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# RC06 President's Column



Dear RC06 Colleagues,

Despite our hopes and wishes, the end of 2022 sees not much better news on the world front. It seems that turmoil in conflicts and in health continue. Families, however, in conflict zones as well as in migratory movements are resilient and in many cases, heroic in their efforts to protect and hold each other ever closer. That said, we know that interpersonal violence escalates during times of crisis. Family sociologists have contributed deep insights on this and the contemporary challenges of pandemics, inflation and war. And for that, we are grateful.

Happy to report that the XX ISA World Congress of Sociology in 2023 (25 June – 1 July) in Melbourne, Australia, is looking as if it will be a successful hybrid conference, with most participating in person. Have a look at the regularly updated conference website: [XX ISA World Congress of Sociology \(isa-sociology.org\)](https://isa-sociology.org) The theme, “**Resurgent Authoritarianism: The Sociology of New Entanglements of Religions, Politics, and Economies**” is certainly timely.

In addition to what looks to be a stellar RC program, most ably and generously coordinated by Board colleagues Barbara Barbosa Neves and Lukasz Czarnecki, the Presidential and plenary sessions promise thought-provoking presentations from leading scholars. Do please, when planning your World Congress agenda, make a point to take in these and the other many activities in Melbourne including opportunities to meet publishers, participate in professional development workshops and network with colleagues from around the world. **There will also be an important General Meeting of our RC, on which we will vote on changes to our statutes and other matters. Please note the time and place and plan to attend.**

I shall be ending my term as President of RC06 (as well as an elected member of the Executive of the ISA) at the World Congress. It is time to make room in my agenda for other work including several research projects and a couple of books that have been crying out for my attention. Board member Jean Wei-Jun Yeung, has ably Chaired the Nominations Committee together with RC members Anna-Lena Almqvist and Nguyen Huu Minh. We are very grateful to all three of you for your work on this

important committee. We also warmly thank all those who stepped up to be nominated for the next Board, and to those who made the nominations. The ballots will be sent to all RC06 members in late January. Please vote!

Gratitude is also extended to our Vice-President, Bahira Trask, who is Chairing/Coordinating the Early Stage Family Scholar award for the World Congress meeting. Please see information about this award through this link: <https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/research-networks/research-committees/rc06-family-research/rc06-early-stage-family-scholar-award>

This award is recognition of excellent research, so please send in your papers for consideration, if you are an early stage family scholar and a member of our RC. There is no need to be nominated, just send in your excellent papers for consideration.

As my term as President draws to a close, thank you, thank you to valued and generous colleagues on the RC Board for their support of our RC. In particular, beyond immense thanks to Barbara Barbosa Neves, our always efficient, energetic long-serving RC Secretary who keeps us on top of deadlines and is always ready to volunteer. She has stepped forward countless times to coordinate RC06 meetings, always with good spirits and generosity. Cannot imagine RC06 without her guiding hand. Thanks also to interim Board member Lukasz Czarnecki who has not only taken responsibility for our newsletter but also agreed to work with Barbara to co-coordinate our program for the World Congress. And thanks to Aušra Maslauskaitė, interim Board member, for keeping us on social media, increasingly important in present times, and keeping our website going. I warmly thank all Board members for their support and help. And I thank all RC06 members for their wonderful support and collegiality, making the job of President all the more pleasant.

Looking forward to seeing you in Melbourne!

With best wishes for the holiday season, if you are celebrating,

Susan McDaniel

President, RC06

November 2022

# Editor's Column



Dear RC06 Friends,

Thank you for sharing your information on your articles, chapters and books you will find in our second Newsletter of this year. Particularly, I invite you to send abstracts for a call for papers to the *Contemporary Perspectives in Family Research, Journal of Family Studies*, and especially for the book titled "Family and Social Change in the Global South: A Gendered Perspective". We still need perspectives from the Global South on family's dynamics.

As our President made it clear, we invite you to participate in the Early Stage Family Scholar award. I would like to welcome new and returning members.

Let me wish you a fabulous ending of this year and wonderful 2023!

Thank you and see you in Melbourne!

Best wishes,

Lukasz Czarnecki

December, 2022

# CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

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**Call for abstracts for a book to be published by Emerald (2024).**

**Title: Family and Social Change in the Global South: A Gendered Perspective.**

The co-editors are inviting authors to submit an abstract for a book chapter/article of approximately 250 words for possible inclusion in a forthcoming edited volume/book to be published by Emerald with the preliminary title: Family and Social Change in the Global South. A Gendered Perspective. We have strong endorsement indicating that the book will be published by Emerald in 2024. We are waiting to obtain abstracts to finalize our proposal with Emerald.

Book chapters – written in English – must include the use of a gendered perspective in order to understand emerging gender-relations and intersectionality of changes in the context of family relations in the Global South.

Abstracts and eventual manuscripts must examine changes in gendered family context in relation to different dimensions such as: technology, economy, migration, climate, war/political violence, religion, generations, sexuality/reproduction, social care & networks as well as other emerging themes.

Abstracts are expected to summarise empirical research or policy projects focusing on gendered family relations in the context of social change in different regions in the Global South (referring here to developing countries and nations). We will include book chapters based on empirical and innovative research perspectives as well as theories that are culturally appropriate and that tackle issues critically and in depth.

The Global South as a terminology is considered as a practiced space whereby subjects, territorial issues, subjectivities and identities emerge in the game of geopolitical power relations. As such the Global South is formed within the colonial/modern world-system imagery and manifest multiple sub-altern subjectivities and different articulations of power and resistances.

The gendered experiences in which actors use their agencies despite patriarchal structures and values are considered as valuable. We are also interested in the ways in which new technologies can produce new gendered family relations and formations.

Some items that we have identified are given below but are not limited to:

- Family and sexuality/reproduction
  - Family and new patterns of cohabitation
- Family and space and (or) time for family lives
- Family and social care needs
- Family and the impact of technology on family life
- Family and new patterns of migration
- Family and female-headed households
- Family and sustainability/production
- Family and profamily activism
- Family and the politics of gendered violence
- Family and child abuse and neglect
- Family and gendered live experiences of warfare survivors
- Family and changing family values among generations
- Family and criminal justice
- Family and cross-cultural gender roles
- Family and social media

**The final book chapter will be 5,000–7,000 words in length. The deadline for submission of proposals is May 29, 2023.**

- You will need to indicate your intention to submit your full chapter by email to the coeditors with title of the paper, authors, and abstract. The full manuscript, as a PDF file, should be emailed to the coeditors by the deadline indicated below. Authoring guidelines will be e-mailed to you after we receive your abstract and other information.

**The deadline for the full submission of the chapter is December 1, 2023.**

- The proposed book chapter might fit into one of the following categories:

**Empirical Research:** for example, an overview of a single authored or collaborative research project.

**Policy Project:** a case study of an especially inspiring project with impactful outcomes pertaining to new social policies.

To submit an abstract for the book chapter please email both co-editors: Aylin Akpınar aylin.akpinar@lnu.se and Nawal Ammar ammar@rowan.edu with a 250-word overview of your idea and tell them which category/categories your chapter fits best by **May 29, 2023**.

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# CALL FOR PAPERS

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## Contemporary Perspectives in Family Research

Contemporary Perspectives in Family Research, an annual series which focuses upon cutting-edge topics in family research around the globe, is seeking manuscript submissions for **two special volumes**.

One of the volumes will focus on:

### Cohabitation and the Evolving Nature of Intimate and Family Relationships

In societies around the globe, couples are increasingly opting to live together without going through the formal and legal complications of marriage. Despite the many prevailing stereotypes about cohabitators, such couples are comprised of individuals from the full spectrum of age, sexual orientation, ethnicity, and more. Their rationales for cohabiting are equally expansive, with some regarding the relationship as a short-term fling, while others regard it as a relatively permanent and lasting relationship. Likewise, many cohabiting couples live as only a couple, while a growing number of cohabiting households also include children. Given the tremendous diversity in cohabiting couples, as well as the increasing prominence of this form of intimate relationship, there exists a need to better comprehend the structural, affectional, and other characteristics of cohabitation around the world. This multidisciplinary volume of CPFR will focus upon cohabitation. In doing so, we are seeking articles that

cover a wide array of topics including: transitions into cohabitation, parenting and parental roles, division of domestic labor among cohabitators, sharing of economic resources, elderly cohabitators, legal complications of cohabitation, intimate partner violence, interconnections between cohabitation and marriage, sex and sexuality, assortative mating among cohabiting partners, premarital cohabitation and its consequences, relationship dissolution, gender ideologies, changing patterns of cohabitation, cohabitation and remarriage, and parental cohabitation and child development, among others.

This volume of CPFR will be coedited by Sampson Lee Blair of The State University of New York (Buffalo) and Yongjun Zhang of The State University of New York (Stony Brook). Manuscripts should be submitted directly to the editors ([slblair@buffalo.edu](mailto:slblair@buffalo.edu) and [yongjun.zhang@stonybrook.edu](mailto:yongjun.zhang@stonybrook.edu)), preferably in MS WORD format. Manuscripts should not exceed approximately 40 double-spaced pages (not including tables, figures, and references). Submission of a manuscript implies commitment to publish in CPFR. Manuscripts should adhere to the APA format. Manuscripts should represent previously unpublished work. An abstract of 150-250 words should be included at the beginning of each manuscript. All manuscripts will undergo peer review.

The deadline for initial submissions is **January 15, 2023**. Any questions may be directed to the editors at [slblair@buffalo.edu](mailto:slblair@buffalo.edu) and [yongjun.zhang@stonybrook.edu](mailto:yongjun.zhang@stonybrook.edu)

The other volume will focus on the following theme:

## **Conjugal Trajectories: Relationship Beginnings, Change, and Dissolutions**

Around the globe, many societies are experiencing substantial change in family forms and structures. The combination of decreasing marriage rates, increasing cohabitation and singlehood rates, and declining fertility rates all signal the ever-evolving nature of conjugality. For both families and individuals, conjugal trajectories are a core element of life, as societal norms still exert considerable pressure

and prompt people toward some variety of conjugal relationship. However, the combination of both macro and micro factors have brought about more variety in conjugal relationships than ever previously seen in human history. In order to better comprehend the nature of conjugal relationships, this multidisciplinary volume of CPFR will focus upon conjugal trajectories. In doing so, we are seeking manuscripts which cover a wide array of topics, including: dating and relationship formation, conjugality and gender identities, tradition and modernity in cohabitation and marriage, marriage-divorce-marriage trajectories, peer versus familial pressures upon conjugality, intimacy and modernity in cojugality, cultural perceptions of couplehood, growing rejection of marriage, migration and transnational conjugality, the interplay of parental and marital roles, generational variations in conjugality, the changing meaning of divorce status, conceptions of marital status, aging and conjugality, conjugal violence, and how education and employment impact conjugal trajectories, among others.

This volume of CPFR will be coedited by Ana Josefina Cuevas Hernández of the University of Colima and Sampson Lee Blair of The State University of New York (Buffalo). Manuscripts should be submitted directly to the editors ([ajcuevas@ucol.mx](mailto:ajcuevas@ucol.mx) and [sblair@buffalo.edu](mailto:sblair@buffalo.edu)), preferably in MS WORD format. Manuscripts should not exceed approximately 40 double-spaced pages (not including tables, figures, and references).

Submission of a manuscript implies commitment to publish in CPFR. Manuscripts should adhere to the APA format.

Manuscripts should represent previously unpublished work.

An abstract of 150-250 words should be included at the beginning of each manuscript.

All manuscripts will undergo peer review. **The deadline for initial submissions is April 15, 2022.**

Any questions may be directed to the editors at [ajcuevas@ucol.mx](mailto:ajcuevas@ucol.mx) and [sblair@buffalo.edu](mailto:sblair@buffalo.edu).

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## Journal of Family Studies

The [Journal of Family Studies](#) would like to encourage RC06 members to submit their manuscripts to the journal. JFS is a peer-reviewed international journal that aims to develop the understanding of families, households, and relationships in society. We take an inclusive view of families across a range of structures and with consideration of gender, sexuality, race, ethnicity, nationality, class, age, and health or disability. The journal publishes in a range of disciplines, mainly focused on family studies, sociology, policy studies, and demography. See here: <https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rjfs20/current>

JFS is also seeking both recently-published books and reviewers for a revamped book review section in the journal. **We prefer books that are not edited volumes.** The book review section welcomes traditional reviews, as well as those aimed at pedagogical application. Reviews are 750-1000 words. International submissions and reviewers are most welcome.

If you are interested in submitting your book to be considered for review, and/or being a book reviewer with expertise in family studies or family sociology in these areas (including interdisciplinary work), please email Michelle Janning, JFS Book Review Editor, at [janninmy@whitman.edu](mailto:janninmy@whitman.edu).

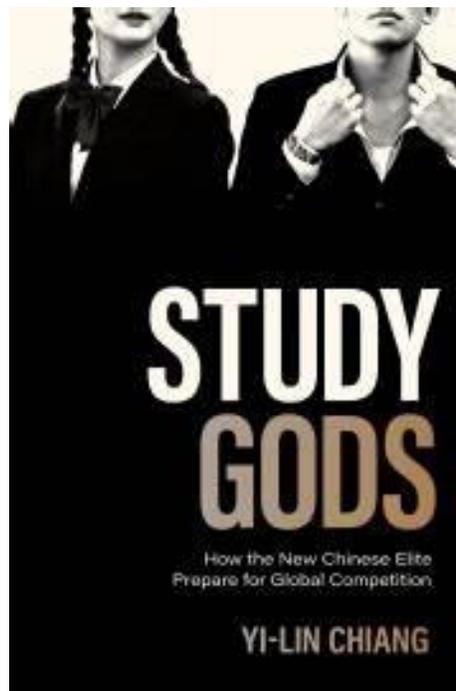
In your email, please note if you a) have a book to submit (include title, publisher, and year), and/or b) would like to be added to the list of potential reviewers, along with your subject and methodological areas of expertise.

# PUBLICATIONS

## Books

Yi-Lin, Chiang. (2022). *Study Gods: How the New Chinese Elite Prepare for Global Competition*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

Link: <https://press.princeton.edu/books/paperback/9780691210483/study-gods>



### Abstract:

*Study Gods* offers a rare look at the ways privileged youth in China prepare themselves to join the ranks of the global elite. Yi-Lin Chiang shows how these competitive Chinese high schoolers first become “study gods” (*xueshen*), a term describing academically high-performing students. Constant studying, however, is not what explains their success, for these young people appear god-like in their effortless abilities to excel. Instead, Chiang explores how elite adolescents achieve by absorbing and implementing the rules surrounding status.

Drawing from eight years of fieldwork and extensive interviews, Chiang reveals the important lessons that Chinese youth learn in their pursuit of elite status. They understand the hierarchy of the status system, recognizing and acquiring the characteristics that are prized, while avoiding those that are not. They maintain status by expecting differential treatment and performing status-based behaviors,

which guide their daily interactions with peers, teachers, and parents. Lastly, with the help of resourceful parents, they rely on external assistance in the face of potential obstacles and failures. Chiang looks at how students hone these skills, applying them as they head to colleges and careers around the world, and in their relationships with colleagues and supervisors.

Highlighting another facet of China's rising power, *Study Gods* announces the arrival of a new generation to the realm of global competition.

## Book Chapters

Vargas D., Czarnecki, L, Lucio, E. (2022). Efectos del síndrome post viral SARS-CoV-2 en México, desde un enfoque sindémico, In: *Pensar la pandemia desde las ciencias sociales y las humanidades* / Karina Batthyány y Pablo Vommaro (coords.), Buenos Aires: CLACSO. Consejo Latinoamericano de Ciencias Sociales - Conselho Latino-americano de Ciencias Sociais.

### Abstract:

The chapter analyzes the effects of SARS-CoV-2 in Mexico. We carried out a sample of 140 patients who were in the process of recovery from the disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus. This study aims to address the recovery and the consequences from this disease using a social perspective. In this regard it is a pioneering study that visualizes the consequences of the pandemic from a syndemic approach since the researchers integrates the social approach for having a better understanding of the post-COVID viral syndrome and its multidimensional effects. Social Epidemiology that studies the role of social determinants of health to explain the establishment of certain diseases. Under this new approach, emphasis is placed on contextual aspects to explain the influence of public health strategies aimed at reducing social inequalities and thus improving the health of the population.

Czarnecki, L., Skowrońska, M. (2022). The Unlawful and Unequal Wearing of Masks: The Case of Poland during COVID-19. In: *Public Behavioural Responses to Policy Making during the Pandemic: comparative Perspectives on Mask-Wearing Policies*, edited by Noriko Suzuki, Xavier Mellet, Susumu Annaka, Masahisa Endo, New York: Routledge Taylor&Francis Group, s. 105-115.

Book link: <http://www.routledge.com/Public-Behavioural-Responses-to-Policy-Making-during-the-Pandemic-Comparative/Suzuki-Mellet-Annaka-Endo/p/book/9781032154275>

### Book description:

This book provides a comparative study of people's mask-wearing behaviour in response to government policies between European-Northern America and Asian countries.

Examining citizens' attitudes towards their state during the COVID-19 pandemic from the perspectives of history, linguistics, politics, economics and sociology, the contributors in this volume explore to what extent people accept the wearing of masks in countries where governments have made it mandatory as compared to countries where people wear masks voluntarily. The book thus looks at mask-wearing from a political dichotomy between authoritarianism and liberalism and posits the extent to which political divisions could have existed in public opinion over the measures taken against COVID-19. Filled with invaluable insights through research in 13 countries, this book will appeal to readers in policy making and influencing public opinion via the Europe-Asia comparative study.

## Articles

Butler, R. & Eve, V. (2022). [“Good to Say Out Loud”: Researching Love across Class in Contemporary Australia](#). *Journal of Australian Studies*.

### Abstract:

In this article, we argue that romantic partnerships forged across class difference offer important insights into how class, privilege and inequality are experienced in Australia. We draw on new research into cross-class relationships to attend to the role that deeply enculturated class-based orientations play in the everyday lives of couples from different class backgrounds, while also exploring their entanglement with race, migration, gender and sexuality. We contend that documenting and understanding people’s negotiations of such relationships through the lens of class difference has the potential to enhance broader understandings of what class is and means in contemporary Australia, a society long invested in egalitarianism as cultural mythology. In this article, we map the first stage of this interview-based research. We outline its scholarly basis and genesis before discussing two key sites of difference and negotiation within cross-class relationships—approaches to spending and saving money, and orientations to holidays, leisure and the use of time more broadly. At this early stage of the research, we describe ourselves as invited into explicit and richly complex conversations about class that have already begun for these couples, as a result of friction, affinities, earnest interest, amusement or desire.

Eramian, L. and Mallory, P. (2022). “Inequality, Rules of Irrelevance, and Recognition in Broken Friendships.” *Symbolic Interaction* 45(3):403–24. doi: [10.1002/symb.589](#).

### Abstract:

Friendship depends on equality, yet friends are seldom fully equal. In this article, we investigate failed and difficult friendships through attention to the relationship between (in)equality, recognition, and “rules of irrelevance.” Based on interviews in an Atlantic Canadian city, we argue that since friendship offers the chance to develop an identity and be recognized as a whole person, it encounters difficulty when friends will not or cannot enact rules of irrelevance around their inequalities. We identify four flashpoints that may undermine those rules of irrelevance: authority over a friend, unequal cultural capital, suffusion of work relations and friendship, and complexities of cross-gender friendships.

Kaufman, G., Aiello, A., Ellis, C., Compton, D. (2022). Attitudes toward same-sex marriage, polyamorous marriage, and conventional marriage ideals among college students in the southeastern United States. *Sexuality & Culture*, 26, 1599-1620. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12119-022-09960-y>

**Abstract:**

This study examines the idea that attitudes toward marriage are liberalizing in the US in the face of federal recognition of same-sex marriage legislation by examining attitudes toward conventional marriage ideals, same-sex marriage, and polyamorous marriage. It draws on a sample of liberal arts college students ( $n = 330$ ) in the southeastern United States as a representation of a cohort more flexible to change and greater social tolerance. Findings indicate shifts away from conventional marriage and toward marriage as more inclusive of same-sex couples. At the same time, less than half support polyamorous marriage. Unsurprisingly, religious students are more likely to support conventional marriage ideals and less likely to support same-sex marriage and students with conservative political ideology are less likely to support same-sex marriage or polyamorous marriage. In particular, the negative impact of political ideology on these attitudes is stronger for men and straight students. Women are more likely than men to support same-sex marriage. LGBTQ students are less likely to support conventional views of marriage and more likely to support polyamorous marriage than heterosexual students. While college students today have entered adulthood in the age of marriage equality, and are accepting of same-sex unions, students indicate more mixed feelings about what marriage encompasses, the value of marriage, and whether to support polyamorous marriage.

Mead, G., & Barbosa Neves, B. (2022). Contested delegation: Understanding critical public responses to algorithmic decision-making in the UK and Australia. *The Sociological Review*, 00380261221105380.

Link: <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/00380261221105380?journalCode=sora>

**Abstract:**

In public and private sectors alike, decision-making is increasingly carried out through the employment of 'algorithmic actors' and artificial intelligence. The apparent efficiency of these means in the eyes of politicians and the public has made recourse to them possible. Along with this belief in their efficiency, however, fears emerge that nonhuman actors have displaced judicious human decision-making. This article examines this belief and its contestation, drawing on overlapping notions of 'delegation' in the political sociologies of Bruno Latour and Pierre Bourdieu. We undertake two case studies of attempts to delegate decision-making to algorithms: the 2020 UK 'A-level' grade determination and the Australian 'robodebt' welfare funds recovery scheme. In both cases, the decision-making delegated to algorithms was publicly discredited as critics invoked a different form of fairness than the one used by those deploying the technology. In the 'A-level' case, complainants drew on a grammar of individual merit, while complainants in the 'robodebt' case made a technical critique of the algorithm's efficiency. Using a theory of delegation, we contribute to understanding how publics articulate resistance to automated decision-making.

Neves, B. B., Colón Cabrera, D., Sanders, A., & Warren, N. (2022). Pandemic diaries: lived experiences of loneliness, loss, and hope among older adults during COVID-19. *The Gerontologist*.

Open access:

<https://academic.oup.com/gerontologist/advance-article/doi/10.1093/geront/gnac104/6648796?login=false>

### *Abstract*

#### *Background and Objectives*

While research on loneliness in later life has increased during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, we still lack diverse qualitative approaches capturing lived experiences of lonely older adults. Approaches to research *with* older adults instead of *on* them are also scant in gerontological literature on loneliness. Through solicited diaries, this study aimed to explore how older Australians who were already lonely before the pandemic managed lockdowns (stay-at-home orders) in Victoria, Australia, which lived through one of the longest lockdowns in the world.

#### *Research Design and Methods*

This article is based on qualitative diaries completed by 32 older adults (aged 65 and older). Diaries provide a 'live' document where participants become active research partners, recording and sharing their perceptions and experiences. This method is useful to capture sensitive issues, but to the best of our knowledge has not been employed in loneliness studies. Data were thematically analyzed through the identification of themes within and across diaries.

#### *Results*

Loneliness was defined by participants as a detrimental absence of companionship and meaningful social interactions. For most, lockdowns exacerbated loneliness, presented new triggers, and up-ended coping strategies. The disruption of the 'emotion work' involved with managing loneliness led to a reconfiguration of response strategies, including through digital technology, which brought both challenges (e.g., digital ageism) and opportunities (e.g., novel communication forms).

#### *Discussion and Implications*

Understanding how older people living alone define and respond to loneliness in diverse contexts—for example, before and during a pandemic that restricts social interaction—provides critical insights to inform interventions to tackle loneliness.

Schmidt, E.-M., Décieux, F., Zartler, U., & Schnor, C. (2022). What makes a good mother? Two decades of research reflecting social norms of motherhood. *Journal of Family Theory & Review*. Advance online publication.

<https://doi.org/10.1111/jftr.12488>

### **Abstract:**

Over the past two decades, scholars have investigated a multitude of different aspects of motherhood. This article provides a scoping review of research published from 2001 to 2021, covering 115 Social Science Citation Index-referenced papers from WEIRD countries, with the aim of reconstructing social

norms around motherhood and mothers' responses to them. The analysis is theoretically based on normological and praxeological concepts. The findings reveal five contemporary norms of motherhood that reflect both stability and increasing differentiation, and are related to five types of mothers: the norms of being attentive to the child (present mother), of securing the child's successful development (future-oriented mother), of integrating employment into mothering (working mother), of being in control (public mother), and of being contented (happy mother). Relying on an intersectional lens, we analyze mothers' heterogeneous responses to these norms of motherhood, and examine how neoliberal demands build on and perpetuate inequalities.

Solodnikov V. V., Solodnikova I. V. (2022). Social Representations of the Family Among Russian School-Girls and All-Girls Education: Field Quasi-Experimental Research // *Sociologicheskaja nauka I social'naja praktika*. Vol. 10, No 1. P. 73–94. DOI: 10.19181/snsp.2022.10.1.8861

**Abstract:**

The objective of this article is to analyze of the effect of the secondary education segregated by gender on social concept of “family” among schoolgirls. The approach used is social constructivism and the method is field quasi experiment. Secondary education segregated by gender is a social phenomenon in Russia. Public opinion polls show that people use the virtually same arguments pro and against it. At the same time there is a correlation between such forms of education and educational achievements in gender sensitive disciplines. Higher professional education segregated by gender is usually related to getting a qualification in the army mainly by young men. Some personality traits and peculiarities of interpersonal relationships among members of the army (including female students) were brought to light. Lastly, some peculiarities of parent-child relationships and some personality patterns among children from families of professional army men were examined. There are two strict definitions of family in Russian research. It's not obvious, though, how they correspond with social perceptions of it by ‘people on the streets’, especially girls planning to have a family of their own. Today there are a number of surveys on social perceptions of family among unmarried young people (including girls). The results, though, are not comparable with each other and not always methodically correct. The empirical data allows to make the following conclusions: girl's education segregated by gender, when it is analyzed as an independent variable, predetermined peculiarities of their social representation about family that are better aligned with S. I. Golod's definition of family and are normative (prepotency of blood relative bond and nuclear families). It must be noted that a number of social communities, though, are also figuratively perceived as family and on the whole (non-)familial communities have “softer” evaluation. The correlation between discovered social representations of family and features of parent/child relationships needs more research.

Steinbach, A., & Schulz, F. (2022). Stability and change in German parents' childcare patterns across two decades. *Social Politics: International Studies in Gender, State & Society*, 29(1), 428–445. <https://doi.org/10.1093/sp/jxab017>

**Abstract:**

Although German mothers' labor force participation has increased in recent decades, German men's participation in domestic labor has not increased proportionally. Thus, mothers still face a "double burden." We analyzed the total time parents spent on childcare and on various particular activities, such as learning with children, playing with children, basic childcare, talking with children, managing children's activities, and reading with children. We identified a very slow gender convergence in childcare patterns in Germany over the last two decades. However, as in other Western countries, German parents' division of childcare remains unequal; mothers do much more routine care and spend more time overall on care than fathers.

# Announcements

## Call for Applications

The National Chengchi University at Taipei, Taiwan, invites applications for a tenure-track faculty position at the rank of Assistant/Associate Professor, with an anticipated start date of Fall 2023. The area of specialization is open. The deadline for applications is **Feb 1, 2023**, applicants must have a Phd in hand. We seek a scholar who can teach in both Chinese Mandarin and English.

For more information, please see

<https://www.nccu.edu.tw/p/406-1000-12420,r40.php?Lang=en#:~:text=The%20Department%20of%20Sociology%20at,research%2C%20teaching%20and%20public%20service>

## Grant

Prof. Anna Bagirova from Ural Federal University (Russia) was supported by the Russian Science Foundation under grant No. 22-28-01847, with project "Designing parental leaves in Russia: current state and estimation of transformation prospects". Research group analysed parents from 85 regions of Russia. In May–June 2022, we surveyed 1000 mothers and fathers whose families were eligible for parental leave at the moment of the study. The survey focused on the family design of parental leave. In particular, it explored a set of childcare functions parents perform during parental leave, the level of family members' involvement into these functions, and respondents' attitudes towards the distribution of parental responsibilities within the family. Particular attention was paid to paternal leave and factors of potential involvement of fathers into child rearing. A special cluster of questions concentrated on parental benefits and their effectiveness as well as respondents' opinions on whether the existing parental leave system in Russia should be transformed.

# New & Returning Members

We welcome the following new or returning members (2022):

Roger Patulny  
Australia

Sue Mary Nichols  
Australia

Candace Lynn Kemp  
United States

Anja Steinbach  
Germany

Kazuko Sano  
Japan

Kai Feng  
United States

Gayle Kaufman  
United States

Mary Daly  
United Kingdom

James Raymo  
United States

Susanne Y P Choi  
Hong Kong

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