

President's Message



Dear members and friends of the ESFR,

It is a great pleasure for me to introduce you to the first issue of the 5th volume of our Newsletter. This edition was partly redesigned and expanded by Silvia Ruppenthal and Caroline Vandeleur. I hope that the modified format is even more attractive and more informative – and I hope you will enjoy reading it.

This morning I was pleasantly surprised to receive the first edition of Family Science by mail. Given its attractive layout, its well-known authors and interesting topics, I think the journal is outstanding. Thank-you to Judith Dubas for all her time and efforts. Best of luck to her and to the journal's future!

All ESFR members who have paid their 2009 membership fees will receive the first volume for free in 2010. This arrangement will hopefully encourage all members to pay their ESFR fees for 2010 and beyond. From 2011, only members who have paid their biennial fees will receive the respective volumes of the journal for free in the future.

The 5th ESFR Congress in Milan is moving closer. An extensive peer review process has now been completed. We are very pleased with the abundant demand for congress participation from our colleagues. A lot of talks and posters were submitted - and I can guarantee you that we will have a high quality scientific congress which will also be attended by international and interdisciplinary experts. The program will be published online shortly. Information on the Congress can be found at <http://esfr2010.unicatt.it>. I also hope for an extensive participation of ESFR members!

I would like to thank the colleagues of the local organization committee and all colleagues who participated in the peer review process for their noteworthy efforts.

A new Executive Board will be elected during the Congress. All members of the society are entitled to recommend candidates for the Board to me by June 30th (norbert.schneider@destatis.de). Of course, you can also put forward your own candidacy for the Board.

For your long-term planning, the dates and location of our 6th Congress in Norway are now final. The congress will take place from September 26th to 29th 2012 at the Radisson Blu in Lillehammer.

Finally I want to draw your attention to the ESFR website which has been remodeled. It is possible for all ESFR members to publish contents on this site. If you would like to publish something, please contact our webmaster Detlev Lück (detlev.lueck@uni-mainz.de).

I am looking forward to the Congress in Milan. I do hope to meet you there.

Norbert F. Schneider
President of the ESFR

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European Society on Family Relations 5th Congress 29 September - 2 October 2010

Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milan

Dear members and friends of the ESFR,

We would like to welcome you to the 5th Congress of the European Society on Family Relations (ESFR) titled "Family transitions and families in transition" (<http://esfr2010.unicatt.it/>), which will take place in Milano (Italy), from September 29th through October 2nd, 2010.

The Congress is being organised and hosted by the Athenaeum Centre for Family Studies and Research of the Catholic University of Milan (http://centridiateneo.unicatt.it/en/athenaeum_centre_for_family_research_and_studies).

Congress objective and theme

The objective of the conference is to present innovative research on family relations and facilitate the exchange of today's knowledge and current ideas in the vast and still-expanding area of research on family relations.

The 5th ESFR Congress will focus on the transitions that the family faces during the life course, the identification of resources and risks associated with them, and the processes families go through whenever a transition occurs.

Transitions have long been a central concern in family studies. The key transitions in the family life cycle are brought about with the arrival of new members (marriages, birth, adoption...) and by loss (deaths, divorces, migration...). They are critical events that may either point to a family's difficulty to cope with change, or represent valuable opportunities to transform relationships. When a transition occurs, the family finds itself at a crossroad: it can either re-organize its relations or let them degenerate.

If family transitions are key events in the family life cycle that reveal and challenge relationships, families in transitions concern those facing the complex task of managing transitions related to the link with society or brought about by setbacks such as economic problems, job mobility or loss, natural disasters and so forth.

The study of family transitions allows researchers from a variety of disciplines to focus on the relational and symbolic fabric that constitutes the family, identifying resources and risks, strengths and weaknesses.

Congress scientific program

The Congress will start on Wednesday 29th in the morning at 10:00 with an Opening Ceremony and will close on Saturday early afternoon with a Closing Ceremony and a Cocktail function, to give us time to discuss the sessions and preview cutting edge research.

The Congress program has been scheduled to accommodate:

- keynote lectures in plenary sessions;
- a roundtable in a plenary session;
- invited symposia in parallel sessions;
- several parallel sessions for individual paper presentations, proposed symposia and poster presentations.

Keynote lectures

In plenary sessions, the Congress will host the contributions of seven prominent lecturers from different disciplines. The abstracts of each lecture, plus the link to personal web pages, are already available on the Congress website (<http://esfr2010.unicatt.it/Keynote.asp?TITOLO=Keynote>).

- prof. Frank D. Fincham (Florida State University, USA): "Marital quality research diagnosed: Bipolar Disorder!"
- prof. Kurt Lüscher (University of Bern, Switzerland): "Ambivalences: A challenge to family studies and the analysis of contemporary societies in times of transitions"
- prof. Froma Walsh (University of Chicago, USA): "Strengthening Family Resilience: Overcoming Life Challenges"
- prof. Pierpaolo Donati (University of Bologna, Italy): "What to do with family transitions when society becomes an unbound morphogenesis?"
- prof. Brian K. Barber (University of Tennessee, USA): "Current Issues in Parenting: Moving forward with Behavioral and Psychological Control"
- prof. Margaret Strobe (Utrecht University, Netherlands): "Bereavement in Family Context: Coping with the Loss of a Loved One"
- prof. Johannes Huinink (University of Bremen, Germany): "New Patterns or No Patterns? Changing Family Development and Family Life in Europe".

Round table: "Raising a new generation: a challenge for the family in today's Europe"

Four eminent scholars from different backgrounds have been invited to participate in a roundtable plenary session on September, 30th titled "Raising a new generation: a challenge for the family in today's Europe" and chaired by ESFR President Elect, Camillo Regalia.

- Gian Carlo Blangiardo (Full Professor in Demography and Director of Department of Statistics at the University of Milan - Bicocca): "Migrating families and new generations towards integration: the Italian experience"
- Federico Perali (Full Professor in Political Economy and Applied Econometrics at the University of Verona): "Child Well-Being and Poverty"
- Gisela Trommsdorff (Director of research project on intentionality, University of Konstanz; Research Professor at the German Socio-Economic Panel (GSOEP) at DIW, Berlin): "Stabilities and change of family relations and adolescents` developmental paths: A culture-informed view"
- Mirjana Ule (Professor for Social Psychology at the University of Ljubljana - Slovenia,): "Family as a project; orientations of young adults in Slovenia towards family formation".

Invited symposia

In addition, other significant scholars have been invited to organise relevant symposia related to the Congress main topic, but with a specific focus on a particular aspect.

- Laura Zanfrini (Professor of Sociology of Migrations and Interethnic Relations and of Economic Sociology at the Catholic University of Milan): "The Family Migration Cycle: Challenges and Opportunities";
- Eric Widmer (professor at the Department of Sociology of the University of Geneva, and co-director of the Lemanic Center for Life course and lifestyle Studies): "Family and Job mobility".

Free thematic parallel sessions

Successfully selected abstract proposals (paper presentations, proposed symposia, and poster presentations) will be accommodated into several free thematic parallel sessions. The final program will be issued following the final review of all submitted proposals.

Research Network Meetings

During the Congress, sign-up Research Network Meetings have been scheduled in order to give participants an exciting opportunity to meet and join relevant Research Networks in the field of Family Studies and Research.

Congress Award Competitions

Three award competitions have been planned:

- Travel Award Competition
- ESFR Young Scientist Prize
- ESFR Poster Prize

You can find more information about these awards on the Congress website (<http://esfr2010.unicatt.it/Awards.asp?TITOLO=Awards>).

Social program

Social dinner: A social dinner, which will give participants the opportunity to experience fine Italian cuisine, is scheduled for the evening of Friday the 1st October.

You can sign up for the Social dinner and pay via the secure online form.

The catering will be provided by the non profit organisation Amici Comunità Cenacolo (<http://www.acsc.eu/>). All catering service proceeds will be used to fund the social activities and projects run by Amici Comunità Cenacolo to support youths in need in Italy and abroad.

(Optional) Excursion: A guided bus and walking tour for a panoramic view of the city with an English speaking tour guide have been organised for the afternoon of Saturday the 2nd October, 2010. The walking tour includes a visit to The Scala, Duomo and the Vittorio Emanuele II Gallery. This tour also includes a guided visit to „The Last Supper“, the world-famous painting of Leonardo da Vinci, located near the Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie.

Additional information is available on the Congress website, where you can also sign up and pay online.

Congress Registration

Participation is open to all persons interested in the field of family relations.

We recommend that you read the online information regarding registration before registering for the Congress through the website (<http://esfr2010.unicatt.it/Registration.asp?TITOLO=Registration>). We also recommend you visit every page of the website to explore all the options before registering.

Each person wishing to attend the Congress needs to register individually.

There are different fees available for ESFR Members and Non-Members. Congress registration fees are divided into Regular and Student fees.

NOTE: All programme participants (paper givers, session organisers, chairs, discussants, etc.) must register **before May 15th, 2010**. Otherwise their names will not appear in the Programme Book and abstracts of their papers will not be published on the Internet.

Individual ESFR Membership

To apply for ESFR membership or to renew it, please check the box that applies.

Once you have subscribed/renewed your ESFR membership, you can register at the membership rate.

Travel and Accommodation

On the Congress website you can find all the information you need to plan your travel and accommodation to Milan (<http://esfr2010.unicatt.it/Travel.asp>).

Congress sponsors

The congress is sponsored by the Doha International Institute for Family Studies and Development (Qatar Foundation, Doha-Qatar) and under the patronage of Regione Lombardia – Famiglia e Solidarietà Sociale (Italy) and Comune di Milano – Famiglia, Scuola e Politiche Sociali (Italy).

Important dates

May 15th, 2010: Deadline for authors to register to the Congress in order to have their accepted abstracts included in the Book of Abstracts

May 15th, 2010: Early-bird registration

June 15th, 2010: Notification of winnings of the ESFR Travel Award Competition

July 15th, 2010: Late registration

29 September - 2 October 2010: Conference dates

Interested in Joining the ESFR? Please visit our website at www.esfr.org.
Questions concerning membership may be directed to our treasurer, *Caroline Vandeleur*.

ESFR Research Networks

The ESFR would like to contribute to bringing colleagues with similar research interests together, and to intensify the debate within the ESFR and beyond its boundaries. The ESFR is therefore supporting the establishment of Research Networks.

Members are asked to make suggestions for further ESFR Research Networks and to become actively involved. Suggestions are highly welcome!

- Each ESFR research network will receive a platform on the ESFR webpage to publish information, thematic issues, contact details etc. in an ongoing process of exchange.
- Each ESFR research network can apply for financial support by the ESFR when the network members plan to organise an interim meeting.
- Each ESFR research network which organises a symposium during the biennial ESFR conferences will be given an attractive time slot in the conference programme.

Are you interested in founding an ESFR Research Network?

- To found a network you should address a request to the ESFR Executive Board, indicating the subject and the title of the network. You should name at least five members for a newly founded research network out of whom one person should function as network representative. This representative should be an ESFR member.
- For further information please contact: Norbert F. Schneider, Federal Institute for Population Research, Wiesbaden, Germany, norbert.schneider@destatis.de.

ESFR Research Network on Child Care

The executive board of the ESFR wishes to establish research networks. One network already previously established is a network of Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC). The provision of ECEC is important for balancing work and family life and ECEC centres of high quality give children a good start in life and improve their possibilities later on in life. The ESFR network on child care will build upon this already existing network which focuses on ECEC policies for children under three. This network met in Paris in 2008 and in Budapest in 2009 and has participants from Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden. At the Milan Congress we will chair a symposium on ECEC policies in Europe. During the congress we will also invite all participants interested in the topic to a network meeting to plan research activities between the ESFR congresses. Until the time of the Milan meeting, this developing network is being chaired by Lars Gulbrandsen, Norwegian Social Research and Jan-Erik Johansson, Oslo University College.

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Lars Gulbrandsen, chair
ESFR research network on child care

Family Science Launched!

It is with great pleasure that I report that the first issue of Family Science was released a few weeks ago and by now all paid members of ESFR should have received their printed version. I hope that it was a pleasant surprise to find the journal in your post box and that upon readings its contents you agree that it is a strong base for launching an international exchange of ideas about research on the family. I encourage each of you to submit your very best work to our journal. In addition, please spread the news about the journal with others and encourage them to use it as an outlet for publishing their family research.



Please let me remind you that the journal is still in its early developmental phase and therefore your comments and suggestions for shaping the journal are welcome. Is there a certain topic that you would like to see addressed either in a review article or special issue? Are you interested in volunteering to review manuscripts? Please send your comments, queries, and manuscripts to FamilyScience@uu.nl.

For those of you who are not members of ESFR you can learn more about the journal from the website: <http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/rfsc> Here you can see the table of contents of the first issue and read my editorial where I outline the goals of the journal and the various formats of manuscripts that are welcome for submission.

Judith Semon Dubas, editor
Family Science

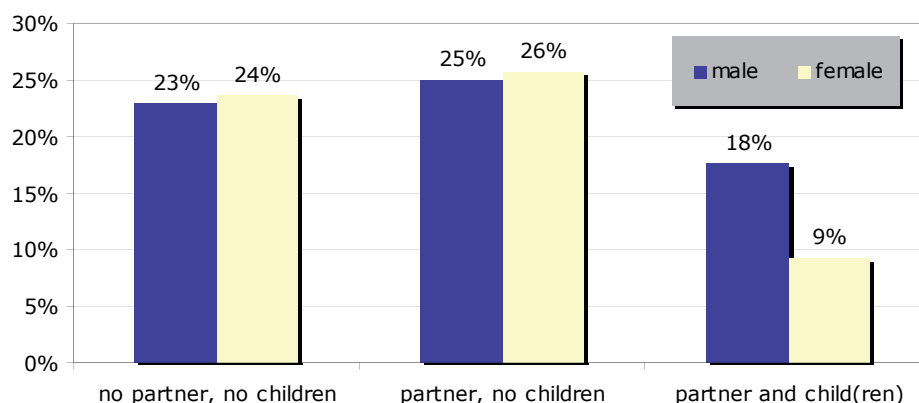
Family Facts and Findings

Women are as mobile for their jobs as men are – as long as they are childless

Among the people in Europe working in fulltime jobs, women and men are equally spatially mobile for their jobs. However, this is only true as long as they are childless. Being a parent clearly reduces the likelihood of being job mobile. And among parents working fulltime, mothers are much less frequently mobile than fathers are. This is a result from an international survey, collected by the research project "Job Mobilities and Family Lives in Europe" in Belgium, France, Germany, Poland, Spain, and Switzerland.

According to these data, 24% of the childless single women in these six European countries, working full-time, are mobile for their jobs. Childless single men have almost the same ratio (23%). For childless couples, ratios are slightly higher (26% and 25% respectively). If they have children, the ratio of job mobile men is significantly reduced (18%). Among mothers, few job mobile women can be found (9%).

Percentages of people who are spatially mobile for job-related reasons by family situation and gender*



* people, aged 25 to 54, working for pay at least 35 hours per week, in Germany, France, Spain, Poland, Belgium, and Switzerland

Source: Job Mobilities and Family Lives in Europe 2008, own computation

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Welcome to Lillehammer, Norway

The executive board of the ESFR has decided that the 6th ESFR Congress should take place in Lillehammer, Norway between the 26th and the 29th September 2012. The Conference theme will be announced at the 2010 conference in Milan.



Maihaugen open air museum
Photo: Kåre Hosar/Maihaugen©

The congress will have the same structure as earlier ESFR-congresses. The congress program will include plenary sessions with keynote lectures and round table discussions, symposia, paper sessions and poster sessions. There will also be a social program with a reception, a field trip and a congress dinner.

To guarantee the scientific quality of the congress all submitted papers will be peer reviewed by a scientific advisory panel. Submissions of all papers and poster sessions will be made online.

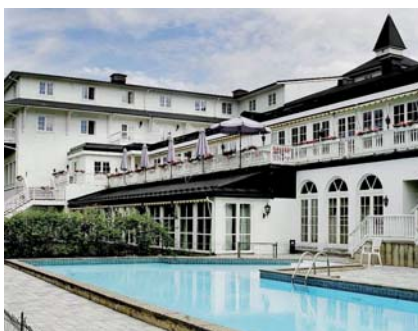
The social field trip will include a visit to Maihaugen, an open air museum with a great collection of old wooden houses from the Norwegian countryside.



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Lillehammer turist AS ©

ABOUT LILLEHAMMER

Lillehammer is a small city with a population of 20 000 inhabitants. It is located in the Eastern part of Norway, 180 kilometres from Oslo. The distance from Oslo's Airport Gardermoen is 135 kilometres. Lillehammer was the host city of the 1994 Winter Olympic Games. It is known to be a typical venue for winter sporting events. The city centre is a late 19th century concentration of wooden houses, which enjoys a picturesque location overlooking the northern part of lake Mjøsa and the river Lågen, surrounded by mountains.



The congress site:
Radisson Blu Hotel Lillehammer

ABOUT THE HOSTS

The congress will be organised by the two Norwegian research institutes, namely NOVA – Norwegian Social Research and the ISF - Institute for Social Research.

NOVA – Norwegian Social Research conducts research on different aspects of society and the welfare state. The focus is on the whole range of the life course: from the early years to later life. The family is a central topic in much of the research done at NOVA.

Visit www.nova.no

The Institute for Social Research (ISF) is multidisciplinary in its orientation. The Institute focuses on research in all of the social sciences as well as on history. The research projects are divided into three areas: Work and welfare, Equality, inclusion, migration, and Politics, democracy, civil society. At present, the ISF is conducting research on new family and partnership relations and on transnational households: Class, gender, generation, minority/majority.

Visit www.socialresearch.no

The local congress committee will be headed by Lars Gulbrandsen, NOVA and Hilde Lidén, ISF.

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The congress website will be opened in 2011.



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Institute Spotlight

FAMILY RESEARCH CENTRE, University of Jyväskylä



The **University of Jyväskylä** is one of the biggest universities in Finland and comprises seven faculties, 15 000 students and 2500 staff members. It has a long tradition in educational sciences and family studies. Today, family life and family relations are studied in several faculties and departments, and the university has defined children, young people and their growth environments as one of its main multidisciplinary areas of academic expertise.

The **Family Research Centre (FRC)** was established in 1990. The FRC is a multidisciplinary research centre that coordinates family research of the entire university. The main disciplines are sociology, social work, psychology, and the educational sciences. Research carried out in the FRC mainly focuses on families' well-being, everyday family life, and changing and challenging family structures, for example the research project Children's emotional security in multiple family relations, funded by the Academy of Finland (2010–2013). In addition, the FRC coordinates the national Graduate School for Family Research, a national and multidisciplinary doctoral training programme comprised of several departments in six different universities. The FRC also enhances other research training programmes, improves links between research and practice, and participates in public discussions concerning family issues. In addition, the Family Research Centre organized the latest ESFR Congress in autumn 2008 in Jyväskylä, which was a highly successful event, both in terms of its organization and in the collegiality of the participants. The Congress brought together nearly 300 family researchers representing various disciplines from 27 countries.

The FAMILY PLATFORM (FP)

For the meantime, the Family Research Centre is a partner in the FP along with the social work unit of the Department of Social Sciences and Philosophy. The FP gathers a Consortium of 12 organizations working together collectively to help increase the wellbeing of families across Europe. It aims to do this by encouraging dialogue between stakeholders about family life, ultimately providing input into the EU's Socio-Economic and Humanities Research Agenda on Family Research and Family Policies. The work of the FP is carried out by partners including leading European family – and also media and demographic – research institutes and universities, of which the Technical University of Dortmund is the overall coordinator, and representatives from civil society, for example the Confederation of Family Organizations in the European Union (COFACE) and the World Movement of Mothers Europe. The FP works through workshops, focus groups, conferences, and a ground-breaking website. The FP is being funded by the European Union's 7th Framework Programme for a duration of 18 months (October 2009 – March 2011).



The work of the FP encompasses four key stages to the project. The first one is to chart and review the major trends of comparative family research in the EU. The second is to critically review existing research on the family. The third is to build on our understanding of existing issues affecting families and to predict future conditions and challenges facing them. And the fourth is to bring the results and findings of the previous three stages together, and to propose key scientific research questions about families to be tackled with future research funding programmes within the EU.

Work package 1: Major trends of research on family life and family policies in Europe

The Family Research Centre is responsible for the first stage of the FP project which charts and reviews the contemporary field of comparative family research in the EU. The research review provides an overview of studies on changing family structures, developmental processes in families and family policies in the EU-Member states. It will be accomplished jointly by 9 of the partners and consists of 8 existential fields: 1.) Family structures and family forms, 2.) Familial developmental processes, 3.) State family policies, 4.) Family and living environments, 5.) Family management, 6.) Social care and social services, 7.) Social inequality and diversity of families, and 8.) Family, media, family education and participation. Using existing research from this broad field, the aim of this work package is to identify the major most common trends of the needs of families and family policies, cultural differences, and specific developments of member states, but also to recognize gaps, new issues and openings, where more comparative research would be needed.

The partners involved will accomplish a systematic literature review on European comparative research published since the mid-1990s in these 8 fields using existing scientific and statistical databases, reports from previous EC funded research projects, and other relevant publications. Results of the review will be published in existential field reports and an overall summarising report provided by the leading partner in cooperation with other participants. The overall report will be completed by the end of June 2010. This report will then function as a basis for the following stages of the project.

Both the existential field reports and the overall report will be published on the internet platform of the project (see the address of the website below). The website is designed to promote and facilitate stakeholder dialogue and input to ensure that a wide variety of perspectives are taken on board. If you would like to be a part of this project, register now and get involved.

More information:

Family Research Centre: <https://www.jyu.fi/ytk/laitokset/perhetutkimus/en>

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A word from the co-editors ...

The ESFR is experiencing an exciting and enriching period with the launching of our scientific journal Family Science and the preparation of the 5th international congress in Milan! We hope that this Newsletter gives you some insight into this reality.

To our great satisfaction, we have noticed that more and more ESFR members are becoming actively involved in the preparation of the Newsletter. Once again, please don't hesitate to send us a list of your recent publications, a brief description of your ongoing research projects, a description of your institute or any facts and figures that would be of interest to other ESFR members and which you would like to see published in the Newsletter.

Our Newsletter is sent out to all ESFR members twice yearly. In addition, please don't hesitate to forward our Newsletter to others who are interested in learning about the ESFR or in joining our society. We are very pleased to see new members join our society at any time.

Indeed, ESFR's mission is to become a hub for family science, where researchers can exchange and disseminate ideas, future scholars can receive education, and knowledge on family relations and related issues is made readily available. In our ongoing strive to reach these important goals, all contributions to the Newsletter are considered welcome!

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Current Research Projects of some ESFR members

Structure, dynamics and functioning of families with ill children

Project description:

The objective of this study is to analyse the characteristics of marital functioning, as well as the family structure of families coming for the first time to child psychiatry, and to compare them with families with children without a mental illness. For this purpose, we apply a sociodemographic questionnaire, while marital functioning is measured with the DAS and FAD questionnaires, and family structure with the FACES III.

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Follow-up study of a cohort of dysfunctional marriages and families

Project description:

In October 2007, a new data base was developed with the SPSS program, encompassing data from more than 300 marital couples and families that have come to the Family Diagnostic and Therapy Unit (UDITEF). These data concerned the following areas: sociodemographic information, the manner in which they turned to the unit, who the doctor in charge of the case was, marriage data, number of children, type of problem, type of clinical intervention, evolution, family and couple questionnaire results, data of Genograms and of the communication test, etc. The database also comprises data from more than 1000 couple and family questionnaires, and the statistical analysis of these data is giving new interesting results for research. The objective of the study is to analyse different variables and situations that have taken place in the dysfunctional families studied and to compare them with "healthy" families.

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Phenomenological-descriptive study of marital infidelity

Project description:

The objective of the research is to study the dynamics of marriages presenting infidelity. A combined quantitative and qualitative methodological approach is used in a group of married couples who have asked for help in a family therapy unit to solve their dysfunctional situation.

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Study of the communicative process of dysfunctional marriages and families

Project description:

The objective of this research is to study communication in two groups of marriages, in order to detect those patterns that lead to a higher couple and/or family dissatisfaction and that may end in separation or breakup. A group of almost 200 marital couples satisfied with their relationship will be compared with another group, with similar socio-demographic characteristics, but who have turned to our Family Therapy Unit because of couple problems. An observational communication test (the Rapid Marital Interaction Coding System (RMICS)) will be performed with each of the couples studied.

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Antecedents of marital adjustment research (AMAR project)

Project description:

A prospective follow-up study of a cohort of marriages, analysing couples before getting married and throughout their marriage life to detect risk factors related to their future relationship. Couples going to get married are asked to fill in socio-demographic and style of life questionnaires. After marriage, and every two years thereafter, questionnaires will be sent to them again, in order to collect data on factors that the research team wants to study and that provide information on risk factors in the marital relationship.

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Analysis of dysfunctional repetitive patterns through genograms

Project description:

The objective of the study is to gain deeper knowledge of dysfunctional repetitive patterns of a group of families coming to the Family and Diagnostic Therapy Unit through the Genograms each of them has completed.

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Interfamilial Functioning and Relationships in Korean, Russian, Polish and German Families

Comparative Cultural Research Project with Lee, N.; M. J. Bea; Moon, Y., Spiegel, E. in Cooperation with Seoul Cyber University, Mokdong Institut of Family Therapy, Seoul, Korea Institute of Conflict Management and Mediation, Institute of Family Psychology, Oldenburg.

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Factors and Dimensions Influencing Family Law Mediation in Germany and Korea

Comparative Cultural Research Project with Gabler, A.; Lee, N.; Moon, Y.; Paul, I. in Cooperation with District Court Kiel, Magistrate's Court Kiel, Seoul Cyber University, Korea Institute of Conflict Management and Mediation, Institute of Family Psychology Oldenburg.

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Argumentation as reasonable alternative to conflict in family context

Project description:

The main goal of the project, which is part of the ProDoc graduate school on Argumentative Practices in Contexts (Argupolis), is to consider the role and effectiveness of argumentative strategies for conflict prevention and resolution in the family context. In particular, I focus on the conditions under which a disagreement or incompatibility of positions can be managed through argumentative means instead of leading to overt interpersonal hostility, where each party is committed to hinder the adversary's realisation of his/her own goal. The research analyses the discursive emergence of confrontations and their argumentative follow-up in a corpus of video-recorded dinner table conversations in Italian and Ticinese (Swiss-Italian) families.

In the family context, in which interpersonal reports are extremely relevant, conflicts may arise from the non-argumentative management of differences of opinion. The elements that may lead to the degeneration of a difference of opinion into an interpersonal conflict and the possible uses of argumentation for the sound management of disagreement, constitute the main object of the research.

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Job Mobilities and Family Lives in Europe – 2nd wave

Project description:

The goal of the project is to study job-related spatial mobility, its causes, consequences and its interaction with careers and the private sphere. This includes partnership and family development, social integration, health and subjective well-being. The project was initially funded by the European Commission under the Sixth Framework Programme. In each of the six participating countries (Belgium, Germany, France, Poland, Spain and Switzerland) a survey was carried out during which representative data on job mobility was collected. More than 7200 respondents out of the residential population from these countries between 25 and 54 years participated.

In 2010, a second wave is being collected using a panel design. The second wave is currently being carried out in Germany, and other participating countries will follow. On the basis of the longitudinal data, interactions between family development and mobility, career and mobility, well-being and mobility etc. will be investigated in-depth regarding causes and effects. For example, does job mobility hinder family development and child birth or are childless singles those who are becoming mobile above the average? Does job mobility foster career advancement or is mobility in high career positions a self-evident part of the job profile?

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