

Friday, 21st October 2011

## Multi-local Everyday Life of Post-Separation Families: An Example

### 3rd Session: Living in/Commuting between Two Families – Children as Multi-local Agents

Chair: Dr. Sabina Schutter, DJI, Munich

Discussant: Prof. An-Magritt Jensen Ph.D., Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim

9:00 **Living in two worlds: a German case study on children in post-separation families**  
Diane Nimmo, Research Group “Multi-local Families”, DJI, Munich

9:30 **Shared residence and the best interest of the child. Rights, agency and age dilemmas**  
Dr. Gry Mette D. Haugen, NTNU Social Research AS, Trondheim

10:00 **Children's construction of home between two households; the significance of the journey in their everyday lives**  
Tonje Lauritzen, Eastern Norway Research Institute, Lillehammer

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 **Spatial and temporal orientations of mobile children in post-separation and post-divorce families**  
Christian Piontek, Univ. of Kassel

11:30 **Negotiated family identity – multi-locally living children constructing family**  
Tino Schlinzig, TU Dresden

12:00 **Commentary and discussion of session 3**

12:30 Lunch break

### 4th Session: Doing Post-Separation Family: New Challenges for Parents and their New Partners

Chair: Dr. Valerie Heintz-Martin, DJI, Munich

Discussant: Dr. Ulrike Zartler, Univ. of Vienna

13:30 **Challenges and opportunities of multi-local post separation family life for parents in Germany**  
Anna Proske and Nina Bathmann, Research Group “Multi-local Families”, DJI, Munich

14:00 **The continuity and discontinuity of family routines and rituals after separation**

Wilma Bakker, Univ. of Amsterdam

14:30 **Couple relationships and female work migration: how married and separated mothers deal with children's care across borders**

Paola Bonizzoni Ph.D., Univ. of Milan

15:00 Coffee break

15:30 **The Role of technology in supporting parent-child contact during separation**

Svetlana Yarosh, Georgia Inst. of Technology, Atlanta

16:00 **Commentary and discussion of session 4**

### Closing Conference

16:30 **Concluding Remarks and Prospects**

Moderation: Dr. Karin Jurczyk, DJI, Munich

Panelists: Prof. Dr. Andreas Lange, Univ. of Applied Sciences Ravensburg-Weingarten; Dr. Ulrike Zartler, Univ. of Vienna; Prof. Dr. Gerald Wood, Univ. of Münster and Dr. Sylvia Pintarits, City of Munich

17:30 Estimated end time

### Organisational Information

#### Venue

German Youth Institute/ Deutsches Jugendinstitut e.V. (DJI)  
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#### Registration and cancellation

For registration please use the designated registration form. Please note that your registration is only valid if it has been confirmed as the number of participants is limited. In case of cancellation, also at short notice, please contact us. Deadline for registration: 01.09.2011.

#### Further information and contact

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### International Workshop

## The Everyday Life of Multi-Local Families

### Concepts, Methods and the Example of Post-Separation Families

20th – 21st October 2011

German Youth Institute, Munich, Germany



Organised by the Schumpeter Research Group “Multi-local Families” in cooperation with the Families and Family Policies Department of the German Youth Institute (DJI)

## The Everyday Life of Multi-Local Families

Families have changed significantly in the past forty years. Economic and social changes have meant that in an increasing number of cases family life no longer happens in one place but is scattered between different locations. These changes involve the increasing necessity of job mobility, a high separation and divorce rate, the normalization of dual-earner families as well as the emergence of new lifestyles.

In consequence, the family can no longer be conceived as a well-defined entity living in one household. Various new forms of multi-local family life have emerged, which are characterized by spatial separation and the necessity to commute in order to see each other. Nevertheless, despite the multi-locality of the family, family members look out for each other, provide emotional care for each other from afar, share resources and maintain close social relations. These developments not only raise new research questions but also have serious conceptual and methodological implications for research on family issues.

The Schumpeter Research Group "Multi-local families", funded by the Volkswagen Foundation and hosted by the German Youth Institute (DJI) in Munich, has completed its first qualitative case study on the 'Multi-local life of post-separation families in Germany'. The Workshop will use the study as a starting point for a discussion of the Schumpeter Research Group's research procedures and findings with invited scholars.

The first day of the workshop will deal with conceptual as well as methodological approaches to multi-local everyday family life in order to look at family relationships beyond the domestic unit. The management of multi-local family life presents adults as well as children with new challenges. This aspect will be dealt with on the second day of the workshop, which is devoted to the example of multi-local family life after separation and divorce.

Conveners:

### Dr. Michaela Schier

Head of Schumpeter Research Group "Multi-local Families", DJI

### Dipl. Soz. Anna Proske

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## Multi-locality – A New Condition for Postmodern Family Life: Conceptual and Methodological Approaches

8:30 Registration

### 9:30 Welcoming Remarks

Prof. Dr. Thomas Rauschenbach, Director and Chairman of the Board and Wolfgang Müller, Director of Administration, DJI, Munich

Prof. Dr. Hagen Hof and Dr. Indra Willms-Hoff, Volkswagen Foundation, Hannover

Dr. Michaela Schier, Research Group "Multi-local Families" and Dr. Karin Jurczyk, DJI, Munich

### Introduction

10:00 **Multi-locality and the pluralisation of living arrangements: How and why is family life changing over the course of the last 50 years?**

Dr. Detlev Lück, Federal Institute for Population Research, Wiesbaden

10:30 **Multi-local living - A time-geographic perspective**

Prof. Dr. Peter Weichhart, Univ. of Vienna

11:00 Coffee break

### 1st Session: Conceptualizing Family Life beyond Household Boundaries and in a Mobile World

Chair: Prof. Dr. Andreas Lange, Univ. of Applied Sciences Ravensburg-Weingarten

Discussant: Dr. Susan Thieme, Univ. of Zurich

11:30 **Doing family under multi-local conditions**

Dr. Michaela Schier, Research Group "Multi-local Families", DJI, Munich

12:00 **A conceptual journey between multilocal and transnational family**

Dr. Cédric Duchêne-Lacroix, Univ. of Basel

12:30 **Families in space: a configurational perspective**

Prof. Eric Widmer Ph.D., Univ. of Geneva

13:00 **Commentary and discussion of session 1**

13:30 Lunch break

## 2nd Session: Researching Multi-local Spaces and Family Relationships beyond Household Boundaries

Chair: Dr. Nicola Hilti, ETH, Zurich

Discussant: Dr. Elisabeth Bühler, Univ. of Zurich

14:30 **Researching the multi-local everyday life of families**

Dr. Michaela Schier, Research Group "Multi-local Families", DJI, Munich

15:00 **Creating closeness within transnational families: methodological challenges of researching communication, nation and emotion**

Prof. Loretta Baldassar Ph.D., University of Western Australia/Monash University

15:30 **Mobile relations, mobile shadows. Understanding contemporary urban daily life through shadowing techniques**

Paola Jirón Ph.D., Univ. of Chile, Santiago  
Susana Cortés, Univ. of Chile, Santiago

16:00 Coffee break

16:30 **How to handle layers of complexity: the methodological challenge of multiple perspectives in multigenerational family research**

Prof. Dr. Anna Brake, Univ. of Erlangen-Nuremberg

17:00 **Quantitative approaches to family relationships beyond household boundaries**  
Dr. Walter Bien, DJI, Munich

17:30 **Commentary and discussion of session 2**

19:30 Conference dinner