Intergenerational relations in the light of migration and ageing

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Ageing and migration constitute two current key issues in Europe. Regarding potential physical and functional impairments in old age, individuals have to rely on support and care from their families and/or on assistance from the public sector. As first generation immigrants now approach retirement age in many European countries, the question how their families will deal with issues of old-age care gains increasingly importance.

In the present study, a cross-cultural comparison of altogether $N = 120$ Portuguese and Luxembourgish triads of older parents and their adult children, both living in the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg, is envisaged. Firstly, we will examine similarities and differences in identity constructions of older parents and their adult children. Secondly, we will investigate how intergenerational relations are regulated in migrant compared to nonmigrant families. Finally, we will explore how these aspects influence subjective well-being (SWB) of older individuals. Qualitative and quantitative methods will be applied.

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