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## **PRESIDENT'S COLUMN**

The event of the XVth World Congress of Sociology in Brisbane, Australia, was a wonderful opportunity for many of us to come together again. Aside from the unavoidable organizational work, it brought about some very interesting and innovative ideas in our field of family sociology and many important and stimulating research results. I congratulate Rudolf Richter and his program committee for their effectiveness in arranging a wonderful array of sessions, and the session organizers for attracting presenters with such a variety of subjects and approaches. Thus, truly the full scope of family research was presented to the sociological audience, and I am sure that this will have attracted new researchers to the field of family sociology.

The Brisbane congress was also the starting point of my term as president of the CFR. Let me take the freedom and start with some very personal remarks. To begin with, I thank all the members of the CFR who have taken part in the election of the new board and for their trust in our capabilities. As already expressed in the business meeting in Brisbane, I hope and wish, with regard to myself, that I never give reasons for anyone to regret this vote, and I can only reassure that I will do my best to serve this research committee. I consider it a great honor to be elected to this position and it is truly a major event in my academic career. Naturally, when I started to work in the field of family sociology exactly 25 years ago, I never dreamed that this might happen. As it is quite often in academic careers, lucky coincidences play an important role. In my case, it was the fact that my starting point in family sociology was to write a book on "Family and Leisure Time" together with Rosemarie Nave-Herz, who was at that time already an active member of the Committee on Family research in the ISA, and its Vice-President later. She introduced me to this group, and since then, I frequently attended the well-recommended seminars of the CFR. Thus, I can only thank Rosemarie Nave-Herz not only for what she has done for my career in sociology, but also for opening the opportunity to work with (and now: for) the CFR.

It is fully recognized by the new board that the Committee on Family Research has a long lasting, well established and successful tradition. Especially, if compared with some other RC's in the ISA (or the ISA itself), the CFR is well-structured and very active. It is thus not only one of the oldest RC's in the ISA (as its number 06 indicates) and the largest in terms of registered members, but

it has also developed its own corporate culture, its own customs and norms. It is thus not only "old" and "big", but very effective in its work - also between the World Congresses. This is the achieve

ment of the predecessors in the executive board and their continuous work. We all have to thank them for these achievements. Explicitly, I want to mention the previous board and its president Barbara Settles - who were always very future oriented in their work and thus made the handing-over very smoothly and the start of the new board's work easy.

One of the strongest traditions of the CFR is its emphasis on seminars between the World Congresses. These are typically small seminars with not more than 30 - 40 attendants on varying subjects at varying places. Four major aims are related to these seminars: (1) to enhance the quality of research in family sociology and to built a platform for scholarly discussion in this field on the international level; (2) to attract new members to the CFR not only from academic sociology but from other disciplines in the field of family research as well; (3) to extend to new areas in the world and thus integrate researchers and research institutions from societies with a less developed family research infrastructure into the work of the CFR and the ISA; (4) to provide continuity in the international work in family research and a stable network for the CFR-members and thus creating a group identity. Especially the last aim makes a marked difference to many other RC's in the ISA, who sometimes are not more than an aggregate of academics on the occasion of the ISA's World Congress. All together, these aims are not easily combined, and sometimes, they provide some "inbuilt" tensions and frictions.

In response to this, the executive board has approved the following policy for CFR-seminars: The location of the seminars shall alternate between "new" places in the world, for which seminars will provide opportunities to integrate scholars from the "diaspora" into the international network of family sociology, on the one hand, and "old" places on the other hand, that are easy to reach with comparatively low traveling costs. The latter will give the opportunity to attend CFR-seminars regularly and thus provide continuity to the CFR as a group of scholars. These seminars will be preferably located (again alternating) in North America and in Europe. As for the next years, seminars are already planned to take place 2003 in Taiwan (as already announced) in March and in Southern Europe in the fall (probably in Turkey, or, in conjunction with the meeting of the European Sociological Association, in Spain), in 2004 one seminar will take place in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and one in North America.

The aiming for continuity in membership and seminar attendance requires new forms of active participation for those members, who are able to attend continuously: Paper presentations may not be the adequate way in the long run, as for most of us, the scope of the individual research program is specialized and thus limited. Consequently, it can not be related to the broad scope of all seminar themes in the same intensity. Continuous attendance has, however, other merits that can be used productively for the work of the CFR, as, for example, the awareness and the remembering of the entire scholarly discourse. Thus, roles like discussants, session organizers, reviewers and (guest-)editors should be reserved for these "core" members. This would have also the positive effect on the congress and seminar presentations, that the sessions become more coherent, the overall-discussion is enhanced and the number of presentations is reduced.

A permanent aim of the Committee is the acquisition of new members, to integrate them into the group activities, and to keep the identification with and the commitment to the Committee's work on the highest possible standard. It is obvious that the CFR was very effective in the past in the acquisition of new members, as their long membership list shows. The challenge then is to keep these members active and to attract especially members with a high future potential on family research, as they can be expected to have the highest future impact on the CFR and, in return, profit most from the CFR's activities. This implies that the seminar have to meet continuously professional standards that make their attendance an important investment in the individual's career. Thus, the most important benchmark for the attractiveness of the work of the CFR is, whether its seminars are competitive in the field of family research with regard to the quality of the presentations and to their potential of "specific" social capital building, as compared to other national, regional, and international meetings. An organizational measure to pursue these aims may be to locate CFR-seminars in proximity with other major events (like meetings of the American and European Sociological Associations, or the NCFR), in order to minimize traveling costs for young scholars.

Another, perhaps at first hand not so obvious, aim of the work of the Committee on Family Research is to integrate its specific subjects, theories, and methods into sociology in general. Thus, another relevant benchmark for the attractiveness of the work of the CFR is, whether it is not only of interest for the specialists in the area of family research but also for sociologists with other specializations and backgrounds. The integration of the work of the CFR into the general sociological framework and into the institutional structure of the

discipline has strong implications for the career outlook of young scholars in family sociology. It increases the standing of this sub-discipline, and, as the hiring committees are typically dominated by members with different backgrounds and specializations, the career opportunities for sociologists with specialization in family research. The executive board will increase its efforts to enhance the cooperation with other RC's on World Congresses; occasional joint seminars may also serve this purpose. The board will also try to gain influence in the ISA and on the main program of the World Congresses. In any case, it has to ensure that it remains the Committee, in which all the major activities in family research are taking place and with the strongest impact in this field.

The executive board can not achieve any of these goals without the active support of the CFR-members. So, let us all try our best to achieve our ambitious goals, and keep us going to have a group dedicated to the world-wide enhancement of family research. I am very sure that, as a by-product, we will have lots of fun in doing so!

As I started my first president's column with a personal remark, let me end it with another one. The CFR is international and cross-cultural not only in terms of the scope of its research topics and populations observed. It is also international in its members and its executives, which implies cultural variations as well as personal differences in international communication skills. For those of you, who appreciated the very elaborate, diplomatic communication style of Barbara Settles as much as I, in fact, admired it during her entire turn, please keep in mind that, in my case, you have a non-mother-tongue English speaking person to deal with. Being personally involved in multi-lingual and inter-cultural affairs not only in the professional sphere, but in my private life as well, I am fully aware of the fact that communicating in another than the mother language sometimes (if not almost always) implies a lack of control of the undertones. This has sometimes the nice effect of making arguments sound mickey-mousy and at other times the not-so-nice effect of offending others unintendedly. On top of that, the shift from Barbara's Anglo-American cultural background to mine will not only imply that the procedural rules of business meetings will shift from Anglo-Saxonian traditions to Central-European ones, but may have other implications as well: I was told quite convincingly that I represent some elements of the "national character" of my country of origin quite well - this may add some "German" bluntness to the president's arguments. So, as I am not very optimistic these traits of mine will change very quickly, please let us try to use all the differences in our respective cultural backgrounds in the most productive ways!

## **FROM THE SECRETARY**

The World Congress in Brisbane was really exciting and CFR had a rather good attendance at its session. Even though that did not happen for all sessions. It became clear anyway that we are one of the biggest RCs and therefore our sessions occurred also at even late evenings. After the long break we went back to listen to presenters from 20.00-22.00, which really impressed me.

We all enjoyed Barbara and Andy Settles' receptions and these gave us a good opportunity to talk with old as well as new members. You will see in the section: Welcoming new members, that we got 18 new members during the Congress.

In the minutes you will read about the new board. However, Benjamin Schlesinger decided to withdraw from the board and instead came Ria Smit who had the exact same votes at the election as Ben. Ria has accepted to be part of the board and we welcome her as a new board member during the coming four-year period.

I have sent reminders to all who has not paid since 2000 or 2001 that their names will be deleted from the list by January 1, 2003. Please send me the 40 USD for a four year period or 10 USD for students. The money can be sent either as an American cheque written to: CFR c/o Irene Levin or on the CFR's account: 6042 06 23383, Nordea bank, Frognerveien, Oslo, Norway. In Euro the amount is 40 or 10 for students while in NOK 360 or 80 for students.

If you do not want to continue your membership in CFR, please contact me directly by e-mail [Irene.levin@oks.hio.no](mailto:Irene.levin@oks.hio.no) and I will delete your name from the list. But I hope of course all will remain members.

## **HONORARY PRESIDENT'S COLUMN**

In 1991 the CFR organized (i. e. Irene Levin and I did) the XXVIth International CFR seminar on the theme of *What is Family?* At that time some previously suppressed countries made themselves free. As a result a couple of colleagues participated, who never had been able nor allowed attending our seminars. Their enthusiasm and curiosity was not to mistake. We therefore decided to support this enthusiasm and curiosity.

At the same time the Swedish government had decided to spend some money in order to support to the scientific cooperation between the Nordic countries and the Baltic States. In some of the discourses the term the Nordic countries even included and still includes Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, the three Baltic States.

After some meetings we realized that a somewhat formal organization had been born and we decided to give the child a name: The Nordic Family Research Network, NFRN.

Since 1992 we have met annually in Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, and Sweden. The agenda has always been very informal and usually the participants have presented news on family matters in their home countries or anything else relevant and actual for the presenter.

The sites for the meetings of the NFRN have varied a lot. We have been in a coastal resort village in Lithuania, in an ex-sanatorium for miners in Estonia, in a cottage high up in the Norwegian Mountains, and of course in various cities.

The number of members of the NFRN is small and we have no formal organization with no statutes, no by-laws and no membership fee. There is not even a roster of members. Anyone who wants to join can do so and we all bring younger colleagues whenever feasible. At the annual seminars the number of participants varies between ten and 20.

Sorry to say, the financial support from the Swedish government has disappeared, but it was very supportive during a number of years – not only supportive but also necessary during the childhood years.

Our next annual meeting will probably be over when you read this. We will meet October 11–13 in Vilnius with Irena Juozeliuniene as our host and organizer. At this annual seminar we will celebrate our tenth anniversary and thus the eleventh time we meet in this group where most of us have been participants all or almost all the years.

## **MINUTES FROM BUSINESS MEETING, JULY 11, 2002**

Members present: Shlomit Bechar, Sylvie Fogiel-Bijaovi, Mark Hutter, David Klein, Clary Krekula, Dagmar Kutsar, Irene Levin, Beverly McNamara, Christine Millward, Bernhard Nauck, Marlize Rabe, Rudolf Richter, Benjamin Schlesinger, Rachel Schlesinger, Barbara Settles, Rudy Ray Seward, Maria

Christina Siqueira de Souza Campos, Ria Smit, Mattias Strandh, Mohammad Taghi-Sheykhi, Ene-Margit Tiit, Jan Trost, Klaus Zapotoczky, Susan Ziehl.

1. The president, Barbara Settles, opened the business meeting and welcomed all present.
2. The proposed Agenda was adopted.
3. The secretary/treasurer, Irene Levin, reported about the financial situation of the CFR and about the number of members of the CFR, more than 300 members coming from 51 countries.
4. Bernhard Nauck reported from the CFR seminar in Berlin 1999 and mentioned that a special issue of Journal of Comparative Family Studies is published with some of the presentations at the seminar.
5. Jan Trost reported from the CFR seminar in Uppsala 2000 and mentioned that a special issue of Journal of Comparative Family Studies will be published in November 2002 with some of the presentations at the seminar.
6. Barbara Settles reported from the CFR seminar 2001 in Delaware, USA, and mentioned that despite the short period of planning the attendance was quite good.
7. Rudolf Richter mentioned that many more abstracts had arrived than planned for and that the cooperation with session organizers had been good.
8. Chin-Chun Yi made final announcement for the next CFR seminar to be held in Taipei, Taiwan, March 12-14, 2003 on the theme of Intergenerational Relations In Families' Life Course. Deadline for abstracts is September 15, 2002.
9. The secretary, Irene Levin announced the results of the election of a new board of the CFR. The new board consists of

President	Bernhard Nauck, Germany
Vice-president	Chin-Chun Yi, Taiwan
Secretary/treasurer	Irene Levin, Norway
Members at large	Ruth Katz, Israel
	Rudolf Richter, Austria

Honorary president Benjamin Schlesinger, Canada  
Jan Trost, Sweden

10. Honorary president Jan Trost thanked Barbara Settles for her work as president for two consecutive four-year periods. He praised her for her energy and fruitful cooperation with members as well as with others and handed over a symbolic gift.
11. Outgoing president Barbara Settles handed over the invisible gavel to incoming president Bernhard Nauck. The new president thanked the CFR for the trust shown him by electing him president for a four-year period and he promised to do his best to fulfil the purposes and traditions of the CFR together with the rest of the board members.
12. Maria Christina Siqueira de Souza Campos announced a CFR seminar to be held in Sao Paulo in 2004. There will be a four-day seminar, time will be decided later together with the board and the theme will deal with personal biographies and identity.
13. Other future seminars were discussed. Dagmar Kutsar and Ene-Margit Tiit suggested a seminar in Tartu, Estonia. A seminar in Turkey organized by Bernhard Nauck was also proposed and Canada was also mentioned.
14. The treasurer suggested that the fee for membership be the same as the previous more than 30 years: USD 40.- for a four-year period for regular members and USD 10.- for student members. So was decided.
15. Nominations for nominations committee. John Eriksen, Christine Millward, Rachel Schlesinger, and Ria Smit were nominated, two of whom will be elected by mail ballots.
16. The president, Bernhard Nauck, closed the business meeting about an hour after the opening.

Irene Levin  
secretary/treasurer

Barbara Settles  
outgoing president

Bernhard Nauck  
incoming president

## **XXXIXTH INTERNATIONAL CFR SEMINAR**

### **Intergenerational Relations In Families' Life Course**

Institute of Sociology at Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan, March 12-14, 2003

The conference theme is of particular importance for a social and cultural locus like Taiwan. With traditional patriarchy facing the challenge from modernization, changes in the internal family relationship have become vital issues for study. Change in the intergenerational relations not only affects the dominant father-son relationship, it also has significant impact on conjugal relations as well. This conference will focus on several related subjects surrounding changing intergenerational relations with special concern on families' life course's perspective. Research on social support and social network, care giving, property inheritance, parent-adult children interactions, grand parenting, general intergenerational exchanges and processes as well as social welfare policy analyses are all welcome to contribute. The conference is intended to draw attention on how intergenerational relations in the family has adapted to social changes in various societal contexts.

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## **REGARDS FROM THE PAST-PRESIDENT**

Let me express to everyone in the Committee on Family Research my real appreciation for your support and interest in our work over the past eight years of my presidency. I just went through my archives to tidy up and send historic information on to our new president Bernhard Nauck. As I looked through the folders I was struck by how many wonderful offers of help and participation I had received.

May I first note that we have been fortunate to have a broad spectrum of scholars represented in our activities. Because we have been able to have regular seminars and a wide range of locations and themes we have one of the most successful of the research committees. This has resulted in building a broad representation of members around the world and a sufficient core of fully paid ISA members who are CFR members to justify a full set of sessions at the ISA world congresses. We thank everyone who has been willing to join ISA as it raises the profile of the CFR. In addition our various organizers of meetings have all had remarkable management skills and have been able to produce wonderful reasonably priced seminars that have been self-sustaining and have reached out to include people from all over who may need support to attend. They have sought out co-sponsors and brought their universities into their planning and support. We have also emphasized the role of informal, inclusive social events to strengthen the ties among our group. In this period of time e-mail has become a standard means of improving communication including many of countries that did not have dependable links previously. We have also emphasized finding appropriate publication outlets and including opportunity for participation for all. We have made special efforts to help edit papers for publication in mainstream outlets in English. We have raised our outreach in the southern hemisphere and have planned conferences in Taiwan 2003 and Brazil 2004. Having just returned from the fabulous conference in Brisbane, I am again reminded of the wide appeal of our committee's focus and the distances we will travel to be together.

The two executive boards were especially constant in their concern and offered many good suggestions.

<p>1998-2002</p> <p>president vice president secretary/treasurer members at large</p>	<p>Barbara Settles, USA Rudolf Richter, Austria Irene Levin, Norway Wilfried Dumon, Belgium Barbara James USA, resigned, replaced by Ria Smit, South Africa Chin Chun Yi, Taiwan</p>
<p>1994-1998</p>	

president vice president secretary/treasurer members at large	Barbara Settles, USA Rosemarie Nave-Herz, Germany Barbara James, USA Peter Somlai, Hungary Chin-Chun Yi, Taiwan Mirja Tolkki-Nikkonen, Finland, deceased
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Jan Trost, Sweden, our honorary president, offered much useful advice and help, based upon his experience as president and his long participation in the committee.

Our committee is wholly dependent on our members offers to organize and develop support for our seminars between the ISA world congresses. Most committees focus on having one major conference in the interim, but we have found that it is a greater service to our members to have more frequent meetings in many different places and present several new themes.

During the last eight years we have had the following interim activities.

1. Murikka, Finland, June 19-22, 1995 organized by Professor Mirja Tolkki-Nikkonen of the University of Tampere on *Genders, Generations, and Families*.
2. Itala Game Reserve, South Africa, July 3-7, 1996. Organizing Committee consisting of Professor Nombulelo Siqwana-Ndulo of University of Transkei, chairperson, Professor Anna F. Steyn, emeriti professor Randse Afrikaanse Universiteit, Professor Susan C. Ziehl of Rhodes University on *Multi-cultural diversity and families*. Dr. Ziehl edited as book of the same title, which included edited versions of the papers, presented and was published by her university in 1998. (This seminar was held at the invitation of Professor John Maree of University of Cape Town, President at the invitation of the South African Sociological Association, and many of the participants also attended and presented at the SASA annual meeting in Durban, RSA July 7-11, 1996.)
3. Kibbutz Maale Hachamish, Israel May 18-20, 1997 academic program, May 21-23 social-cultural program, Organizing Committee consisting of Dr. Yochanan Peres, chair Tel-Aviv University, Rivka

Bar-Yosef, Ruth Katz, Haifa Shlomo Sharlin, Jan Trost, Uppsala University, on *Family, Household & Community*.

4. Strobl / Wolfgangsee, Austria, September 22-26, 1997 organized by Professor Rudolf Richter, University of Vienna on Cultural diversities in family, partnership and generational situations. Rudolf Richter and Sylvia Supper edited papers from this seminar for a book, *New qualities in the life course: Intercultural aspects* published by Eronverlag, Wurzburg,
5. Berlin, Germany, June 14-20, 1999 organized by Prof. Dr. Bernhard Nauck, University of Chemnitz, and Anja Steinbach on *Migrant and Ethnic Minority Families*. Papers from this conference were edited by Drs. Nauck and Settles for a special issue, Immigrant and ethnic minority families, *Journal of Comparative Family Studies XXXII(4)* Autumn, 2001 and further articles were published in the Spring, 2001 volume.
6. Uppsala, Sweden, June 20-23, 2000 organized by Professor Jan Trost, Uppsala University on *Theoretical and methodological issues in Cross-cultural family studies*. Prof. Trost is in process of editing papers for a special issue.
7. Newark, Delaware, USA, March 28-31, 2001, organized by Professor Barbara H. Settles, University of Delaware on *Families as They Interact with Care Giving Institutions*.

The two ISA world congresses were valuable in building committee participation and we are now and have pursued publication outlets for these events as well. In both meetings we were able to have a full program for all days of the conference and excellent attendance including the sessions on the last day and evening. Dr. Carol D. H. Harvey, chaired the 1998 program and arrangements committee, and edited and found publication outlets for three book length publications. Dr. Rudolf Richter chaired the 2002 program and is planning a publication program. Both meetings had large program committees drawing on our members across the globe and had a wonderful response in submissions and attendance. We were able to have informal open-houses at both meetings that provided opportunities for networking and discussion among our committee.

In addition to these committee activities I participated actively in ISA events and promoting the CFR in other organizations that focus on family sociology and family studies both in the USA and elsewhere. Two interim ISA Research Council meetings were held in Montreal, Canada in 1996 and 2000. Both had academic components and I prepared papers for both conferences. The first paper has been published as Settles, B. H. (2000). Sociology of the family: Global advances and challenges. In S. Quah, & A. Sales (Eds.), *The International Handbook of Sociology* (pp. 173-196). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications. The second is summarized in the last Gazette.

May I also thank those many committee members who have prepared papers, chaired sessions, helped with local arrangements, recruited new members and helped to have so many lively discussions in our events. It is pleasure to work with an enthusiastic and creative group of scholars. It is my hope and expectation that our new officers and board will have as exciting and pleasant experience as I have had. I look forward to participating in the upcoming events of CFR with you all.

Best wishes for the future of CFR, Barbara H. Settles

## NEWS FROM MEMBERS

**Rosemarie Nave-Herz** has edited: *Family Change and Intergenerational Relations in Different Cultures (Turkey, South Korea, Spain, Poland, and Germany)*, Würzburg 2002, ISBN 3-89913-241-6 (Ergon Verlag, D-97080).

In family sociological terms modern industrial societies are characterised by two recent historical phenomena: 1. The youth phase has been extended to a previously unknown degree due to the rise in the age of entry into working life. 2. Increased life expectancy has led to a strong quantitative increase in the number of families encompassing four or even five generations. This begs the sociological question whether, due to the rise in the membership in the vertical line of relations and due to other factors – in particular in society as a whole – the family will preserve its unity "as a group of its own", or whether familial subsystems, each embracing certain generations, have come into being, resulting in isolating tendencies among individual generations or individual family members becoming evident. Do negligible exchange relationships arise

within the family unit as a whole, due to an increased exclusivity of the individual nuclear family? This volume seeks to address this question. It concentrates primarily on describing familial change in Turkey, Poland, Spain, South Korea and Germany, and then on examining whether this familial change has led to changes in the material and immaterial transfer benefits between the family generations. The comparative cultural analysis should examine whether religious traditions – in spite of all tendencies towards secularisation – still play important role in relation to the family.

**Bron Ingoldsby** is this year's recipient of the *Jan Trost Award for Outstanding Contribution to Comparative Family Studies*. In 2000 *Gary Lee* was the recipient and in 2001 *Linda Haas*. The award will be presented by the International Section of the National Council on Family Relations at the annual meeting, this year in Houston, Texas.

**Jan Trost** has published: *Att vara opponent*, Lund: Studentlitteratur, 2002. This book is about how one can (and should) behave as a discussant or opponent in academic circles.

**Susan Ziehl** writes:

I was unable to display these graphs during the presentation of my paper in Brisbane entitled: *Divorce Statistics: A case of the wool being pulled over our Eyes?*

What all three graphs show is that despite an enormous increase in the divorce rate in Australia, the U.S. and Norway, the proportion of the adult population that is divorced, is still very low (less than 10%). The graphs for Australia and Norway further show that at the beginning of the twentieth century the proportion of the adult population that was married was roughly the same as that which had never married (about 45%). Up until the 1970's, the % married actually increased. Since then it has come down but even in 2000, it is roughly the same as it was in 1900. In the case of the United States, the proportion married far exceeds the proportion single (60% vs 30%) and that difference is still present today.

In other words, these data do not lend support to the idea that there has been a decline in the popularity of marriage in the course of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Nor do they lend support to the idea that divorce has become a normative experience in statistical terms. The argument of my paper was that Family Sociologists have been trying to lend legitimacy to non-conventional family life styles by

exaggerating the prevalence of divorce. This is not necessary, since moral legitimacy does not come from statistical prevalence.

**Susan Ziehl** has published: *Population Studies*, Oxford University Press. Why do poor women have more children than wealthy women? Are Third World societies growing too rapidly? How will Aids affect the South African population?

The book is written in a lively and accessible style. It introduces students to fundamental concepts and major writers in the field of population studies, and helps them get to grips with how and why populations change. It reveals how adopting a Marxist, functionalist or interactionist perspective can generate rich insights into some of the vitally important and highly contentious population issues confronting the world today. The empirical data relate to First and Third World societies with special emphasis on the Southern African region.

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