

Activity of Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic

Aims and objectives

The department theoretically and empirically advances a concept of gender-oriented sociology extending to feminist sociology. Over the course of the 1990s the research team gradually expanded, and today is one of the key scientific institutions in the Czech Republic that focuses on the position of men and women in society. The department's main research topics currently include women in the labour market, gender roles in the family, the transformation of life in the family and partnership and reproductive behaviour, work-life balance, men in families, equal opportunities between men and women, gender relations in organisations and business, violence against women, the development of civil society from a gender perspective, and women's participation in politics. In particular, Radka Dudova's work focuses on gender sociology, sociology of the family and private life, social studies and public policy, child care, and parenting after parental separation; she has also written extensively on fatherhood.

Creator/owner/responsible institution

Name: Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic

Stakeholder: University

Area of intervention: Men and gender equality

Organisation Country: Czech Republic

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Activities

Focus: Women and men in the labour market and private life, parenthood and fatherhood

Projects:

- Constructions of breadwinning in Czech society after 1989. The project concentrates on the phenomenon of breadwinning in the Czech Republic after 1989, which has not so far been systematically researched in Czech sociology and which is closely linked to many areas of social reality, especially to the organisation of individuals' private lives, functioning of the family as a social institution and gender relations among partners in the family. 'Breadwinning' has not been viewed as an issue in sociology or in public discourse, although it is a socially constructed phenomenon which influences the formation, reproduction and legitimation of social and gender inequalities in the family and the labour market. Understanding the ways in which breadwinning is constructed in contemporary society may help unveil the nature of these inequalities and the resulting power relations.
- Parental Choice and Caring for Children in the Czech Republic and Slovakia. The study will contribute to long-standing social scientific debate over the role of culture and institutions in influencing behaviour by looking at the case of family policies. We will conduct interviews with families in the Czech Republic and Slovakia to ascertain how cultural values and state policies influence their decisions about caring for their pre-school children.
- Changes in partnership and family set-ups and arrangements from a life course perspective. The aim is to explain the changes in partnership and family set-ups and identify problems and their causes in work-life balance in the contemporary Czech Republic. It will enable us to study private life and its combination with work in terms of sequencing, timing, and the meaning of life events in biographical, social, and historical times.

Conferences

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Materials

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 - Dudová R. (2008) Paternity after Parental Separation, London: Institute of Sociology.
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 - Dudová R. (ed.), Hastrmanová (2007) Fathers, Mothers and Care of Children After Divorce, Sociological Studies, London: Institute of Sociology
 - Dudová R. (ed.) et al. (2007) Related to Changes in the Labour Market and Private Family Life and Partnership, in Sociological Studies 7:03, London: Institute of Sociology.
 - See also Gender Sociologie (<http://www.genderonline.cz>) - website on gender-related research.
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Metadata

ONGOING: Ne

TYPE: Study / Survey

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