

PREFACE

Populasi Vol. 33 No. 1, June 2025 features six articles discussing a variety of population issues, ranging from child development, migration, environmental ethics, and fertility, to leadership.

The first article, authored by Emil Karmila and colleagues, highlights the importance of policy coherence in the development of early childhood education (PAUD) in Indonesia. The study reveals that inconsistencies among policies have hindered the optimal achievement of PAUD programs. Despite the implementation of various approaches, policy incoherence remains a major obstacle. Therefore, integrating the concept of policy coherence is considered crucial to enhance the effectiveness of PAUD programs as part of human resource development strategies.

The second article, by Cintami Farmawati et al., examines the psychological resilience of migrant workers in Thailand, focusing on the challenges they face and how they adapt in the host country. Resilience is influenced by internal factors such as spirituality and optimism, as well as external factors including social and family support. The study identifies three main adaptation strategies: social, economic, and cultural.

Next, the third article by Mery Yanti and her team explores the relationship between mobile phones, social capital, and internal migration in Indonesia. Their findings indicate that education level, internet access, marital status, and social capital significantly influence migration decisions. Based on this, the authors recommend that the government develop new economic growth centers, strengthen social capital at the community level, and improve ICT infrastructure to optimize the benefits of internal migration.

The fourth article, written by Fardan Mahmudatul Imamah, explores environmental ethics within Javanese society through two traditional practices: *Takir Plontang* and *Grebeg Pancasila*. These traditions reflect the interconnectedness of food, spirituality, and the concept of salvation in Javanese culture, offering insights into ethical perspectives on the environment.

The fifth article, by Seri Aryati et al., presents a bibliometric analysis of demographic research on fertility using VOSviewer. Drawing on data from Scopus, the authors identify key research themes such as low fertility, reproductive technology, and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. This article provides valuable insights for policymakers and researchers in developing strategies to address fertility-related demographic challenges.

Finally, the sixth article, by Ikhlasul Akmal Aulawi and colleagues, discusses electronic services at the Land Office of Surakarta City and the vital role of digital leadership in driving this transformation. Visionary leadership fosters a strong digital culture and enhances public service delivery through innovations such as electronic certificates, resulting in more efficient, transparent, and responsive services.

This concludes the brief overview of the six articles featured in the June 2025 edition of *Populasi*. We hope these scholarly contributions enrich readers' knowledge and prove beneficial. Happy reading!

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