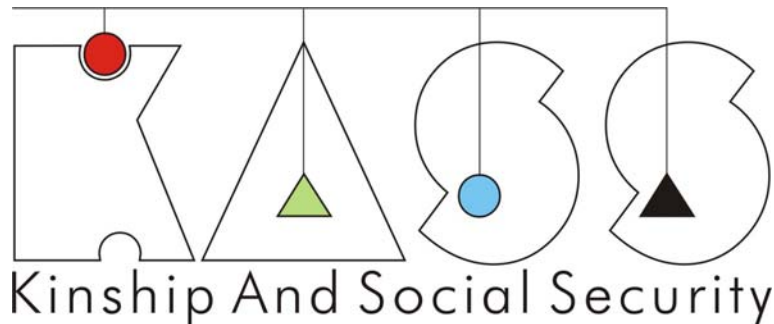




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Kick-off-meeting Plan

Thursday 7th October 2004

Registration: 8:30-9:00

Inaugural seminar for KASS team and MPI members

Official Opening: Chris Hann 9.15-9.30

Session 1: Kinship and social security: fundamental ideas 9.30-10.45

Chair: M. Segalen

Peter Schweitzer: The meanings and uses of kinship. 25 mins.

Keebet von Benda-Beckmann: Concepts and sources of social security. 25 mins.

Discussion 25 mins

Coffee 10:45-11:15

Session 2: Kinship and the state in Europe 11:15-13:00

Chair: David Gaunt

Karl Kaser: A tripartite model of historical European Kinship systems 25 mins

Paolo Viazzo: Macro- and micro-regional differences in historical and contemporary European kinship 25 mins

Johannes Pfliegerl : The family policies of contemporary European welfare states 25 mins

Discussion 30 mins

Lunch 13:00-14:30

Afternoon: Start of KASS Team Meeting

Session 1: The problem and the research strategy 14:30-16:00

Chair: Michal Buchowski

Hannes Grandits and Siegfried Gruber: What we are trying to explain: An outline of kinship, mutual assistance and fertility in contemporary Europe from statistical sources.
30 mins

Patrick Heady: Policy concerns, theoretical issues and research strategy. *30 mins*

Discussion *30 mins*

Coffee 16:00-16:30

Session 2: The Kinship Network Questionnaire: A Demonstration Interview. 16:30-18:30

Chair: Patrick Heady

Interviewer: Gordon Milligan

Interviewee: Lale Yalçın-Heckmann

19:00 Buffet supper in institute – for KASS team and institute members

Friday 8th October 2004

Administration and methodology

Morning session 1. Administration 9.00-10.30

Chair: Patrick Heady

- Management of project
- Recording time and progress
- Finance

Coffee 10:30-11:00

Morning session 2: Practising the kinship network interviews 11:00-13:00

(KASS ethnographers interview other KASS members and MPI volunteers, with the advice of the students who have already tested the questionnaire. Gordon and Patrick observe and discuss problems.)

Lunch 13:00-14:30

Afternoon session 1: Other aspects of fieldwork 14:30-15:45

Chair: Sophie Chevalier

Patrick Heady: Field methods: qualitative research and background data; overall reporting strategy 30 mins

Discussion 45 mins

Coffee 15:45-16:05

Afternoon session 2: Historical methods 16:05-17:20

Chair: Hans Marks

Hannes Grandits: Key questions for the historical research and their methodological implications 30 mins

Discussion 45 mins

Supper in restaurant 20:00

Saturday 9th October 2004

Refining the research questions and plans

Morning: Separate discussions in syndicate groups followed by a plenary session. All syndicates will include both historians and ethnographers. The aim is to ensure that our research plans cover specific themes properly. Each group should identify the main research issues for their theme, and consider how these issues could best be addressed by the historical analysis, by the network questionnaire, by the qualitative interviews, and by other aspects of fieldwork.

Morning session 1: Syndicate groups: (9.00-10.45)

Group 1: Demographic issues (Chair: Laura Bernardi)

Group 2: Gender and generation (Chair: Martin Kohli)

Group 3: Rational choice (Chair: Werner Güth)

Group 4: Meaning and symbolism (Chair: Peter Schweitzer)

Group 5: Comparability between sites (Chair: n.n.)

Coffee: 10:45-11:05

Morning Session 2 (plenary) : Report back and discussion (11.05-13.00)

Chair: Patrick Heady

The idea is that the chairperson of each syndicate group will report its conclusions, and that the whole team will then discuss them. Then we go on to the report of the next group, and so on.

Lunch: 13:00-14:30

Afternoon session: More on arrangements (14:30 – 16 :00)

Chair: Hannes Grandits

Speakers: Gordon Milligan and Heiko Kastner

Discussion of arrangements for implementing the ideas discussed at this meeting. How we communicate during the coming year. Use of project website. Program updates. Data transmission. Coordination of country teams. Timing. Other practical issues.

Close 16.00