

VID Colloquium

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"Healthy there, Unhealthy here? Evidence from a Longitudinal Investigation of Nativity, Duration of Residence and Health in Australia"

Many observational studies have seen a health advantage among foreign-born (FB) people as compared with the native-born (NB), and a decline in that health advantage the longer they stay in the host country. Such studies often used cross-sectional datasets, and this presentation extends that work by investigating changes in three health measures among FB people from English speaking countries and non-English speaking countries relative to NB Australians over time using longitudinal data. I also explore English language proficiency, and socioeconomic and health behavior factors as possible mechanisms through which health outcomes change over time post migration. This presentation challenges the commonly held assumptions that migration and longer stay in the host country is associated with a decline in health.

About the presenter

Associate Professor Santosh Jatrana is a Principal Research Fellow at Centre for Social Impact Swinburne, Swinburne University of Technology, Melbourne, Australia. Prior to this, she had worked at Deakin University (Australia), University of Otago, (New Zealand) and National University of Singapore. She also currently holds an honorary senior research fellow position at the University of Otago and a conjoint appointment at Deakin University. She is a demographer and social epidemiologist with particular research interest in the field of gender, migrant health, ageing and health, primary health care, and health inequalities. Santosh Jatrana holds a PhD in Demography from the Australian National University and a postgraduate diploma in Public Health (DPH) from the University of Otago.