

TransParent Workshop

Barcelona, September 19-20 2011

Research consistently shows a widening gap over time between increasingly egalitarian gender role attitudes and actual patterns of behaviour. According to this research, many men and women desire more equity in their division of earnings and care giving than they manage to realize. These discrepancies between actual and desired life courses have important social consequences. Yet, little is known about how norms change over the adult life course and how individuals create and maintain their gender identities in the early stages of family formation. The change in the division of work around the time of first birth is crucial for gender inequality in the household. It also has long-term consequences for gender inequalities in the labour market. The aim of the TransParent research network is to gather and analyze qualitative and quantitative data to study how dual earner heterosexual couples negotiate and decide about the division of paid and unpaid work in the household, and how these processes and outcomes differ across welfare regimes.

This workshop brings together national experts who are in the process of gathering qualitative data about the gender division of work at the life course transition to parenthood. We present and discuss preliminary findings, i.e. certain topics and issues that came up in the country-specific interviews and try to develop comparative views about these issues. The main aim is to provide guidance for the cross-national data analysis and discuss methodological issues. In particular, we aim to minimize discrepancies in the comparative analysis and ensure comparability between countries.

The first part of the workshop will be dedicated to country presentations.

Information about your sample, couples' socio-economic characteristics, geographic area of your data collection (rural/urban, north-south, east-west), selectivity issues etc.

Please also give us your preliminary results as concerns:

- Couples' references to national institutions (family policy, care provision, etc.)
- References to specific cultural norms (implicit or explicit); what does a 'good' mother/father in your country do/not do in terms of employment, breast feeding, care

In order to increase our understanding of the cultural contexts of countries included in the group, we would also like all presenters to provide some background information in their country presentations:

- female labor force participation rates (total and by educational level)
- part-time employment
- total fertility rate
- parental leave length and legislation
- availability of child care (public and private – and for the former – full-time vs. part-time, subsidized or not)
- any other characteristics that are important in order to understand how paid and unpaid work is divided after childbirth

Programme

Monday, September 19th

14.00-14.20 Welcome and update of the progress of the TransParent network
Maria José González, Daniela Grunow & Marie Evertsson

14.20-15.00 Apparent project
Daniela Grunow

Country studies: state of affairs, data, key issues emerging from the data

Chair: Daniela Grunow

15.00-15.40 Introducing the Swedish study
Katarina Boye & Jenny Alsarve

~ Coffee break ~

Chair: Marie Evertsson

16.00-16.30 Introducing the Spanish study
Maria José González & Teresa Jurado

16.30-17.00 Introducing the Italian study
Paola Torrioni & n.n

17.00-17.30 Introducing the German study
Anna Dechant

17.30-18.00 Summing up

20.00 **Dinner** (restaurant to be announced in due time) **Tuesday, September 20th**

Country reports: state of affairs, data, plans

Chair: Maria José González

9.00-9.30 **Introducing the Polish study**
Marysia Reimann

9.30-10.00 **Introducing the Czech study**
Dana Hamplova

~ Coffee break ~

10.30-11.00 **A framework for comparative analysis -- Introduction**
Marie Evertsson & Katarina Boye

11.00-11.30 **Ideas and interests from country groups**

11.30-12.00 **Time for discussion of work method**
-- Should we split up in smaller groups?
-- Common codes list?
-- Intranet? website
-- Output: articles or book?

12.00-13.00 **TransParent – Analyzing employment transitions at entry to parenthood**
Introduction & Chair Marie Evertsson
Questions & discussion round

~ Lunch break ~

Venue

The Workshop will take place on the campus of the Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF) close to the Parc de la Ciutadella in the Olympic village and close to the centre of the city. The address is: Ramon Trias Fargas, 25-27.

Accommodation

The most convenient accommodation is the **hotel H10 Marina** (<http://www.hotelh10marinabarcelona.com/en/index.html>). A cheaper option is the **Student Residence** (<http://www.upf.edu/estudiants/en/living/accommodation.html#1>) please, let me

know whether you prefer this other option (mjose.gonzalez@upf.edu) to make the necessary arrangements.

We have blocked a bunch of rooms for you to book at the hotel (a double room for single use with breakfast included for 120€; taxes also included). The hotel is really near the University (5 minutes walk), and well communicated with the city centre.

To book a hotel room: Please e-mail to reservas.hmb@h10.es providing the reference: TRANSPARENT MEETING & booking number: 18043.

Travel info to venue

From the Airport you can come **by taxi** (it may cost € 30 aprox.) or **by bus**: ‘Aerobus’ takes you to and from the airport with stop at Plaça Catalunya (one way: 5.30€; round trip: 9,15€) . From there, you go to Plaça Urquinaona (it’s only 5 minutes walk) to take the subway, L4 (yellow one) direction "La Pau" and get off at "Ciutadella-Vila Olímpica" station. When you get to Ramon Trias Fargas (http://www.upf.edu/campus/en/campus_ciutadella.html), you just have to walk up and you will find the University building on your left.

Other practical information

Should you have any question or problem at your arrival please do not hesitate to call me (María José: mobile phone: 695.822.317 Office: 935422730).

For those of you arriving early in the morning: we plan having lunch at the university canteen at 13.00 p.m. which is located in Roger de Llúria Building (<http://www.upf.edu/campus/en/ciutadella/lluria.html>). Feel free to join us!