



Tárgytematika

EÖTVÖS LORÁND TUDOMÁNYEGYETEM

TÁTK Szociológia Tanszék
(TÁTK-SZOC-TANSZ)

2019/20/1

Tárgynév:	Family and Society
Tárgykód:	ESZOCBA04
Tárgyfelelős neve:	Takács Erzsébet
Tárgy követelménye:	Kollokvium (5)
Tárgy heti óraszám:	0/0/2

Oktatás célja:

This course focuses on the history and on the changing role and structure of family within society. Families are universally important social institutions, past and present. Although the majority of families around the world have certain things in common - relating people biologically and socially, organizing care and residence, the specifics of how the settings are accomplished may vary substantially across time and space.

The course will introduce students to how sociologists study families, by introducing the main concepts, theories and methodological tools of research.

In the first part of the course, students are introduced into the basic concepts of *demography*, then we consider the history of families from the 19th century until today. We also discuss sociological theories and methods used to study and understand families, including sociological and economic theories of population.

In the second part of the course, we will focus on the main sociological approaches in the study of families, and the most significant social problems related to this institution: inequalities, social roles, marriage, sexuality, child bearing, family diversity, and work.

Tantárgy tartalma:

12th Sept – no class

19. Sept – What is demography? (Basic concepts, Sources of demographic data)

(John R. Weeks – *Population. An Introduction to Concepts and Issues*. 10th ed., 2008, pp. 2-6. and 108-135)

26. Sept – Demographic Perspectives (Premodern demographic doctrines, the Malthusian perspective, the theory of E. Boserup; Carrying capacity of Earth)

(John R. Weeks – *Population. An Introduction to Concepts and Issues*. 10th ed., 2008, 74-83.; 448-452; 472-482.)

3. Oct – Demographic Transition (origins, processes, effects)

(Tim Dyson: *Population and Development – the Demographic Transition*, Zed Books, 2010. pp. 8-49.)



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Tantárgy tartalma:

10. Oct – Theory of demographic transition and its critiques – Population policies

(John R. Weeks – *Population. An Introduction to Concepts and Issues*. 10th ed., 2008, pp. 86-98. and 487-514.)

17. Oct – Family&Household – Historical concepts

Richard Wall et al: Family History revisited (to be refined)

23. Oct – no class (national holiday)

30. Oct – no class (fall break)

6. Nov – Sociology and Sociological Theories of the Family

Cohen Chapter 1

13. Nov – Families and Social Class

Cohen Chapter 4

20. Nov – Marriage and Cohabitation

Cohen Chapter 8

27. Nov – Families and Children

Cohen Chapter 9

4. Dec – Divorce, Remarriage, and Blended Families

Cohen Chapter 10

11. Dec – Work and Families

Cohen Chapter 11

Számonkérési és értékelési rendszere:

Course requirements and grading. Attending the course is not mandatory but recommended because the lecture material, beyond the mandatory readings, makes part of the evaluation. The course ends with a written exam,



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Számonkérési és értékelési rendszere:

composed of a few essay questions.

Kötelező irodalom:

Anthony Giddens: *Sociology* (6th Edition), Polity Press, 2009, 327-383

Philip N. Cohen: *The Family. Diversity, Inequality, and Social Change* (Second Edition) W. W. Norton and Co., 2018. (chapters indicated below)

John R. Weeks – Population. An Introduction to Concepts and Issues. 10th ed., 2008 (chapters indicated below)
(will be uploaded to coospace!)