



Family Change, Inequality and Public Policy

Families have changed dramatically over the past half century in industrialized countries - with later family formation, declining fertility, high levels of divorce and instability, and greater family complexity. These changes have not unfolded evenly across population groups, with notable differences observed by socioeconomic status. This talk will explore changes in family patterns over recent decades, including differences by SES, and will highlight challenges and opportunities for public policies to support disadvantaged families and to nurture the development and wellbeing of children.

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