



Towards a modelling of the practices of intergenerational family solidarities in contexts of single parenting

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the benefits of a STSM at Cnav in Paris

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Evolution of family models

- modernization of the definition of family structure
- traditional nuclear, single-parent, recomposed, etc.

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Increase in the number of single-parent families
 $\frac{1}{4}$ households with children are single parents in Belgium.

Commonality of single parenthood: a step in family life

New sharing of responsibilities and resources

Regain of interest for family solidarities

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Single-parent families

Many difficulties pointed:

- Economic (50% of single-parent families live below the poverty line in Wallonia)
- Daily organization
- Health problems
- Education of children
- ...

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Family solidarities

Emergence of family mutual assistance following the economic difficulties of the state.

Family solidarity: from sociability to support, through the exchange of services and money

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Objectives of the research

Analysis of the functioning of single-parent families

- Role of the family network
- Practices of family solidarities
- Strengths and weaknesses of cohesion
- Problem Management

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Methodology

Méthodologie par théorisation enracinée (Grounded theory) (F. Guillemette)
analysis of a phenomenon using an inductive approach (bottom-up)

Research interviews with parents of single-parent families: fathers or mothers living alone with at least 1 child under their financial responsibility for at least 2 years and at least half-time

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Theoretical sampling

Sample the phenomenon under study

Sample theoretical conceptualization through data collection

Discover the characteristics of the phenomenon and the articulations attested in order to propose an integrated schematization

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ADAPTATION

Learn: to manage, to manage alone, to cook
"I started cooking, shopping myself. It takes a lot of time, nothing, the problem is that when I cooked ... I did nothing ... Now like any good housewife, I can cook at the same time ... put the children in the bath, etc. It took a few years for me to become multitasking. "

Habitual changes: thinking things for two

Organization of everyday life: child management, transportation, work

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RESISTANCE

Need to self-manage: want to get by, decision-making in autonomy

"I like being able to do it alone. "

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SHAME

Guilt of the gift received / asked: fear of being invasive

"For me it's really annoying to have to call them back and not manage on my own. "

"To ask someone it bothers me. "

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SELF-RECONSTRUCTION

Types:
Evolution of friendly relations: change of groups of friends
Investment in work
Form

Degrees:
Resistance to reconstruction: want to stay on track
Wish to rebuild

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ISOLATION

confinement

"I could hardly see my parents for 6 months"

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ACCOUNTABILITY

Disempowerment: parental management of the household, parental intervention in the education of the children

Accountability: amazement of situations to manage, awareness of the weight to bear only the responsibility of the child, cope with expenses alone

Over-empowerment: dual role of father and mother

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Benefits of a STSM

STSM in Research Unit on Aging (URV) of Cnav in Paris March 2016.

- Jim OGG, person in charge of the unit and his team
- tasks of the URV: to expanding the scientific knowledge of social aspects of ageing.

The various orientations of research worked within the unit are:

- Of the retired activity
- Housing environment and accommodation
- Embrittlement of the retired people
- Ageing of the immigrant populations
- Relations between generations

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Objectives:

- to explore the searches made within this unit
- to discuss the conceptualization of various terms (solidarity, family, intergenerational)
- a presentation of my work within the framework of the searches for the team
- opening on new questions and on research works

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Organization of the week:

- Individual meetings with each of the researchers,
- a seminary reserved for the presentation of my works,
- a participation in a seminary of search organized by the team,
- a review of literature.

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Benefits of a STSM

- establishing contacts, to build a network
- to clarify certain concepts including 'solidarity' by a literature review and access to journals 'Retraite et Société' and 'Gérontologie et société'.
- to deepen the theoretical framework and guide conceptual choices
- to discuss the methodology and especially the research interview techniques

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Conclusion

The 'single parent' model is not unique and is represented by a set of different family configurations.

Participation in the COST INTERFASOL action allowed me to develop the theory of my work and to confront it.

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