TransParent Workshop

Stockholm, September 26-27, 2012

Agenda

This workshop brings together a team of national experts who are in the process of gathering and analyzing qualitative research findings about the gender division of work at the life course transition to parenthood in their home countries. At the workshop, we will present and discuss preliminary chapter drafts for an edited volume based on how ideals of what is best for the child relate to motherhood and fatherhood constructions in different cultural, institutional and policy contexts. The working title of the edited volume is *In the Child’s Best Interest. Institutions as Reference Points for New Parents in Modern Societies.* Important aims of the workshop are to discuss methodological and practical issues in presenting country specific findings, to minimize discrepancies in the analyses and to ensure comparability between countries and chapters of the edited volume. We will also develop a consistent view on the structure and style of the chapters.

The main part of the workshop will be dedicated to presentations of country chapter drafts. The edited volume will, apart from the country chapters, include a first theoretical chapter (written by Daniela Grunow) and a chapter that briefly describes the different countries included in the volume with regards to parental leave policies, availability of child-care, women’s labor force participation etc. (written by Marie Evertsson). The former chapter will be presented at the workshop. The latter chapter will not be presented at the workshop but we will leave room for a discussion of the types of information that this chapter should encompass and the type of information that needs to be kept (or perhaps repeated) in the different country chapters.

Please note that we would like an update regarding the national samples (in case they were not fully collected last time or interviews from the second wave have started/finished) with respect to couples’ socio-economic characteristics, geographic area of your data collection (rural/urban, north-south, east-west), selectivity issues etc. Please send this information by email to Marysia Reimann: M.W.Reimann [at] uva.nl
Programme

Wednesday, September 26  Geovetenskapens hus, room U27

13.30-13.40  Welcome and update
             Marie Evertsson & Daniela Grunow

13.40-14.00  The analytical framework and plan for the book
             Daniela Grunow & Marie Evertsson

Country chapters: state of affairs, data, key findings in national and comparative perspective I

Chair:  Marie Evertsson

14.00-14.45  The child’s best and constructions of motherhood and fatherhood in Sweden: At the crossroads of biology and equality
             Jenny Alsarve, Katarina Boye and Christine Roman

14.45-15.30  The child’s best and constructions of motherhood and fatherhood in Poland: Torn between the matka-polka and mothers’ fulfillment
             Marysia Reimann

~ Coffee break ~

Chair:  Daniela Grunow

16.00-16.45  Adaptations to Ideals: Plans for Child Care for First Time Dual-Earner Parents in Spain

16.45-17.30  The Care of the Baby: a Family Affair in Italy
             Sonia Bertolini, Rosy Musumeci, Manuela Naldini, Paola Maria Torrioni

17.30-18.00  Discussion & Summing up

19.00  Dinner  at the restaurant Storstad, Odengatan 41
Thursday, September 27th  
Geovetenskapens hus, room U26

Country chapters: state of affairs, data, key findings in national and comparative perspective II

Chair: Katarina Boye

9.00-9.45  The Child’s Best and Nascent Couples Anticipations for their Parenthood  
Anna Dechant and Annika Rinklake

9.45-10.30  Constructions of Parenthood in the Czech Republic: Maternal Care and Paternal Help  
Olga Nesporova and Ruzena Stuchla

~ Coffee break ~

Chairs: Marie Evertsson and Daniela Grunow

Daniela Grunow

11.45-12.30  Chapter 2, Descriptive comparative chapter – Discussion (no presentation)  
Marie Evertsson

~ Lunch break ~

13.30-14.00  Emerging issues for a comparative concluding chapter

14.00-14.45  Other issues of concern for the comparativeness and streamlining of the chapters

14.45-15.30  Where do we go from here? Discussion of next steps. Questions & discussion round
**Venue**

The Workshop will take place in “Geovetenskapens hus” on Stockholm University campus.

Please take the red subway line (towards “Mörby Centrum” if you depart from the city) and get off at “Universitetet”. You will find “Geovetenskapens hus” (a green building) less than 100 meters from the little square, right outside the subway station. We will be in room U27 on Wednesday and U26 on Thursday.

**Accommodation**

We will not make any hotel reservations for participants but suggest that you consult the EQUALSOC web page for advice on where to stay: [http://www.equalsoc.org/319](http://www.equalsoc.org/319)

**Travel info from the airport to Stockholm city**

If you arrive at Arlanda airport, you can either take the Arlanda express train (about 260 SEK or 31 EUR) to Stockholm city or the airport coaches ‘Flygbussarna’ (about 100 SEK or 12 EUR).

If you arrive at Bromma or Skavsta airport, please take the airport coaches ‘Flygbussarna’ to Stockholm City (about 80 SEK or 9 EUR from Bromma and 150 SEK or 18 EUR from Skavsta).

Taxi’s are expensive in Sweden but if you are more than one travelling together, it might be cheaper than taking the express train or the bus if you arrive at Arlanda or Bromma airport. It is advisable to check with the driver how much it would cost for them to take you to your hotel before you enter the cab. Please note that **you should not take a taxi from Skavsta airport**, it is very far from Stockholm and would be very expensive.

**Other practical information**

If you have any question or problems at your arrival, please do not hesitate to contact Marie Evertsson or Katarina Boye.