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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



Dear RC06 Colleagues,

I hope things are going well with you.

There have been some developments that I would like to draw your attention to.

The first is a sad message. We lost our Vice-President – Professor Hachiro Iwai – in October. We are all saddened by Professor Iwai's unexpected death. Serving with him on the RC06 Board

was my first occasion to meet him and I am sorry that I did not have a chance to get to know him better. We have extended our sympathies to his family and compiled an obituary notice which is reproduced later in the Newsletter.

A relevant development that I would like to draw your attention to is the ISA Forum next year in Rabat, Morocco on July 6-12. I am the section covenor for this. The submission dates for streams and papers have now both closed. The healthy numbers of submissions received suggests that you took note of the many emails we sent you reminding you to submit by the deadline of October 15th (our thanks to our Secretary/Treasurer Pei-Chun Ko for her sterling work on that). In the end we received approximately 300 abstracts and will host up to 20 streams on our own, as well as some shared sessions with other RCs. Decisions on the abstracts are underway at present and the outcome will be made public in early December. It will be great to see so many of you in Rabat.

As a Board, we would welcome more opportunities for members to get together, either virtually or face-to-face. Therefore, if you have any suggestions regarding events we could host or partner in hosting please let us know.

Finally, remember that we are always trying to get new members so please bear this in mind as you pursue your research and other activities.

I wish you well with all you have on.

With best wishes,

November 2024

*Mary Daly*  
*President, RC06*

## FROM THE SECRETARY



Dear RC06 Family Research Members,

I hope this message finds you all well and thriving! The Board has met twice online this year and we've been collaborating through regular email exchanges on various tasks.

I'm excited to share three important updates from our community that reflect our ongoing progress and engagement.

**Growth for the RC06 Research Committee:** We are thrilled to announce that since our first Gazette in 2024, 24 new members have joined us, bringing our total to 171 members. This is a fantastic milestone for our community. We invite all members whose memberships are set to expire at the end of this year to renew and continue being part of our vibrant community.

**New Header Image:** We are pleased to introduce a new header image in this issue. This image captures the essence of family across the globe and reflects our commitment to celebrating the diverse meanings of family, reminding us of the connections that bind us all. You can find this image featured on our social media platforms (X and Facebook), and it will soon be uploaded to the RC06 website.

**Early-Career Researcher Workshop:** We are excited to announce an upcoming workshop for early-career researchers on November 28 and 29, 2024. This workshop is designed to nurture and empower our emerging scholars, providing an opportunity to connect and learn. We have a wide range of topics planned, and we encourage all members to join us. The details are reproduced below. For registration details, please visit our webpage: [RC06 Virtual Workshop for Early-Career Researchers](#).

As we approach the end of the year, I want to extend my warmest wishes to each of you for a joyful holiday season and a new year filled with hope and success. Thank you for your unwavering support for our research community.

With warm regards,

November 2024

*Pei-Chun Ko*  
*Secretary & Treasurer, RC06*

## OBITUARY

### **In Memoriam: Hachiro Iwai**

We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of Professor Hachiro Iwai, the vice-president of RC06 Family Research on 31 October 2024.

Professor Iwai was elected as the vice president of RC06 Family Research Committee in 2023. Bringing a wealth of knowledge and experience in the field as well as a passion for family sociology, he was a pleasure to work with.

His research focused on the long-term changes in women's life courses through a quantitative sociological lens. His work explored phenomena such as the transformation of life courses during and after wartime in Japan, family dynamics in East Asian societies, and the impact of educational diversity on employment patterns. His work made significant contribution to a deeper understanding of family relationships and social stratification, highlighting the evolving nature of gender roles and family systems in contemporary Japan and East Asian societies.

He will be remembered for his kindness, generosity, and the profound respect he showed to students and colleagues alike.

We extend our sympathies and condolences on his untimely death.

*RC06 Family Research Committee*

# RC06 ECR ONLINE WORKSHOP

## Exciting News!

We're thrilled to announce the **RC06 Virtual Workshop for Early Career Researchers**, taking place on **November 28-29, 2024**. This two-day online event will feature a series of insightful sessions led by emerging scholars in the field of family sociology.

## What to Expect:

- Presentations and discussions on the latest research in family sociology
- Opportunities to connect with fellow researchers and scholars globally
- Engaging topics that explore diverse aspects of family dynamics and social change

## [RC06 Virtual Workshop for Early-Career Researchers](#)

### DAY 1, Nov 28: Panel 1

Moderator: Mary Daly (University of Oxford, UK)	<b>Sara Ayllón</b> (University of Girona) and <b>Natalia Carralero</b> (University of Girona and University of Barcelona)	Increasing paternity leave: Impacts on fertility and labour market
	<b>Andria Christofidou</b> and <b>Genovefa Zafeiridou</b> (Department of Social and Political Sciences, University of Cyprus, Cyprus)	Fatherhood, masculinity and care: The role of kinship, family policies and gender relations in Cyprus

### DAY 1, Nov 28: Panel 2

Moderator: Deniz Yucel (William Paterson University of New Jersey, USA)	<b>Hernán Manzelli</b> (Centro de Estudios de Población (CENEP) and CONICET) and <b>Maximiliano Marentes</b> (Universidad Nacional de San Martín, Argentina and CONICET)	Characterizing the Patterns of Couple Formation and Families in Argentina's Gender-Sex Diversity
	<b>Erika Grigorjew</b> (University of Jyväskylä, Finland)	Night-time care in Finnish families with young children

	<b>Kefan Xue</b> (University of Oxford, UK) and <b>Xiarong Gu</b> (University of Suffolk, UK)	'After all, I'm a man!': Fathers' Narratives of Raising Autistic Children in Contemporary China
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**DAY 2, Nov 29: Panel 3**

Moderator: Veronica Gregorio (National University of Singapore, Singapore)	<b>Ali Abbas Rizvi and Abhishek Singh</b> (International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai)	Family structure and Women's decision making: A Seemingly Unrelated Recursive Bivariate Probit Analysis in South Asia
	<b>Kiran Ikram</b> (Lahore College for Women University, Lahore) and <b>Ahmed Usman</b> (University of the Punjab, Lahore)	Resources and Obstacles to Heal: Informal Social Networks and Post-Divorced Adjustment of Divorce-Initiator Women in Pakistan

**DAY 2, Nov 29: Panel 4**

Moderator: Pei-Chun Ko (Monash University, Australia)	<b>Narelle Robertson</b> (University of South Australia, Adelaide, Australia)	Navigating digital ecologies for families of children with learning difficulties
	<b>Getrude Dadirai Gwenzi</b> (Lingnan University Hong Kong)	A decolonial perspective on family meanings in Southern Africa: Exploring Ukama as a metatheoretical framework



## PUBLICATIONS

### Articles

- ❖ Méndez Wright, C. (2024). Privileged transmigrant motherhood and its practices of distinction. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 1–20. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1369183X.2024.2424413>

**Abstract:** Transnational motherhood and Latin-American migrants in the U.S. have been explored in the literature primarily in the context of labor migration and marginalized identities. Existing research delves into how mothers negotiate the challenges and opportunities posed by migration in their parenting journeys. However, scholars advocate to look closer at how the social location of individuals create specific sets of experiences. Using the lenses of transnationalism and translocational positionalities, I look at the motherhood identities of 32 mothers in the U.S. who belong to higher socioeconomic levels in Colombia. I find that through their motherhood practices and discourses, participants perform class distinctions to distance themselves from negative stereotypes associated with migrants from Latin America and white U.S. American culture. Addressing the nuances of motherhood, class, and race within the context of migration is a step toward understanding how identities and ideologies transcend transnational boundaries and the role they play in simultaneously fostering and hindering social inequalities.

- ❖ Zulueta, J.O. (2024). Negotiating Gender and Kinship within Multicultural Families in Non-Highly Urbanised Areas of South Korea. *Genealogy*, 8(2): 76. <https://doi.org/10.3390/genealogy8020076>

**Abstract:** This study examines the lives of marriage migrants, primarily coming from the Philippines to non-highly urbanised areas (i.e., “rural” areas) of South Korea. It looks at how these women negotiate gender norms and expectations in these multicultural families within the context of state-led multiculturalism. Semi-structured interviews with 20 Filipino marriage migrants were conducted from August to September 2023 in selected

areas of Chungcheongnam-do (South Chungcheong Province) and Jeollabuk-do (North Jeolla Province). Based on the data gathered, it was found that these women have navigated gendered cultural expectations in the Korean household, thus reproducing gendered norms within the traditional Korean family and playing a significant role in keeping the family intact. However, there are also instances where these gendered expectations were subverted within these families. This study would like to interrogate whether these women are able to re-imagine a different kind of “womanhood” away from traditional family norms, thus challenging existing models of how marriage migrants are expected to perform in the context of what I call “performative multiculturalism” in ethnonationalist states such as South Korea and Japan.

- ❖ Zulueta, J.O. (2024). Older Women Migrants in Malaysia and their Left-Behind Families. *Asian and Pacific Migration Journal*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/01171968241288256>

**Abstract:** This paper looks at older Filipino female migrants in Malaysia. Based on semi-structured interviews and FGDs I conducted in Kuala Lumpur and Petaling Jaya from February to March 2018 and in August 2018, I found that women’s experiences of aging are linked to gender, social class and societal expectations of their familial roles. For them, family obligations as breadwinners meant working as domestic workers in Malaysia even way into their older years. While old age is not a hindrance to them to perform transnational care toward their left-behind families, tensions and ambivalence are present within their intergenerational relationships.

- ❖ Ruiz-Castro, M., Grau-Grau, M., Lupu, I., Daskalaki, M., & McGinn, K. L. (2024). Social reproduction: Households, public policies, and alternative organizing. *Gender, Work & Organization*, 31(4), 1182-1195. <https://doi.org/10.1111/gwao.12900>

**Abstract:** This special issue (SI) contributes to a growing body of work in management and organization studies focusing on the complex relationship between social reproduction and inequalities in paid work and organizations. In this introduction to the SI, we first identify three key areas of inquiry relevant to the study of social reproduction: challenging the boundaries of productive and reproductive labor; inequalities and exploitation; and alternative organizing. We then present the seven papers of the SI that draw on research

from Australia, South America, Spain, Turkey, the UK, and the US to contribute to the aforementioned areas, foregrounding distinctive social reproduction dynamics manifesting in the household and alternative organizations (cooperatives), and facilitated by state policies. Based on these contributions, we propose an agenda for future research on social reproduction that aims to address the persistence and potential transformation of the existing gender, class, and race orders. We call for future studies exploring changing parenthood roles and how these affect the organization of re/production tasks; for research revealing and investigating underlying inequalities (re)produced by public policy; for analyses of existing and potential forms of feminist alternative organizing, and how these are sometimes hindered by heteropatriarchal structures; and for the study of social reproduction dynamics across cultural, socioeconomic, and political contexts.

- ❖ Grau-Grau, M., Gallego-Jiménez, M. G., & Otero, L. M. R. (2024). Uso problemático de WhatsApp entre adolescentes: ¿Qué papel educativo juegan los padres y las madres? *Adicciones*, 36(2), 177-188. <https://doi.org/10.20882/adicciones.1781>

**Abstract:** The goal of this study is to understand the relationship between the problematic use of WhatsApp among young adolescents and parental mediation. The rise of mobile phone use among young people is a cause for concern, especially among parents themselves. The literature suggests that parents have a certain amount of room for maneuver through different parental strategies (parental mediation) to maximize the benefits of technology and reduce its possible risks, although this has not been sufficiently analyzed in the case of problematic use of the mobile phone and its applications. This study therefore examined three different parental mediation strategies (restrictive, modeling and stimulation) and their possible impact on the problematic use of WhatsApp. The sample comprised 1,144 13- and 14-year-old students during three academic years (2015-2018) in 17 schools in 7 Spanish provinces. One of the novelties of the study was the use of adolescent voices to understand the parental mediation of their parents. The results showed a direct relationship between the level of restrictive mediation and a problematic use of WhatsApp. In addition, the number of mobile phones that students have enjoyed, as well as whether parents use their mobile phone during dinner, also has a positive relationship

with the problematic use of WhatsApp. These results are useful for understanding a responsible use of the mobile phone, as well as to guide parents about the problematic use of WhatsApp among adolescents.

- ❖ Balogun, T.V., Nyathi, L., October, K., Skhuni, A. & Roman, N.V. (2023). The Need for Fathers as Role Models to Aid Family and Social Cohesion in Resource-Constrained Contexts. *Journal of Family Strengths*, 23(2), Article 2. <https://doi.org/10.58464/2168-670X.1468>

**Abstract:** The impact of parents on their children, especially in the developmental years, must not be undermined. Each parent influences a child separately and in different ways, which may have long-lasting effects on adulthood. Paternal involvement in children's lives plays a different but crucial role that leads to improved behavioural and psychosocial outcomes. This study identifies and explores the need for fathers as role models to aid family and social cohesion in resource-constrained contexts. Individuals older than 18 years were interviewed from four different communities in the Western Cape Province of South Africa. Interviews were conducted in English, Afrikaans, and IsiXhosa depending on the preference of the interviewee. Using a purposive sampling qualitative approach, data were obtained through in-depth interviews with parents and stakeholders. A relationship was found between unemployment, poverty, and a father's involvement in a child's upbringing. This work offers practical approaches to help understand the role of fathers in advance.

- ❖ Compton, D., & Kaufman, G. (2024). Looking beyond marital status: What we can learn from relationship status measures. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 86(5), 1432-1449. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jomf.13021>

**Abstract:** With needed and growing attention to sexual minorities and unmarried individuals, there is a need to consider how best to capture relationships and relationship organization in family studies. Traditional measures of marital status are commonly used to examine differences in relationships and socioeconomic outcomes, but they do not adequately capture the diversity of relationship experiences and leave certain types of relationship experiences invisible. This article examines the inclusion of a relationship

measure in the American Marriage Survey, a national probability-based sample of 2806 adults in the United States, to provide a more diverse and expansive perspective on relationships and relationship organization. While there is a great deal of overlap between those who are married or cohabiting (marital status) and those who are in an exclusive relationship (relationship status), there is also potential for variation in what kinds of relationships, if any, people are in. We find that the relationship measure is particularly useful in showing that a majority of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and pansexual individuals are in an exclusive relationship and also that gender and sexual minorities are more likely than cisgender and heterosexual individuals to be in consensual nonmonogamous relationships. This article also provides direction on re-coding open text responses from the relationship status measure. We conclude that a relationship status measure allows for greater inclusivity and visibility of sexual minorities and unmarried persons, including but not limited to queer individuals, families, and communities, as well as consensual non-monogamous relationships.

- ❖ Morris, G., Chen, L.Y., Kaufman, G., & Compton, D. (2024). Attitudes toward mononormativity and polyamorous legal rights in the US. *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*, 21, 949-959. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13178-024-00980-x>

**Abstract:** Recent research shows an increase in polyamory and acceptance of polyamorous relationships. However, there is still limited research on broader attitudes toward monogamy and polyamory, particularly regarding legal rights and with a national sample. This study examines the impact of cohort, sexual orientation, and contact with polyamorists on attitudes toward monogamy and polyamorous legal rights. This research has the potential to bring more attention to polyamorous relationships, disrupt heteronormative views of relationships, and consider legal rights for those in relationships involving more than two people. We use data from a sample of 2 665 adults from the 2021 American Marriage Survey, a national survey focused on attitudes toward marriage post-marriage equality, to consider the relationship between cohort, sexual orientation, contact, and attitudes toward mononormativity and polyamory. Overall, there is support for the idea that monogamy is the norm while people are generally not supportive of granting

legal rights for polyamorous relationships. Younger cohorts, LGBTQ individuals, and those who know a polyamorous person are less likely to support mononormativity and more likely to support legal rights for polyamorous relationships. Furthermore, contact has a stronger impact on attitudes of Millennials and LGBTQ individuals. While mononormativity remains the norm and polyamory is not widely supported, given patterns of greater acceptance among younger cohorts and LGBTQ individuals, there is a good possibility that acceptance will increase over time. This research has the potential to bring more attention to polyamorous relationships, disrupt heteronormative views of relationships, and consider legal rights for those in relationships involving more than two people.

- ❖ Merla, L., Izaguirre, L., & Murru, S. (2024). Taking shared parenting seriously: a comparative study of how family policies accommodate shared physical custody in post-separation households. *Journal of European Social Policy*, 34(5), 526-541. <https://doi.org/10.1177/09589287241270943>

**Abstract:** Shared physical custody (SPC) is a care arrangement following parental separation, whereby children alternatively reside with their mother and father. Very little is known about how family policies accommodate SPC, which is all the more unfortunate, as it represents a key opportunity to understand how family policies can efficiently facilitate shared parenting. To address this gap, this article presents a modest attempt at designing a new comparative family policy approach that considers SPC arrangements, by examining the extent to which Belgian, French and Italian family policies accommodate a more equal sharing of parenting post-divorce. In so doing, we encourage studies of defamilialization to take better account of the diversity of contemporary family forms. The theoretical section traces back key feminist debates around defamilialization and proposes to consider SPC arrangements as an ‘atypical’ family configuration that best illustrates contemporary tensions around defamilialization and gender equality. It also takes stock of the few studies of family policy and SPC to highlight key issues at stake. The analysis section starts with the main characteristics of the family law, welfare regime and family policies of the three countries. Then, we examine a selection of emblematic and national-level family policies from the following areas: (1) Family benefits; (2) Financial support to access to services; and (3) Tax measures. Our comparison focuses on three

main criteria: scope; entitlement; and shareability of benefits between parents in the context of SPC. Our analysis reveals the variety of approaches to SPC in family policies across countries and policy areas, and the significant lack of support for a more equitable distribution of parenting within SPC. We conclude by highlighting the usefulness of taking SPC into account in reflecting on and evaluating the implementation of defamilialization policies, and by identifying some of the challenges to be met by future research.

- ❖ Zhao, Y. (2024). Frictions between familism and neoliberalism: Exploring the intergenerational ambivalence narratives of migrant older parents in China, *Journal of Family Studies*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13229400.2024.2349892>

**Abstract:** This article explores the narratives of Chinese migrant older parents and addresses how the interplay between familism and neoliberalism, as structural forces behind older parents migrating to reside with their adult children, influences their perceptions of intergenerational relationships in the context of internal migration in China. Adopting the intergenerational ambivalence perspective, this study thus analyzes the connections between participants' lived experiences and the structural forces and processes. The empirical data are drawn from 16 semi-structured interviews with 10 migrant older parents in Shenzhen. Through narrative and thematic analyzes, three main areas of intergenerational ambivalence are identified, which were expressed through how they talk about: (1) their adult children; (2) the childcare work they provided; (3) their expectation about filial care. These narratives highlight a strong focus on the younger generation's socioeconomic success, with older parents inscribing themselves the role of supporting them to achieve this goal. This entails a change in the norms that regulate intergenerational relationships in contrast to the traditional direction of obligation around filial piety. Furthermore, the analysis demonstrates that the intergenerational ambivalences experienced by migrant older parents are created by their unfavourable positions across two incompatible systems: the neoliberal state-capitalist economy and unchanged family-based welfare/care regime.

- ❖ Butler, R. & Vincent, E. (2024). How are romantic cross-class relationships sustained? *British Journal of Sociology*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1468-4446.13097>



**Abstract:** How are romantic relationships across class maintained under broader conditions of class inequality? This article draws on in-depth interviews with 38 people who have partnered across class in Australia. It examines the emotional and interpersonal labour required to preserve such relationships within a highly differentiated class structure that is widely obscured in public and political life. We find, first, that for people in committed cross-class relationships where this difference was openly acknowledged, class difference was acutely felt and described in highly emotional, imprecise terms. Second, this heightened awareness of class difference stimulated elevated levels of class friction and class dissonance within these relationships. We detail these experiences, as they were narrated to us, before examining certain interviewees' efforts to understand and resolve these complexities. We highlight the collaborative work undertaken by one couple in particular to navigate feelings of class discomfort and class dissonance. Third, by focussing on the emotional terrain of intimate cross-class negotiations, we stress moments which have the potential to disrupt assumptions about class hierarchies and modes of moral distinction that take place within these relationships. Proceeding to tentatively valorise different forms of value-making and recognition within cross-class relationships, we also pay attention to the role of class in enabling this very capacity for adaptation.

## Editorial

- ❖ Yaffe Y., Roman, N.V. & Alt, D. (2024). Editorial: New directions and trends in parenting research. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 15. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2024.1476190>

**Abstract:** For centuries, the study of child socialization has focused primarily on understanding the effects of traditional parenting styles, dimensions, and behaviors on the developmental trajectories and outcomes of children and adolescents. While these core issues remain highly significant, recent research in parenting aims to broaden our understanding by exploring contemporary aspects and fields within this domain. Parenting science has expanded significantly over the past five decades to understand parenting, the parent-child relationship, child development and the adjusted adult. The shift has been



from behaviorism to attachment and child development, positive parenting, and the role of technology. More recently there has been an increased focus on father involvement, adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), genetics and epigenetics, the role of culture on parenting and evidence-based interventions providing more scientifically backed parenting programs and interventions. The findings and insights stem from the studies included in the current Research Topic resume those recent trends in parenting research and further enhance our knowledge of the numerous factors that influence parenting and its impact on children's and adolescents' development. Key areas of interest include cultural and gender significances in parent-child relationships, the importance of other socialization agents, parental mental health, unconventional or novel parenting patterns alongside traditional parental behaviors, parenting children with disabilities, and family dynamics that influences children's creative and academic outcomes. By exploring these exciting directions in parenting research, we can deepen our understanding of how various elements affect parenting practices and outcomes, ultimately contributing to the wellbeing of children and adolescents.

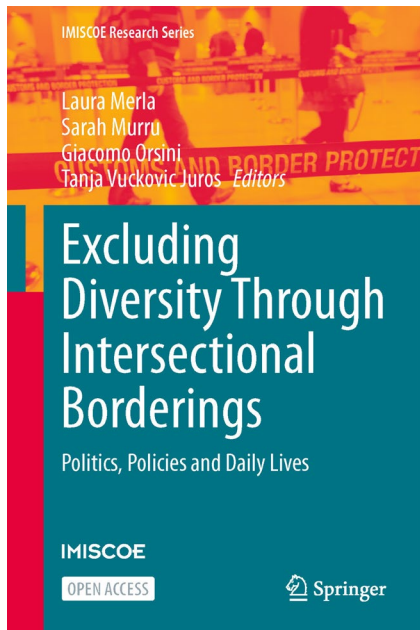
## Inaugural lecture

- ❖ Roman, N.V. (2024). *Capabilities, Connections, and Collective Thriving: Harnessing Family Potential to Weave Stronger Societies* Inaugural lecture at the University of the Western Cape, South Africa: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LZ9Z2kkYIt8>

## Books

- ❖ Merla, L., Murru, S., Orsini, G., & Vuckovic Juros, T. (Eds.) (2024). *Excluding Diversity Through Intersectional Borderings. Politics, policies and daily lives*. Cham: Springer. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-65623-1>

This open access book critically examines how discourses and policies target and exclude migrants and their families in Europe and North America along racial, gender and sexuality lines, and how these exclusions are experienced and resisted. Building on the



influential notion of intersectional borderings, it delves deep into how these discourses converge and diverge, highlighting the underlying normative constructs of family, gender, and sexuality. First, it examines how radical-right and conservative political movements perpetuate exclusionary practices and how they become institutionalized in migration, welfare, and family policies. Second, it examines the dynamic responses they provoke—both resistance and reinforcement—among those affected in their everyday lives. Bringing together studies from political and social sciences, it offers a vital contribution to the expanding field of migrant family governance and exclusion and is essential for understanding the complex processes of exclusion and the movements that challenge and sustain them.

- ❖ Falzar, Merla, L., Nobels, B., & Pacotine (2024). *Deux toits, un chez-moi?* (Two dwellings, one home?) Genappe: Kennes Editions. <https://kenneseditions.com/product/deux-toits-un-chez-moi/>

Family sociologists Laura Merla and Bérengère Nobels have teamed up with a scriptwriter, Falzar, and an illustrator, Pacotine, to produce a comic book, [Deux toits, un chez-](https://kenneseditions.com/product/deux-toits-un-chez-moi/)

*moi* (published by Kennes), which looks at the consequences of shared physical custody and family recomposition on the lives of teenagers.

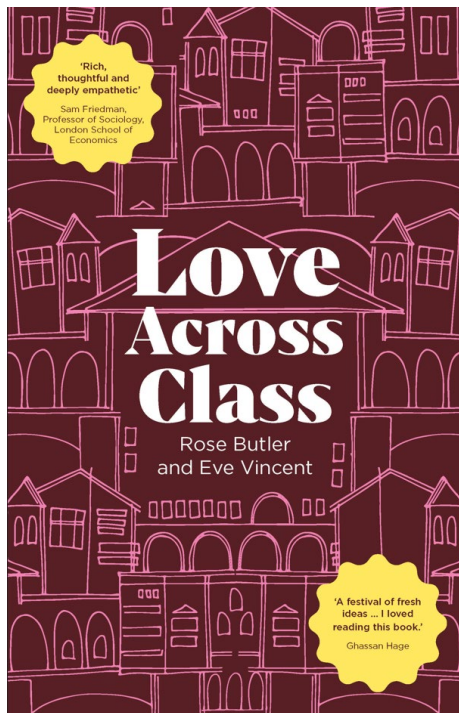
The story stems from an ERC Strating Grant research "MobileKids" that looks into the experiences of children aged 10 to 16 growing up in separated and/or divorced families in the EU, who have opted for an egalitarian physical cystody arrangement . The researchers' aim was to see how the children appropriate this way of life, the practices and strategies put in place to establish their bearings, negotiate their place in their two “families” and build a sense of home, and the difficulties encountered on a daily basis.



The book presents the short stories of four teenagers who are each grappling with a challenge related to SPC. These 4 stories offer a unique and complementary look at a life spent alternating between two homes. A booklet placed in the last pages of the book connects these stories to the research findings and provides tools for families, teachers and professionals.

❖ Butler, R. & Vincent, E. (2024). *Love Across Class*. Melbourne University Press.  
<https://www.mup.com.au/books/love-across-class-paperback-softback>

What does it mean to partner across class difference? This lucid and original book is the first to explore cross-class relationships in contemporary Australia, a society long-vested in the myth of egalitarianism. Drawing on in-depth interviews with people from a range of class and cultural backgrounds, *Love Across Class* brings to life the role of class in shaping people's childhoods, as well as the adult lives couples have built together. These stories move between the mundane, the profound and the taboo, as interviewees



reckon openly with the pain, pleasure, humour and contradiction that comes with forming a close relationship across class. From escaping one's class background and confronting class dissimilarity, to managing money and negotiating holidays, this book offers rich accounts of personal worlds shared across class as they are lived. Yet not only do those interviewed reflect on the classed dynamics and tensions present in their relationships and family life, they also strive to grasp the concept of class itself. Conversations about class at home ultimately led to scrutiny of other areas of society deeply implicated in class experience in Australia. Education, work, migration and assets are all examined here amid the backdrop of growing inequality. For

many, forming a relationship across class brought these stark realities to the fore. This engaging book will stimulate readers to think about class in intimate, emotional and society-wide terms.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ❖ UIC Barcelona: Postdoctoral Fellow for the Childcare and Family Policies Chair

#### **Description**

The Childcare and Family Policies Chair at Institute for Advanced Family Studies (IESF) is looking for a Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the area of childcare, family policies at UIC Barcelona. The team works on a wide variety of research, including the relationship between families and school, childcare, time use surveys, bullying and cyberbully and family policies.

#### **Key tasks**

The post-doctoral fellow will take a leadership role in The Chair, mentored by the Prof. Montserrat Gas and Prof. Marc Grau. Our Chair is focused on qualitative and quantitative analysis of existing, and often open datasets.

Duties will include:

- Carrying out and supervising data analyses
- Writing manuscripts for publication in scientific journals
- Assisting with, and leading the writing of, grant applications for research funding
- Communicating with research funder and project administrative

The postdoctoral fellow is expected to develop proficiency in relevant literature in this research area, be involved in the preparation of first-and co-authored manuscripts as well as research proposals, and make presentations at professional meetings.

#### **Requirements**

- PhD degree in Sociology, Psychology, Social Policy or Education is required.
- Previous work on family studies is preferred.

#### **We offer**

- A temporary position (2+2 years).
- A full-time contract, supportive working conditions and a dynamic international scientific environment.

#### **Application timeline**

Call opens:	15 Oct 2024
Application submission deadline:	15 January 2025
Communication with shortlisted candidates:	No later than 30 January 2025
Interviews with candidates:	February 2025
Notification to successful candidate:	End of February 2025
Expected start date:	March 2025

Please see full details here: <https://uic.talentclue.com/es/node/111083050/4590/modal>

## NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS

We welcome the following new or returning members who joined during the second half of 2024:

Vida Cesnuiyte Lithuania	Elena C. Merayo Australia
Akiko Awa France	Erika Grigorjew Finland
Marta Ortega-Gaspar Spain	Martina Yopo Díaz Chile
Nazli Kibria United States	Alexandra Koenig Germany
Ramina Sotoudeh United States	Antigoni Alba Papakonstantinou Greece
Elena Moore South Africa	Fausto Robalo Amaro Portugal
Nicolette Roman South Africa	Anna Tarrant United Kingdom
Narelle Robertson Australia	Mihaela Haragus Romania
Godfrey St. Bernard Trinidad and Tobago	Takayuki Sasaki Japan
Dan Chen China	Paro Mishra India
Noa Israeli Israel	Szandra Kramarics Hungary
Olga Sovenko United Kingdom	Margarita León Borja Spain

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