From the predicted population and nuptiality tables, we estimate trends in the proportion of men that never marry by age 50 and the mean age at first marriage. We find that the marriage squeeze is much more intense if only the never-married population is considered, rather than including all people without distinguishing their marital status. As the lifelong never-married proportion increases, mean age at first marriage rises first and then declines. View. Valerie M. Hudson and Andrea M. den Boer, Bare Branches: The Security Implications of Asia's Surplus Male Populations, Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2004. ISBN: 0262083256 - Volume 5 Issue 2 - Tatu Vanhanen. Read more. Article. The Politics of Population Planning in Malaysia and the Philippines.