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Keywords: Educational expansion, educational opportunities, gender-specific educational decisions, Switzerland, census

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This article analyzes the gender wage gap in Switzerland, using data from the Swiss Household Panel. The results show that women in Switzerland earn still less than men with the same endowments. One of the main reasons for this gap is occupational segregation: women and men working in female-dominated occupations have lower wages than those in integrated and male-dominated occupations. In order to have equally distributed job categories, 40% of the male or female employees would need to change jobs. But the “preferences” for jobs between genders seem to have been frozen for decades. The gender wage gap is particularly large within part-time employees working below 50%. Younger cohorts, however, seem less exposed to gender wage differentials.

Keywords: Gender discrimination, human capital, occupational gender segregation, part-time, wage gap

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This article adopts a multilevel perspective of investigating the impact of a partnership event (separation/divorce and repartnering) on women's and men's individual income. Alongside individual resources, the focus of interest is the gender-specific influence on income. The theoretical reference points of the analysis combine a life course perspective with microeconomic and gender-role considerations. The gendered patterns of differences in income after the dissolution of marriage and the rebuilding of a new partnership after separation are analyzed for the period of 1999–2007 on the basis of data from the Cross-National Equivalent File (CNEF) for Switzerland and Germany. Results suggest that there are different gender effects regarding dissolution of partnerships and repartnering. The effects of gender on income are estimated by means of multilevel analysis and controlling for individual and contextual factors of income. The results indicate that there are opposite gender-specific effects on income depending on the partnership event.

Keywords: Income, partnership event, gender, CNEF, multilevel analysis

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An unemployed person's social network is frequently considered a fundamental factor in his or her professional reintegration. Nevertheless, such networks do not develop *ex nihilo*. Rather, this article shows that the composition of an individual's social network is closely linked to his or her own sociodemographic characteristics. Furthermore, the least vulnerable people on the job market possess the necessary characteristics to form a network which is beneficial for their professional integration. This difference significantly increases the inequalities between this group and more vulnerable job seekers.

Keywords: Social network, unemployment, inequalities, sociodemographic characteristics, social resources

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In this article we discuss the everyday working life of Austrian university graduates with immigration background. On the basis of 21 problem-centered interviews we ask on the one hand what kind of discrimination and exclusion the graduates experience on the labor market after graduation and on the other hand how they deal with their situation. To analyze the interviews we use a combination of theme analyses and categorizing methods. Empirical results indicate that the immigration background of academics often leads to the disavowal of their abilities, as well as to a rise of conflicts along religious, ethnical or stereotypical ascriptions. The coping strategies range from preventative to responsive strategies.

Keywords: University graduates with migration background, labour market, exclusion and discrimination, coping strategies, Austria

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In the future, more persons in the workforce will provide care and assistance to a family member while being employed. Little is known about this group in Switzerland. Comprehensive research has to be conducted on the phenomenon of the reconciliation and the interrelation of pertinent indicators. This paper describes a multivariate analysis of factors influencing the commitment and extent of family care, based on two surveys among employees in a public administration and a private company. Age, gender and wage level are relevant factors for the commitment to care, while characteristics of specific care situations correlate with the provided extent of care. Also, divergences between the two employers illustrate the effect of structural variables, allowing a closer insight into measures supporting reconciliation between work and care.

Keywords: Employment, care, corporate services, company survey, multivariate analysis

**573 Sexual Nationalism: The Case of Female Circumcision and Female Genital Cosmetic Surgery in Swiss Expert Discourses [F] | Dina Bader**

This article examines the frames that are mobilized within contemporary Swiss expert discourses to demarcate female circumcision from female genital cosmetic surgery, focusing on labiaplasty. The analysis is based on interviews conducted with experts who have in-depth knowledge of the practices of genital modification in Switzerland. The results suggest that female circumcision and labiaplasty act as an “inverted mirror” to each other: whereas labiaplasty is described in positive terms, female circumcision is depicted as its negative mirror. I argue that the debate in Switzerland on “female genital mutilation” thus reproduces the allegory of “Us versus Them” following the rhetoric of sexual nationalism.

Keywords: Female genital mutilation/cutting, genital cosmetic surgery, labiaplasty, sexual nationalism, migration

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Sous la direction de Jean-Marie Le Goff et René Levy

# **Devenir parents, devenir inégaux**

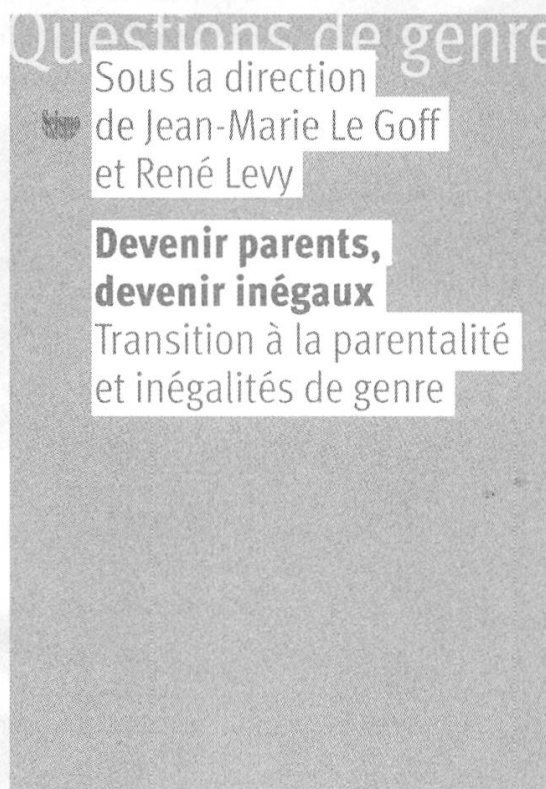
## **Transition à la parentalité et inégalités de genre**

Devenir parent, donc la transition à la parentalité, marque les parcours de vie par une multitude de changements touchant autant les partenaires que leur couple : transformation de la division du travail, reconfiguration du réseau social, ajustements identitaires... Souvent, ces changements rapprochent l'organisation du couple des rôles traditionnels de père et de mère, modèle qui inclut également les inégalités de genre. Le présent ouvrage vise à comprendre les mécanismes sociaux à l'œuvre dans la manifestation des inégalités entre les hommes et les femmes au moment de la naissance de leur premier enfant dans le contexte social et institutionnel de la Suisse.

Le livre présente les résultats d'un projet interdisciplinaire regroupant des psychologues, psychologues sociaux, sociologues et démographes. L'étude a été réalisée en Suisse romande, associant matériaux quantitatifs et qualitatifs sur la transition à la parentalité et relevés en trois vagues autour de la naissance d'un premier enfant.

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