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Care of Parents and Care Regimes

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Outline and Research Questions

Project

How many elderly persons need and receive care?

Who provides care?

What are the differences in the societal organisation of care in European countries?

Which individual, family and cultural-contextual structures (institutions, cultural norms) account for these differences?

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Project „Generations in Europe“

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Intergenerational Solidarity
 Comparison of Welfare States in Europe

Demography, Geographical Distance and Co-residence, Contact, Help, Care, Grandparenting, Conflict, Regular Transfers, Gifts, Inheritance

Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE)

Today: (Intergenerational) Care

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Care Demand: Definition and Basics

- Difficulties with at least one Activity of daily living (ADL)
- 12 % of persons aged 50 and older in private households are in need of care

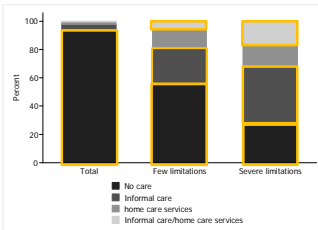
Limitations with ADL (number)	Percent
>= 1	12
1	6
2	2.5
3	1.5
4	1
5	0.5
6	0.5

Source: SHARE, wave 2, release 1.0.1. Own calculations, weighted, n(persons)=30.849.



Care: Definition and Basics

- Regular help with ADL
- Almost 7 % of persons aged 50 and older receive care regularly
- Care demand exceeds care supply
- Care substantially increases with care demand
- Informal carers provide most of the care work

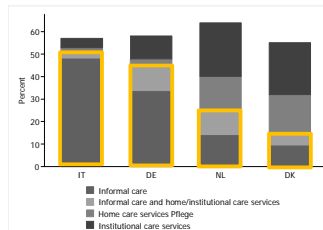


Source: SHARE, wave 2, release 1.0.1. Basis: AU, BE, DK, GER, IT, NL, SE. Own calculations, weighted, n (persons)=19.310.



Similarities and Differences

- Care regimes cover a comparable amount of care needs
 - Ca. 60 percent of those in need receive care
- Care regimes differ substantially in the societal organisation of care

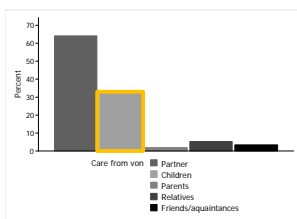


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Informal Care

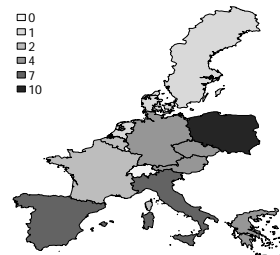
- Partners and children provide most of informal care work
- In the following: focus on intergenerational care



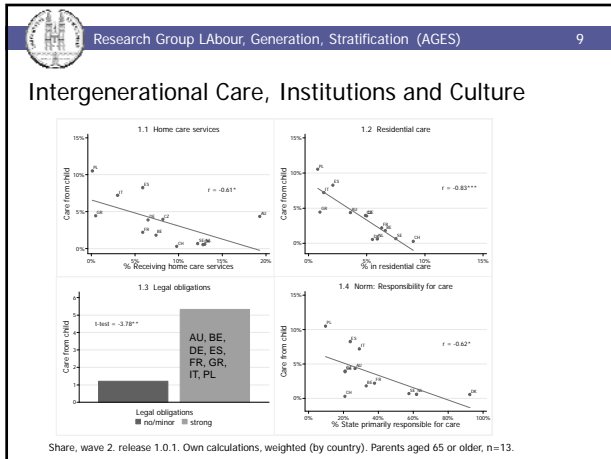
Source: SHARE, wave2, release 1.0.1. Recipients informal care. Own calculations, weighted, n (persons)=1.629.



Care from Children in Europe



SHARE, wave 2, release 1.01. Own calculations, weighted per country. Parents aged 65 or older = 13,261.



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Logistic Multi-Level-Regression: Care from Child

	All	Daughters	Sons
Opportunity & need structures of parent (respondent)			
Age	1.04***	1.05***	1.02
Limitations with ADL	1.70***	1.67***	1.75***
Partner in household (yes=1)	0.32***	0.34***	0.29*
HH makes ends meet	0.67+	0.55**	0.93
Financial transfers to child	1.79+	2.48*	0.65
Inheritance >50.000 € next ten years (P > 0.5)	1.35*	1.72*	1.01
Education (Ref. lower level)			
Medium level	0.68	0.65	0.84
Higher level	0.86	0.54	1.77

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	All	Daughters	Sons
Opportunity and need structures of child			
Geographical distance	0.37***	0.36***	0.38***
Employment status (Ref. not working)			
Part-time	0.66	0.51	2.33
Full-time	0.78	0.74	1.14
Partner	0.67*	0.75	0.60
Family structures			
Mother-Son(Ref. mother-daughter)	0.15***	-	-
Father-son	0.12***	-	0.88
Father-daughter	0.38***	0.37***	-
Further son/s	0.70**	0.89	0.48**
Further daughter/s	0.55***	0.52**	0.50**

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	All	Daughters	Sons
Cultural-contextual structures			
65 and older receiving home care (in %)	0.96+	0.98	0.93*
65 and older in residential homes (in %)	0.89*	0.91	0.88
Legal obligations to support parents	0.97	0.92	0.97
State responsible for care (in %)	0.98**	0.98*	0.98
Model characteristics			
Variance country-level	1.12 (0.34)	1.89 (0.53)	0.87 (0.35)
Intraclass-correlation	0.15	0.22	0.09
n (dyads)	6227	3125	3102
n (persons)	2764	2047	2088
n (households)	2593	1931	1961
n (countries)	13	13	13
BIC (Bayesian Information Criterion)	2435.3	986.9	1590.8

SHARE, wave 2, release 1.01. Own calculations. OECD 2008, Health Data, Eurostat 2009.



Conclusion

- Individual, family and cultural-contextual structures
 - have an influence on intergenerational care
 - explain for differences between countries
 - The more professional care services, the less normative obligations, the less care is provided by children
- Family-based vs. service-based care systems
- Is political steering possible?