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Ivett Szalma – Marieke Heers:

Non-resident fathers' contact with their children

The roles of individual and cultural factors

Academic symposium

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Abstract

In most cases of union dissolution the child continues co-residing with the mother, while the relationship between the non-resident father and the child needs to be redefined. Previous research has established the socio-demographic characteristics of non-resident fathers that predict contact with the child; however, knowledge on attitudes towards fathering roles and national policies as predictors of contact is lacking but needed. We analyze data from 14 countries based on the Gender and Generations Programme paired with policy-level indicators and contribute to the literature as we differentiate individual characteristics, attitudes and policy indicators. Moreover, we take the father's perspective, which is an innovative approach in this research stream. The results from ordered logistic regressions show that fathers' individual socio-demographic and interpersonal characteristics are important predictors of contact. At the policy-level, fathers' leave entitlements as well as national-level attitudes towards the role of fathers strongly predict father-child contact after parental separation.

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