Slovakia

Sustainable reproduction in Slovakia: a psycho-social inquire

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Current dominant approaches:

- **Normative**
  - (shift in values and preferences)

- **Rational choice**
  - (changes in structural conditions)
Aim of our project:

To identify reproductive behaviour patterns by analyzing:

1. Dimensions of the decision making about reproduction (cognitive-emotional deliberation)
2. Constellations of „demographic“ predictors of non/reproduction (age, education, ...)
3. Different lifestyles (coupledom, housing)

- Structural context
- Cultural and normative context
- Media context
- Demography context
Research question/s (1):

What are the key circumstances leading to conceiving first, second, third, .... child?

Breakdown to 7 RQ:
  Reproductive potential of ............
Research questions (continue 2):

1. experience and satisfaction (psychological) profiles of childless and parents
2. partnership forms of living (marriage, cohabitation, single)
3. lifestyles and values (e.g. travellers, ecologists, intellectuals, hedonists)
4. structural conditions (accesess to nursery, kindergardens, leisure activities, family allowance)
5. normative and cultural conditions (expectations about timing of conceiving, number of children, forms of living, gender stereotypes)
6. demographic constellations (age, education, professional status, living conditions, wealth)
7. sexual biographies (sexual debut, number of partners, ...
Methodology:

- Focus group discussions – currently under process
- Questionnaire (representative sample) - will be realized in autumn
- In depth interviews – next year
## Comparison to GGP instrument:

**GGP QUESTIONNAIRE:**
- Household
- Children
- Partnership
- Household organization and partnership quality
- Parents and parental home
- Fertility
- Health and wellbeing
- R´s Activity and Income
- P´s Activity and Income
- Household Possessions, Income and Transfers
- Value orientation and Attitudes
- Previous Partners
- Intentions of Breaking up

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- Housing and organization
- Partnership
- Children
- Fecundity
- Values orientation and Attitudes (incl. gender)
- Life-Style
- Demography
- Partnership history
„Our“ items:

• Exploration of the JUSTIFICATION for NOT PLANNING/POSTPONING a child

• Exploration of the VALUE OF THE CHILD

• NORMATIVE EXPECTATIONS concerning the maximum „responsible“ NUMBER of children

• Normative expectation of „proper“ AGE of conceptions

• Attitudes to ART

• LIFESTYLE

• Tendency to BREAKING norms/rebellion
This is not the end...

A | SATISFIED | B
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C | CHILDLESS | CHILDREN | D

In depth interviews exploring the biographies/narratives of „statistical“ prototypes of A, B, C, D (the reproductive „best and worst practices“)