leaving differed among the countries. Moreover, the extent to which these effects varied between cohorts was also different among the countries.