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THE HARMONISED EUROPEAN TIME USE DATABASE AND THE TABLE GENERATING TOOL

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A the turn of the millennium around 20 European countries conducted time use surveys according to the harmonised guidelines prepared by Eurostat. Based on these surveys, Statistics Finland and Statistics Sweden have developed the Harmonised Time Use Database and the HETUS table generating tool with a grant from Eurostat. Statistics Sweden has built the web-based tabulation instrument and maintains the database and the tool. The database includes information on main and secondary activity, location and "with whom" for each 10 minute slot.

Presently the database includes micro data from fifteen European countries: Belgium, Bulgaria, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom. The interactive, internet based, user friendly tool for producing user defined statistical tables is open to researchers and other interested users.

To get credentials to access the tool, please contact Klas Rydenstam, Statistics Sweden (klas.rydenstam@scb.se).

Book notes

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Anderson, B., Brynin, M., Gershuny, J. and Y. Raban (Eds.)

Information and communication technologies in society – E-living in a digital Europe (2007)

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Publisher: Routledge, New York

Languages Available: English

This book arises from related research projects using the 1998-2001 Home On-Line longitudinal study in the UK and two waves of the E-Living Survey in six European countries which have examined the effects of the increasing prevalence of information and communication technologies (ICTs) on daily life in Europe. Some authors consider the question from a macro-level, others from a micro-level. While the authors find a wide range of effects, the nature of these effects are weak and varied. The authors counsel against hoping that the spread of technology will lead to rising quality of life, economic prosperity and social cohesion – the actual effects of ICTs on behaviour are

more complex and not necessarily steering change in a single direction.

Bianchi, S., Robinson, J.P. and M.A. Milkie

Changing rhythms of American family life – ASA Rose Series in Sociology (2006)

Publisher: The American Sociological Association (ASA) and the Russell Sage Foundation (RSF), New York

Website:

<http://www.russellsage.org/publications/books/060110.113159>

Languages Available: English

The authors use time-diary surveys collected over four decades from parents in the United States to examine the time parents spend with their children. Contrary to the fears expressed in some quarters of the potential impact of women's increased participation in the workforce, these authors find that parent's time with children has remained at a consistent level across time. Women have made time for children and paid work by reducing time in domestic labour and increasing multi-tasking.

Breedveld, K., van den Broek, A., de Haan, J., Harms, L., Huysmans, F. and E. van Ingen

De tijd als spiegel – Hoe Nederlanders hun tijd besteden (2006)

Publisher: Sociaal en Cultureel Planbureau, The Hague

Website:

<http://www.scp.nl/publicaties/boeken/903770283x.shtml>

Languages Available: Dutch

This book makes use of the national time use surveys collected by SCP every five years from 1975 to 2005 to look at changing activity patterns in the Netherlands. The book covers a range of main categories of daily activities.

**Bryant, K.D. and C.D. Zick
The economic organization of the household, revised edition (2005)**

Publisher: Cambridge University Press, Cambridge

Languages Available: English

This book aims to provide intermediate-level undergraduate students of economics grounding in the theories and practices involved in modelling income generating and consumption behaviours in households. The fifth chapter, covering time in market work, domestic production and leisure, and the sixth chapter, covering human capital and parents' investments in their children, are of particular relevance to time use researchers. The book also explores changes in the daily behaviours of families in the United States across time.

Craig, L.

Contemporary motherhood – The impact of children on adult time (2007)

Publisher: Ashgate, London

Website:

<https://www.ashgate.com/shopping/title.asp?isbn=0%207546%204998%209>

Languages Available: English

This book calculates the time and financial cost to parents of having children. While the revelation that having a child produces a greater time cost for women than for men may be expected, this book demonstrates both the scale and the relative inelasticity of this cost across demographic characteristics and social contexts, and also reveals the remaining sex-specialisation in parenting. The book draws on Australian data for early chapters, then uses the Multinational Time Use Study for comparison of Australia, Germany, Italy and Norway to round the analysis in comparative context.

Durán, M.A.

El valor del tiempo – ¿Cuántas horas te faltan al día? (2007)

Publisher: Espasa Hoy, Madrid

Languages Available: Spanish

This book considers theoretical issues in the arrangement of daily activities as well as time use in Spain. The author explores life cycles, weekly and monthly activity cycles, time use of children, time in sleep, personal care, family activities, paid employment, and gender differences in behaviour patterns, and leisure time.

Van Echtelt, P.

**Time-greedy employment relationships –
Four studies on the time claims of post-
fordist work (2007)**

Publisher: ICS Dissertation Series, Utrecht
Languages Available: English, Dutch

This PhD thesis, awarded at Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, examines the mismatch between preferred hours of paid work and actual hours in the Netherlands. The thesis considers the difference between the working hours and conditions of work for men and women. The author also considers the pressure of post-Fordists economic structures on employees to work overtime. The thesis explores the impact on family life and personal stress and health from overtime work.

**Holmes, M., Papper, R., Popovich, M.
and M. Bloxham**
**Engaging the ad-supported media – A
Middletown Media Studies Whitepaper
(2006)**

Publisher: Center for Media Design: Ball
State University, Muncie
Website:
[https://www.bsu.edu/webapps2/cmdreports/
product_select.asp?product_id=7](https://www.bsu.edu/webapps2/cmdreports/product_select.asp?product_id=7)
Languages Available: English

This book reports on the use of various media in the USA (TV, internet, radio, newspapers and magazines) in home, office, school and other locations. The book uses media diary data collected in the Middletown Media Studies 2. The book also exam-

ines the degree and nature of multitasking while using the media.

Kirkpatrick, G.

Technology and social power (2007)

Publisher: Palgrave MacMillan, London
Languages Available: English

This book explores how advances in scientific understanding and improvements in technology change culture dynamics and structures of social power. The book offers a sociological discussion of how technology shapes politics and societies.

Levine, R.

**A geography of time – The temporal mis-
adventures of a social psychologist or
how every culture keeps time just a little
bit differently (2006)**

Publisher: Oneworld, Oxford
Website: [http://www.oneworld-
publications.com](http://www.oneworld-publications.com)
Languages Available: English

This text, which won the 1998 Otto Klineberg Award in its first release offers a psychologist's perspective on variations in the understanding of time and the pace of life across cultures. While the books covers similar ground explored by Émile Durkheim in *The Elementary Forms of Religious Life* in 1912, Levine also considers the influences of contemporary economic structures and political contexts on the tempo of life in different cultures. Levine covers some elements of historical understandings of time

and how concepts of time interweave with other dimensions of lived experience.

**Van der Lippe, T. and P. Peters (Eds.)
Competing claims in work and family life
(2007)**

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Publisher: Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd., Glasgow

Website:

[http://www.e-elgar.co.uk/Bookentry_ contents.lasso?id=4124](http://www.e-elgar.co.uk/Bookentry_contents.lasso?id=4124)

Languages Available: English

This book explores issues of conflict between time for family life and time in paid work, using data collected throughout Europe as well as in Australia and the United States. The authors explore how household and personal choice as well as macro-level influences and social organisation interact to create the pressures which people balancing work and family life face in the Western world. The book aims to stimulate debate among student and research audiences as well as to inform public policy.

Pääkkönen, H. (Ed.)

Time use of families (2005)

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Publisher: Statistics Finland, Helsinki

Website:

http://tilastokeskus.fi/til/akay/index_en.html

Languages Available: Finnish

This book offers a collection of articles using the 1999-2000 Time Use Survey conducted by Statistics Finland which each explore a different aspect of the daily routines of families and households in Finland. Topics include domestic work performed by families of different sizes; knowledge work in daily activities; the relationship between the relative earnings of spouses and their contribution to unpaid household work; time spent alone by school children; and the daily routines of older Finnish couples. Earlier versions of many of many chapters in this book have been presented as papers at IATUR conferences.

Paolletti I. (Ed.)

Family caregiving for older disabled people – Relational and institutional issues (2007)

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Gould, J., Stevenson, O., Thomson, C.,
Walters, J., Ward-Griffin, C. and E.A. Wat-
son, Wilding, R.

Publisher: Nova Science Publishers, Haup-
pauge (New York)

Website: <https://www.novapublishers.com>

Languages Available: English

This book explores the issues raised by the increasing need for the provision of care for the growing elderly populations in developed countries. The book covers an international span (Argentina, Australia, Canada, Finland, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Sweden, and the United Kingdom) and includes a variety of chapter forms, including personal stories, small scale qualitative study reports, literature reviews, and large-scale data analysis, to explore a range of issues relating to the value of care, promoting quality of care, the impact of the unpaid caring role on carers, and the gender issues raised by care (particularly the differential impact on women, who are more likely to provide the care).

**Spaeth, J., Holmes, M., Moul, B. and M.
Bloxham**

Mind the measurement gap (2006)

Publisher: Center for Media Design: Ball
State University, Muncie

Website:

[https://www.bsu.edu/webapps2/cmdreports/
product_select.asp?product_id=18](https://www.bsu.edu/webapps2/cmdreports/product_select.asp?product_id=18)

Languages Available: English

This book considers the multiple means by which people can access media content, and discusses how social surveys might measure

this range of uses. The book highlights limitations with in-household observations and telephone-administered surveys for collecting adequate data on some new means for accessing media.

Taylor, S.

Making time (2007)

Publisher: Icon Books, London

Website:

[http://www.iconbooks.co.uk/book.cfm?isbn=
=978-184046826-7](http://www.iconbooks.co.uk/book.cfm?isbn=978-184046826-7)

Languages Available: English

This book explores the psychology of time to explain how people can perceive that time moves at different rates when chronological passage of time is constant (why time flies when people are having fun and drags when people feel bored). Taylor suggests that the level of information people absorb or do not absorb, and psychological development of the ego contribute to perceptions of time in different context. The book offers suggestions on how people might alter their perceptions of time to better advantage.

Tremblay, D.G. and J. Thoemmes
Social time and social values (2006)

Publisher: Presses de l'Université du
Québec, Quebec

Website:

[http://www.puq.ca/fr/repertoire_fiche.asp?ti-
tre=periodique&titre2=Loisir%20et%20Soc-
iété&noProduit=LES2901](http://www.puq.ca/fr/repertoire_fiche.asp?titre=periodique&titre2=Loisir%20et%20Société&noProduit=LES2901)

Languages Available: French, English

This special journal edition for sale independently contains a collection of articles exploring the cultural assumptions and values that underlie activity patterns. The collection pays particular attention to hours of work, work-life balance, commuting time and distance, how patterns of employment influence opportunities for leisure, and what people think about their present time allocation to activities.

Voorpostel, M.
Sibling support – The exchange of help among brothers and sisters in the Netherlands (2007)

Publisher: ICS Dissertation Series, Utrecht
Languages Available: English, Dutch

This PhD thesis, awarded at the Utrecht University, examines the behaviours of a wide range of siblings in the Netherlands. The thesis draws on large-scale survey data and examines patterns of behaviour between adult siblings, looking at the effects of same sex and mixed-sex dyads; one, both or neither sibling having children; siblings close in age or not close in age. The thesis concentrates on services and assistance which siblings provide to each other.

Zuzanek, J. and R. Mannell (Eds.)
Adolescents' time use, leisure participation, and well-being from a cross-national perspective (2005)

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Kaczynski, A.T., Lesnard, L., Mannell, R., Pääkkönen, H., Short, S., Soupourmas, F., Staempfli, M., Stevens, F., Vaage O.F., van den Broek, A., Vandeweyer, J., Vernon, M., Wittenberg, M., Zeijl, E. and J. Zuzanek
Publisher: Presses de l'Université du Québec, Quebec

Languages Available: English (introduction also available in French)

This special edition of the journal *Loisir et Societe/Society and Leisure* presents research exploring the daily activities of young people in Australia, Belgium, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, South Africa, the United Kingdom, and the USA, comparing the patterns of girls and boys on school days and non-school days. These papers reflect work inspired through collaborative meetings on young people's leisure and well-being coordinated by the Comparative Study of Adolescent Time Use (CATUS), a consortium with recognised association with IATUR, and funded by grants from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada and the Canadian Institute for Health Information. Many of these papers have previously appeared in earlier form at previous IATUR conferences.