

Research Network 13: Sociology of Families and Intimate lives

Biennial report (2013-2015)

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Activities of the research network

Interim Meeting 2014 in Vilnius (25.-27.9.2014)

From the 25th to the 27th of September 2014 the Interim Meeting of RN13 took place at Mykolas Romeris University in Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania. It had the title *FAMILY: Continuity and*

Change. It has been a very nice and very well organized conference! Local organizers were Vida Česnuitytė and Vida Kanopienė. Four keynote speakers had been invited to speak in two plenary sessions: Ulla Björnberg (Gothenburg), Julia Brannen (London), Lynn Jamieson (Edinburgh) and Eric Widmer (Geneva). In further six sessions another 34 presentations were given, including six presentation by PhD students of which the best presentation was awarded. The authors of 15 papers are contributing to an edited volume, which will be published in early 2016.

The new board started a newsletter for RN13 members in December 2013. It is sent as a PDF by e-mail to all RN13 members quarterly (by the end of March, of June, of September, and of December). Its first aim is to provide relevant information for RN13 members, such as upcoming conferences or recent publications. A second aim is to make RN13 more attractive for other family researcher to join. For this purpose the first four newsletter issues were sent to everybody who had attended an RN13 conference in the past, combined with an invitation to join RN13. From issue number four on, only members receive the newsletter. The contents of the newsletter are: news on RN13 activities, new publications on family issues in English language, current call for papers, one or two portraits of research projects, and a cartoon. Members were asked during the interim meeting in Vilnius as well as during the ESA conference in Prague for feedback and encouraged the board to continue the newsletter in its current form.

ESA has established a PhD and early career forum and has invited all Research Networks to nominate a PhD and early career representative for this forum. Since RN13 did not have a PhD student or early career researcher in its board so far, we have assigned a new board member who will be our representative for this two-year period:

- Pedro Romero Balsas, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (Spain),
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2015 ESA Congress in Prague with sessions organized by the RN Sociology of Families and Intimate Lives.

Abstract received: 260

Selected: 190 / Presented: 150

Sessions: 34

- Couple, cohabitations and family forms
- Families, friendship and intimate sociability
- Intergenerational relationships
- Family networks and care
- Family transitions and life events
- Parenting: mothers, fathers and others
- Changes and continuities in fatherhood and fathering practices
- Gender differences in family life, care and work
- New developments in parental leave
- Family life and children arrangements
- Mixed/intermarriage partnerships and families
- Migrant and transnational families across Europe
- Economic crisis and family lives
- Theorizing contemporary families and personal life
- Domestic and gender violence in families
- The role of government: social policies and interventions

- Contemporary challenges in the legal regulation of family life
- Family dynamics, differences/convergences in gender roles; new inequalities and new opportunities (Joint session with RN33)

2 semi-plenary sessions proposed by RN13 were accepted

1. *Family Formation and Practices of Life Quality: Inequalities and New Opportunities Across Europe* (Speakers: Dermott, Esther University of Bristol, United Kingdom and Noll, Heinz-Herbert, The Social Indicators Research Centre of GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, Mannheim)
2. *(Joint with RN33) Public Policies and Solidarity in Women's Lives: Differences and Inequalities* (Speakers: Adomako Ampofu, Akosua, African and Gender Studies and Institute of African Studies, Ghana, Bonifacio, Glenda Tibe, University of Lethbridge, Canada)

RN13 Network improved joint sessions and activities especially with RN33

After the Prague conference, there are three publications (2 volumes and a special issue) planned to publish papers, presented in Prague.

Decision of the business meeting of the ESA conference of Prague 2015.

Isabella Crespi was re-elected for a new term as a chair and Detlev Lueck as vice-chair.

Interim meeting 7.-9. 7. 2016 in Bristol (UK), organised by Tina Miller and Esther Dermott

Publications, based on conference papers

- Palgrave Macmillan and Emerald Group Publishing are interested in publishing some papers from the conference in Prague.
- RN13 members are invited to coordinate further publications (e.g. special issues of journals).

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