



Abstracts

Women's aspects

*The growing presence of women in the labor market and its affect
on the lives of American families at the turn of the millennium*

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Scientists have long noted that the changes in the domain of women's work shapes the American families' life. Based on analyses of 1970–2001 American Survey Data, the employment rates among women (both single and those whom living in relationship) in the 25–44 age group had increased 43 per cent up to 71 per cent. This result indicates that women's work has shifted from houseworks and other non-market activities towards the paid labor. As a result, many families using paid services to take care of their child. The last century has seen an increase in maternal absence as well, and the main reason appears to be the diversification of family structures on first place. In this study we examine, with the overlooks of the important literature in the topic, (1) the trends and strategies of the labor and childbirth amongst both single mothers and those who are living in relationship and (2) the affects of maternal absence on the development of their child.

Keywords: domain of women's work, maternal absence, child development

Understanding Well-Being. A review of the European literature 1995–2014

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While measurements of well-being regularly appear in social and psychological studies, there is no consensus on the components of holistic well-being. In the present study, we present the results of a systematic review of the definition and usage of the concept of well-being in contemporary European literature. The study is based on the joint efforts of researchers who participated in the MYWeB FP7 research project of the European Union. To identify how well-being is conceptualized in the European social science literature, we employed a systematic review of literature in key electronic databases: EBSCO, Sociological Abstracts, ERIC, MEDLINE, Ovid, Web of Science, and local academic databases in the eleven participating countries. The examination of the notion of well-being in these papers revealed six domains and their corresponding indicators used by authors for the construction of the concept. In the reviewed documents well-being emerged as a predominantly psychological concept with strong cognitive, health-related, behavioural, and social aspects. Our conclusion is that



in examining well-being, researchers should focus more on the social and communicative aspects of the concept and dedicate more effort to the exploration of its embeddedness into the institutional environment and the information society.

Keywords: well-being, children, youth, systematic review, Europe

Central European Innovative Practices Supporting Active Ageing

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The study presents through international examples of how the security and quality of life of elderly and disabled people can be enhanced. 12 partners in eight Central European countries carried out pilot activities within the framework of the HELPS project. The aim of this international project is to contribute to the decrease of the social exclusion of elderly, and to elaborate practises through which seniors would not be constraint to institutional care, and can live in their homes on a longer term. The study presents the outcomes of these pilots and the ensuing primary experiences. The presented innovative solutions offer possibilities in various fields (housing, services, career, practises, information of relatives) for the home care of elderly and people living with disabilities. Prior to the elaboration and put into practice of the development ideas and plans, the partners evaluated the health care system and related services offered to elderly and disabled people in their homeland. The analyses revealed those shortage areas, where further developments would increase the possibility to keep and care for the target group in their homes.

Keywords: elderly people in the society, active ageing, innovations in care for elderly, home care, social services for elderly



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