



Seminar of the Committee on Family Research 2012

NEW FAMILY FORMS FOLLOWING FAMILY DISSOLUTION: CONSEQUENCES IN/ON POSTMODERN SOCIETY

Belgium, Leuven
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Aim

The preceding three decades have been characterized by intertwined transitions in demographic regimes and family structures. These transitions are both cause and consequence of the dramatic increase in family dissolution, and subsequently on new repartnering patterns and processes. The aim of the cfr-seminar 2012 is to shed light on the specific dimensions of these changes and the mechanisms behind them. Participants are challenged to build bridges between theoretical issues, methodological approaches and empirical results.

Topics

Submissions should be made to one of the conference topics which will be distributed across a series of sessions by the organizers. Possible themes are:

- Conceptual challenges in defining the (postmodern) family;
- Researching contemporary families: methodological challenges;
- Intergenerational transmission of causes and consequences of family dissolution;
- Sociobiological perspectives on family life, family dissolution and (re)partnering;
- Repartnering and remarriage;
- Post-divorce fertility;
- Custody arrangements;
- New sibling configurations;
- New (step)parenting styles;
- Consequences of family dissolution for (step)children and (step)parents;
- Consequences of family dissolution for grandchildren and grandparents;
- Youth and (future) marriage formation and dissolution;
- Family and (post)divorce policies;
- Review papers: the Leuven 1981 CFR conference revisited.

Inspiring strategies (not limitative!) may be:

- Describe the features of contemporary family formation following family dissolution;
- Illuminate the mechanisms underpinning these processes with the most appropriate methods for modelling longitudinal data;
- Elaborate the opportunities for and advantages of comparative (national and international) analysis, based on parallel designs;
- Develop an agenda for the identification and investigation of the most important substantive questions in the field of sociology of divorce and separation;
- Investigate the relationship between family dynamics and well-being;
- Consider the variation in life course trajectories in terms of their articulation with trajectories such as employment, housing, spatial mobility, intergenerational pathways and social network influence.

Submission of proposals

Proposals are sought for two kinds of presentation:

- (1) A symposium comprised of a maximum of four papers to be presented in one session. International cooperation in submitting for symposia is encouraged.
- (2) Individual papers.

Extended abstract (about 800 words) to be entered online before 10th of February 2012. Submissions are made online at the CFR Seminar program website: www.soc.kuleuven.be/cfrseminar2012.

If no theme is appropriate for your paper, you may nevertheless submit an abstract directly under the heading: other. There will be no poster sessions.

Only one submission as a first author is allowed. Participants may co-author other papers.

Practicalities

More information on concrete planning, financial issues, hotel accommodation and the social program is available on the conference website. The website will be updated regularly.

Conference venue

Faculty Club Katholieke Universiteit Leuven: <http://www.facultyclub.be/en/>

Important dates

10 February 2012: Deadline for submitting abstracts to organizers

2 April 2012: Authors are notified of abstracts/papers accepted to regular sessions

17 August 2012: Deadline for posting completed papers on the program website

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