Abstract:

In this dissertation, a comparative perspective on intergenerational solidarity in different ethnic groups in the Netherlands is offered. By systematically comparing different aspects of intergenerational solidarity among immigrants and Dutch natives, theoretical ideas about family decline in Western families and collectivist family ideals in immigrant families are questioned. By focusing on immigrants who have parents in the country of origin, we add a transnational perspective to the study of intergenerational solidarity. Besides the native Dutch, this study includes immigrants and their children from the four largest immigrant groups in the Netherlands: Turks, Moroccans, Surinamese and Antilleans. A mixed-methods approach, combining in-depth qualitative data and large-scale quantitative data, is used. Analyses are based on data from the Netherlands Kinship Panel Study (NKPS). Results show that although ethnic differences in attitudes are large, differences in actual behavior are less pronounced.