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Summary:

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International Migration and Family Change

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The link between family processes and migration has often been overlooked. This is espeially the case with respect to the impact in origin societies and on transnational family arrangements. Here I will show some results from the project Migrations Between Africa and Europe as an example, emphasizing the context specificity of family-migration interactions. In the first part, I will examine how economic and marriage strategies interact with migration. Marriage migration and family reunification are conceived as a multi-level process. in which migration policies in destination countries interact with the family and gender models of the origin society. These processes are informative of the functioning of the marriage markets and the levels of marginalization or opportunities for integration. In the second part, I will analyze the interrelationships between migration and fertility. The effects of selection, adaptation and timing of these processes will be assessed, as well as the impact of migration on the level of fertility in the origin country. Migrant social capital has a key role in transforming the economics of reproduction and in conveying new ideas. The results suggest that a high emigration level can speed–up the fertility transition.

Biography:

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