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Theoretical understanding of PPL policies in the context of social sustainability



Aim

- *A new theoretical framework is needed that captures the relevance of PPL policy design for the sustainability of societies and advances the focus in PPL research*
 - Starting with MOU relating to UN 2030 Agenda for sustainable development
 - Social sustainability regarding:
 - Gender equality
 - Income equality
 - Children's welfare

Social sustainability

- ...in addition to gender equality, income equality and children's welfare:
 - Sustainable for coming generations
 - Political discourses
 - Norms, preferences
 - Wellbeing of families of different forms
 - Mothers' health
 - Work life of two (at least) parents

PPL and Social sustainability, continued:

- Infant care is focus but...
- Implications for care across life course and other areas of social policy
- Broad understanding of family, also as including more than one household
- Should the unit of analysis be the individual (child, woman, man), **OR** do we need to develop a unit that takes into account interconnectedness, for example looking at wellbeing from different perspectives
- This project takes place during a time of radical shift of work and working life; employment types and employment practices, location of work etc.
- What might be the ideal funding model for PPL
- Demographically balanced societies (and sustainability of funding for PPL)



How to work as a WG

- Systematic—mindful of different systems and their interactions with one another (PPL, ECEC, welfare, pension)
- Interdisciplinary
- Explorative
- Inclusive of different theoretical starting points
- Including also stakeholders

Deliverables

- Develop a theoretical framework for PPL and social sustainability (months 4-22)
- Initiate collaboration for a book publication on a theoretical framework for PPL policies and their significance for sustainable societies with chapters provided by various academic disciplines (months 16-42)
- Make a session proposal for an international conference in 2023, together with WG4. Session at conference (months 8-10 & 22)

Common tasks

- Develop research: Collaborations for publications and research proposals
- Dissemination: Policy brief, video, executive summary
- Online training for students

First deliverable: ESPANET Stream 9

- Conference ESPANET 7-9 September 2023 in Warsaw, Poland
- <https://espanet-warsaw2023.org/>
- Stream 9 **Comparative family policy research with special attention to paid parental leave and early childhood education and care (ECEC) policies**
- (Organisers Duvander, Meil and Koslowski)
- Please submit paper proposal!
- Deadline 14 April 2023

Activity that will lead to book

- Reading group once every two months (6 meetings minimum coming year)
- Ann-Zofie and Alison start with suggestions tomorrow
- Set up of digital meeting every second month and circulating responsibility

- ...After that we will be more ready to start book project!
- First meeting 13-15 o'clock (continental time) 4th of May

To do right now:

- Set up of email list to the reading group
- Active participation in the reading group!
- Other activity? Suggestions to be discussed tomorrow