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"Does marriage make a difference? Father-child relations after marital and cohabitation dissolution"

Using data from the Generations and Gender Survey for 11 European countries, this study examined the effect of union type on the post-dissolution involvement of non-resident fathers with their children. Previous studies on the U.S. documented a lower involvement of formerly cohabiting fathers with their children in comparison to formerly married fathers. A similar pattern was expected in European countries as well as stronger negative correlation in those national contexts where childbearing in cohabitation is scarcely practiced and accepted. The analysis showed almost no evidence supporting the hypothesis that formerly cohabiting fathers have worse relations with their children than formerly married ones. Moreover, contrary to the expectations, the greatest differences were observed in Sweden, where childbearing in cohabitation is practiced and accepted most.

About the presenter

Zuzana Žilinčíková is a doctoral student of sociology at Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic, and will be visiting VID on 11.12. She is interested in studying cohabitation, union dissolution, and intergenerational exchange.