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Keywords: family, social structures, morales, social practice.

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The present transformation of families means far more than a change in the social morphology of families. It is essential, in order to understand today's families, to take into account an important factor in their social environment: the economy undergoes a transformation process which can be analyzed in terms of an interpenetration. Its consequences for the families cannot be properly grasped with the formula of matching. Family research has to face this challenge by focusing on the daily production performed by families. The perspective on the motivations of the family actors can greatly profit by the conceptualisation of emotions as essential for understanding modern families and as important agents of transmission and interpenetration between both systems, the economy and the family.

Keywords: interpenetration, economy, social change, family, emotion.

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Married male workers are found to have a lower incidence of over-education. A theoretical explanation for this phenomenon is lacking. We test in our study whether the traditional

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Keywords: Household models, Human capital, Labour productivity.

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Keywords: time budget, male research, attitudes.

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Keywords: working-poor, gender arrangements, gender norms, objective hermeneutics.

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In this article we focus on the influence of the context of residence on the division of housework within couples living in Switzerland. A multivariate analysis connecting both dimensions allows us to draw the following conclusions: Firstly, there is no spatial standardization of marital lifestyles in Switzerland. Particularly, between metropolitan centres, suburban communities and peripheral communities major differences prevail in the functioning within the couples. Secondly, the division of housework depends strongly on the participation of the couple in the labour market. This participation however is mediated by contextual mechanisms dependent on the local employment structure, the infrastructures of child care or contextual family cultures.

Keywords: social context, contexte of residence, living arrangements, division of housework.

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 This study evaluates marital satisfaction and considerations of separation or divorce depending on the duration of marriage, as well as self-assigned couple's type (according to the taxonomy of Gottman) in a large Swiss sample of over 2200 married persons. The results reveal that most of the participants rated their marriage as satisfying. However, subjects in short marriages and in longstanding marriages rated their satisfaction with the relationship significantly higher than persons in relationships with a medium duration (curvilinear curve). Newlywed subjects appraised their relationship significantly more often as volatile relationship according to the taxonomy proposed by Gottman, while subjects in long marriages appraised their relationship more often as avoidant.  
 Keywords: marriage, marital satisfaction, divorce, typology of Gottman.
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 Keywords: divorce, parenthood, child-care, gender relations.
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 Keywords: social inequalities, family reproduction, child abuse, childhood in danger, dangerous families, new spirit of capitalism.
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 The article focuses on the regulation of intended bequests in intergenerational relations. The question is if potential descendent, living in diverse family arrangements (nuclear families, stepfamilies, reconstituted families), prefer either a will or accept intestate succession. Survey data makes it possible to determine the influence of differentiating variables (estate, motives, attitudes, knowledge of law of inheritance, experience as heir) on this alternative. Analyses help to draw conclusions on the interconnectedness of social,

temporal, and material aspects of the planned bequests. Firmly institutionalized patterns are differentiated from rather varying ones. The combination of these patterns can be associated with the diverse family forms. This contributes to the better understanding of the practice of inheritance as well as of institutional change.

Keywords: Inheritance, will, intergenerational relations, stepfamily, institutional change.

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