Age, intergenerational relationships and social policies: Comparisons between Uganda and Morocco

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Ined, room 531

Very often studies linking demographic assessments to public policies are focused on a specific age bracket: birth rates and early childhood policies; demographic dividend and insertion of the youth on the job market; population ageing and changes in pension schemes and institutional care for older persons …

But States as well as families have to face social issues dealing with different ages at the same time. With a constrained budget, States are sometimes compelled to make choices that lead to promoting certain types of policies and neglecting others. But there can also be policies that affect different sectors, by complementarities or spreading or redistribution effects. For the family, the issue differs a lot between countries, according to the social policies in use. In developing countries where social policies are not always efficient, individual expectations for support still fall on close relatives. Yet livelihoods have changed a lot from one generation to the next and working adults sometimes face difficulties supporting their economically dependent family members.

As a follow up of the Ined project « Population ageing and intergenerational relationships in developing countries » we would like to broaden our understanding of interrelations between public and private solidarities in old age to the whole of the life cycle and to other countries as well, in order to grasp family support systems and social policies as a whole, while reflecting on their combinations at the different moments of individual life courses, in different settings around the World. This seminar focused on the Moroccan and Ugandan case studies, will be followed in the coming years by other ones, dealing with other regions of the world. This first meeting is a chance to begin discussing the interrelations between demographic structures, family-based support and State policies, a goal of the new Ined project « Demographic (un)balance, family solidarities and social policies » (P0635)
Provisional programme

1.30pm. Welcome coffee

2pm. Introduction
Valérie Golaz (Ined, Ceped), Cécile Lefèvre (University Paris Descartes, Cerlis) and Jacques Véron (Ined, Ceped)

2.15-3.30pm. Morocco (Pres. Laurent Nowik)

Muriel Sajoux (University of Tours-Ined) Vieillesse plurielle au Maroc : entre disparités socio-économiques et vulnérabilités contrastées
Béatrice Lecestre Rollier (University Paris Descartes, Ceped) Systèmes de soutien familiaux au Maroc
Discussion

3.30-4.45pm. Uganda (Pres. Gideon Rutaremwa)
Stephen Wandera (CPAS, Makerere University) Disparities in access to health care for older persons in Uganda
Christian Kakuba (Makerere University, University Paris Descartes) Education Policy and implications for access to education in Uganda
Discussion

4.45-5pm Coffee Break

5 -5.30pm. General Discussion, Conclusions and Perspectives
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