This course will introduce students to the family and its connections to health in international perspective. We will explore how family behaviors, such as childbearing, son preference, age at marriage, and old age support, vary across countries and socio-economic groups. We will also explore how these behaviors are tied to health outcomes, including mortality, nutritional status, maternal health, and vulnerability to chronic and communicable diseases. This exploration will focus on understanding the pathways connecting the family to health, including patterns of decision-making, socio-economic status, and family violence. Special attention will also be given to the roles of gender and generation in shaping the health of individual family members.