Tribute to Prof. John Caldwell

Professor John Charles (Jack) Caldwell died on 12th March 2016 at the age of 87 years in Canberra. He was associated with the Department of Demography of Australian National University (ANU) for many decades. Caldwell’s seminal work included documentation of the role of mother’s education in fertility regulation and child mortality decline and the role of circumcision in inhibiting the spread of HIV/AIDS in Africa. He is known for his “wealth flows” theory, which relates interface between changes in intergenerational transfers within the family and fertility change. He has encouraged and mentored many young scholars from India and good number of them received doctorates from ANU under his able guidance. His anthropological demographic work on south India, particularly on marriage, fertility and contraception, received lot of research attention. When IIPS celebrated its golden jubilee in 2006, Prof. Caldwell was felicitated for his outstanding contribution to Demography. We pay our tribute to this doyen of Demography. May his soul rest in peace.