

PUBLIC LECTURE EVALUATION

Masaryk University

Faculty

Procedure field

Applicant

Lecture date

Lecture topic

Persons present

(number)

Designated evaluators

(board members)

Faculty of Social Studies

Sociology

doc. Mgr. et Mgr. Adéla Souralová, Ph.D.

13th April 2026, 2:00 p.m.

Grandchildren and Intergenerational Ties: Sociological Insights

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prof. PhDr. Ladislav Rabušic, CSc.

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doc. RNDr. Jiřina Kocourková, Ph.D.

In her lecture titled “Grandchildren and Intergenerational Bonds: Sociological Perspectives,” Associate Professor Adéla Souralová began by explaining how sociology—and the author herself—examines grandchildren and grandparenthood. She noted that, in the context of demographic changes, the role of grandchildren is becoming an important topic of research within the sociology of the family. This is because family structures are becoming more vertical; children now have more grandparents than siblings, the nature of the family is shifting from intragenerational to intergenerational, and grandparenthood is becoming longer and more intense. In the next part of the lecture, she illustrated her initial thesis through three case studies drawn from her own research. Their common methodological characteristic was that the research was qualitative, i.e., based on in-depth interviews with relevant participants. In the first case, she described research on the Vietnamese grandchildren of Czech grandmothers, which focused on the children of Vietnamese migrants in the Czech Republic who hire Czech women to look after their children while they work. In the second case, she described the results of her study on multigenerational cohabitation, in which she focused on the topic of relationships between three generations living “under one roof” as perceived from the perspective of the grandchildren. In the third case, she presented her research on “intergenerational relationships” in which the middle generation does not feature.

From a substantive standpoint, Associate Professor Souralová demonstrated that she is highly knowledgeable in this field, that she is an experienced qualitative researcher, and that the findings she discussed in her lecture—which have already been published in international journals—are highly relevant and significant in the current context of major demographic changes affecting the family.

From a pedagogical standpoint, the lecture was also of a very high standard. It was clearly structured, and since the audience included a broad professional audience, she very appropriately introduced the attendees to the basic concepts she used in her lecture at the outset. The subsequent presentation, in which Souralová presented the results of her research, was clear and very understandable. Her diction also contributed to this: her clear articulation and appropriate speaking pace established a good rapport with the audience.

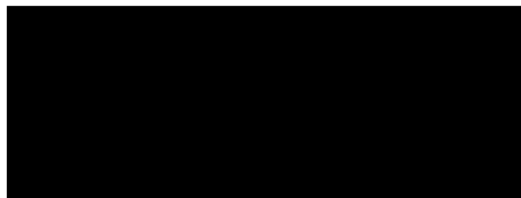
The content of the lecture sparked a lively and interesting academic discussion. Many questions concerned the potential impact of the long-term low birth rate on relationships between grandparents and grandchildren, and what it means that today "children have more grandparents than siblings." The psychological aspect of being a grandparent was also discussed in the context of the increasing life expectancy of Czech seniors.

Conclusion

The lecture delivered by doc. Mgr. et Mgr. Adéla Suralová, Ph.D., entitled *Grandchildren and Intergenerational Ties: Sociological Insights* and delivered as part of the professor appointment procedure, **demonstrated** sufficient scholarly qualifications and pedagogical capabilities expected of applicants participating in a professor appointment procedure in the field of Sociology.

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