Demographic convergence?
A study of population trends in East and
South Asia compared to Europe

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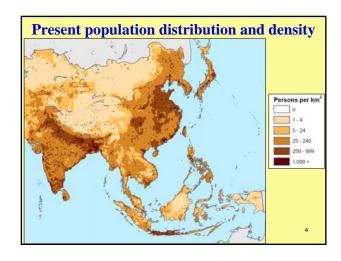
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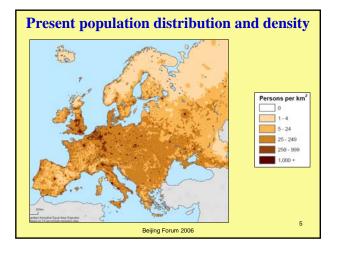
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Demographic Change across Asia by 2050

Present population distribution and density
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Fertility decline and stabilization
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Epidemiology

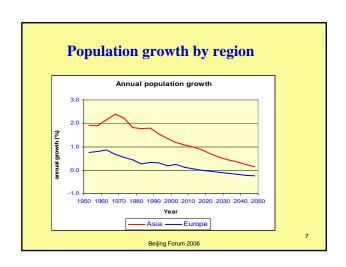
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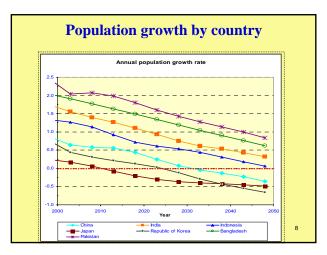


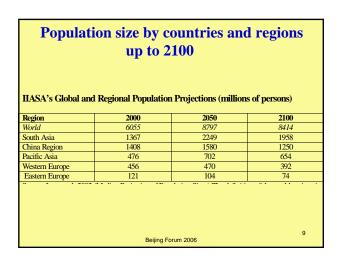


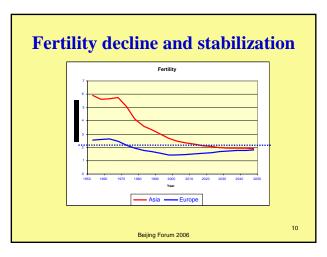
Europe, 1950-2050							
	Total population (in thousand)						
Years	1950	2005	2050				
Asia	1 310 737	3 563 554	4 656 424				
China	554 760	1 315 844	1 392 307				
India	357 561	1 103 371	1 592 704				
Indonesia	79 538	222 781	284 640				
Pakistan	36 944	157 935	304 700				
Bangladesh	41 783	141 822	242 937				
Japan	83 625	128 085	112 198				
Europe	373 361	488 822	470 833				
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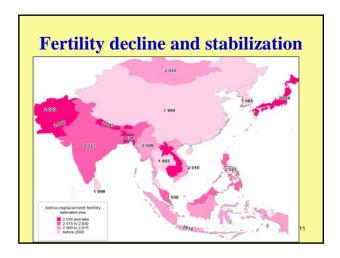
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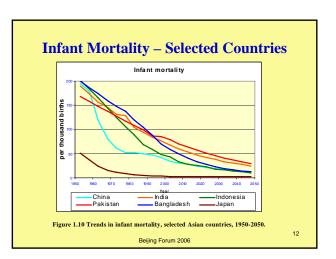










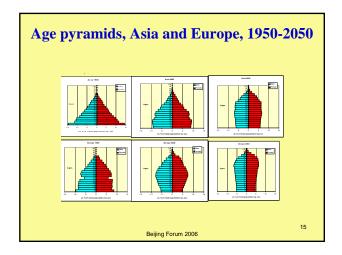


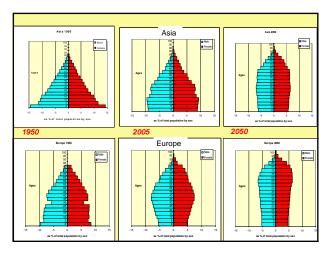
Asia's changing age structures

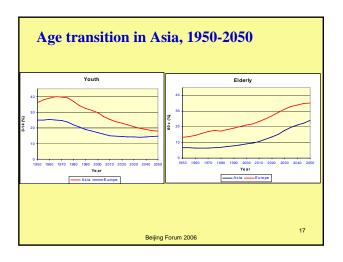
- Age recomposition in Asia
- Unequal pace of aging across Asian countries

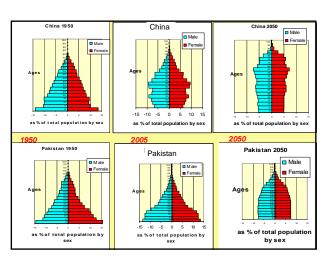
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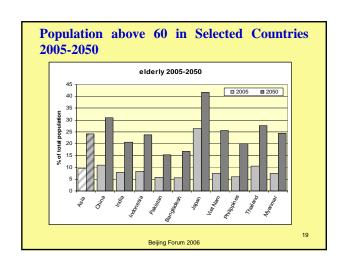
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2005 Country or Area	Median age vears	0-14 yrs %	60 yrs + %	
Asia	28.0	27.4	9.6	
China	32.6	21.4	10.9	
India	24.3	32.1	7.9	
Indonesia	26.5	28.3	8.4	
Pakistan	20.0	38.3	5.8	
Bangladesh	22.1	35.5	5.7	
Japan	42.9	14.0	26.3	
Viet Nam	24.9	29.5	7.5	
Philippines	22.2	35.1	6.1	
Thailand	30.5	23.8	10.5	
Myanmar	25.5	29.5	7.5	
Korea	35.1	18.6	13.7	
Afghanistan	16.7	46.5	4.4	
Europe	40	15.9	21.9	14



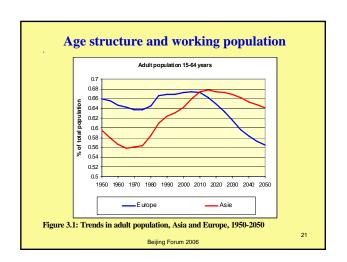


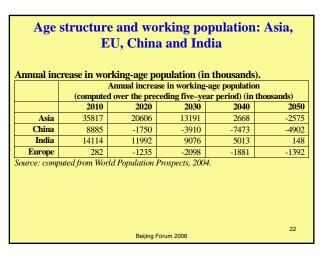


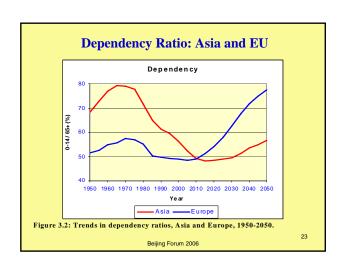


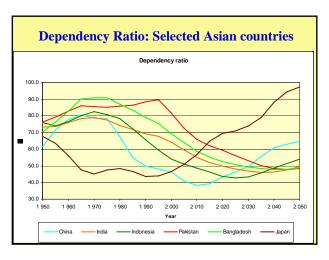


•Age structure and working-age population •The demographic bonus •The economically active population •Dependency or inactivity ratio? •The growth of human capital









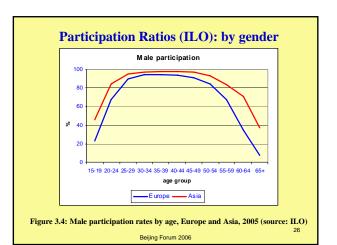
Participation Ratios (ILO): Asian regions

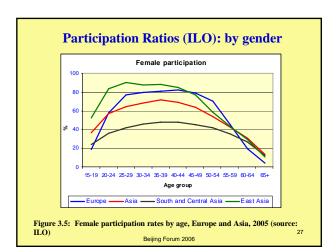
Table 3.5: Participation rates in Asia and Europe, population aged 15-64, in 2000 (in

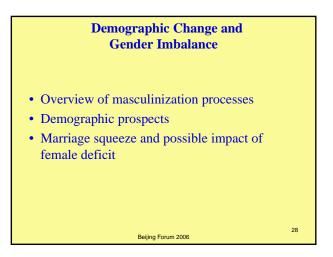
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	Participation rates, population aged 15-64, 2000, %						
		South-East	South- Central				
	Europe	Asia	Asia	East Asia	Asia		
Both sexes	57.4	70.6	59.8	73.6	67.6		
Men	65.4	82.9	81.7	81.2	81.6		
Women	50.1	58.5	37.0	65.8	53.2		

Source: ILO estimates (EAPEP database)

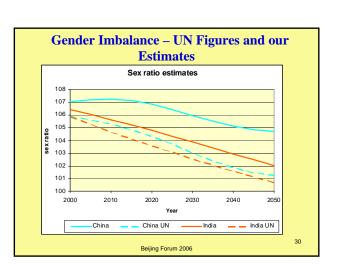
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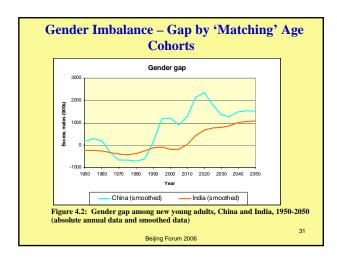






Masculinization in Asia – an Overview Klasen and Wink (2002) put the overall number of "missing women" at 102.8 million in the world. Among these missing women, respectively 40.9 and 39.1 million are from China and India and another 8.6 million from the rest of South Asia. Growing imbalances in sex ratio at birth Scan and abortion used as sex selection techniques Son preference linked to both traditional reasons and modernization

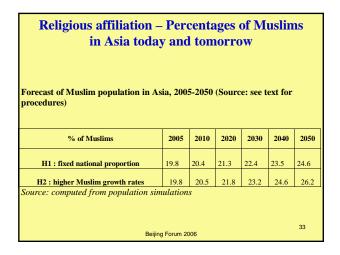


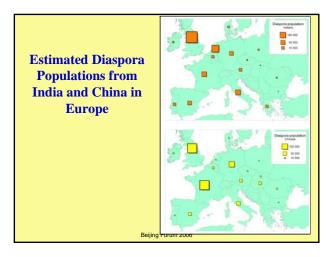


Demographic Change and regional, ethnic and social equilibria

- Urbanization trends in Asia
- India's regional differentials
- China's demographic differentials
- Muslims in Asia, today and tomorrow
- Europe's growing dependence on immigration

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