Transnational families, migration and kin-work: From care chains to care circulation

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24-25 October 2011: International seminar - Preliminary program

Day 1. 24 October 2011
Venue : salle Urbain Vaes (bâtiment Doyen)

9h15: Welcome address
Paul Servais (Iacchos, Catholic University of Louvain) & Laura Merla (Cirfase & Dvlp-Grial, Catholic University of Louvain)

9h30-12h00. Session 1. Normalising the transnational family
Chair: Jacques Marquet (Cirfase, UCL)

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Loretta Baldassar (Monash University) and Laura Merla (Catholic University of Louvain)
Discussant: Nicola Yeates

Care (and) circulation revisited: Stratifying “mobilities” to make better sense of transnational family life
Paolo Boccagni (University of Trento) and Paola Bonizzoni (University of Milan)
Discussant: Majella Kilkey

Coffee Break

Mapping the new plurality of transnational families: a life course perspective
Karin Wall (University of Lisbon) & Claudio Bolzman (University of Applied Sciences Western Switzerland & University of Geneva)
Discussant: Elizabetta Zontini

General discussion

12h00-13h30: lunch

13h30-16h30. Session 2. Cultures and political economies of care
Chair: Jacinthe Mazzocchetti (Laap, UCL)

Migration and care: Intimately related aspects of Caribbean family and kinship (Read-only paper)
Karen Fog Olwig (University of Copenhagen)
Discussant: Tracey Reynolds

African transnational families: Child fostering of Ghanaian youths when mothers and fathers migrate to the global North
Valentina Mazzucato and Miranda Poeze (Maastricht University)
Discussant: Karin Wall
Transnational caregiving: keeping it in the family
Loretta Baldassar (Monash University) and Raelene Wilding (LaTrobe University)
Discussant: Supriya Singh

Coffee Break

Rethinking global care chains through the lens of circulation: a critical appraisal
Nicola Yeates (The Open University)
Discussant: Valentina Mazzucato

General discussion

Concluding remarks
Ralph Grillo (Sussex Centre for Migration Research)

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Day 2. 25 October 2011
Venue: Lecl 93

9h15: Welcome
Isabel Yépez del Castillo (Dvlp-Grial, Catholic University of Louvain) & Loretta Baldassar (Monash University)

9h30 – 12h00. Session 3. Care circulation, identity and belonging
Chair: Marie Verhoeven (Girsef, UCL)

Remitting ‘Filial Co-habitation’: Transnational ‘Actual’ and ‘Virtual’ Co-residence for Support between Korean Professional Migrant Adult Children Couples in Singapore and Their Elderly Parents
Dr. Jeehun Kim (Centre of East Asian Studies, Korea)
Discussant: Raelene Wilding

Care flows in transnational families: cultural and social capitals, identity and belonging
Tracey Reynolds (London South Bank University) and Elisabetta Zontini (University of Nottingham)
Discussant: TBD

Coffee Break

‘Boomerang remittances’ and circular care among Indian transnational families in Australia
Supriya Singh and Anuja Cabraal (RMIT University, Australia)
Discussant: Marina Ariza

General discussion

12h00-13h30: lunch

13h30 – 17h00: Session 4. The politics of gender in family life
Chair: Florence Degavre (Cirtes, UCL)

Transnational fathering projects and practices: The experiences of recent Polish male migrants in London
Majella Kilkey (University of Hull)
Discussant: Asuncion Fresnoza-Flot
Caregiving and Affectivity among Dominican and Mexican Transnational Families
Marina Ariza (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México)
Discussant: Claudio Bolzman

Coffee Break

Men’s caring role in Filipino transnational families: A case study of fathers and sons left-behind
Asuncion Fresnoza-Flot (Université Paris Diderot – Paris 7)
Discussant: Jeehun Kim

Transnational families, care circulation and social policy
Laura Merla (Catholic University of Louvain)
Discussant: Paolo Boccagni

Concluding remarks
Ralph Grillo (Sussex Centre for Migration Research)

26 October: Doctoral seminar - Preliminary program

9h-10h45: The significance of migrants’ remittances for families and communities
Chair: Laura Merla (UCL)
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Transnational family money: remittances, gifts and inheritance
Supriya Singh (RMIT University)

‘Whom should we help first?’ Transnational helping practices in Ecuadorian migration
Paolo Boccagni (Trento University)

Discussion

Coffee break

11h-12h30: Doctoral research on transnational families in Belgium
Chair: … (ULB)
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Cape Verdian Transnational families
Elisabeth Defreyne (UCL)

Migration and Belgo-Moroccan Transnational Families: Examining dynamics and dialogue
Caroline Zickgraf (ULg)

Comments by Supriya Singh and Paolo Boccagni

12h45-14h: Familias transnacionales Latino-Americanas, migración y género
Presidente: Jean-Michel Lafleur (ULg)
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Mesa redonda con Marina Ariza (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México), Paolo Boccagni (Università di Trento), Claudio Bolzman (Université des Sciences Appliquées de Suisse Occidentale & Université de Genève), Laura Merla (UCL) & Isabel Yépez del Castillo (UCL)