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Thema	The effect of family transitions on women's and men's gender role attitudes
Abstract	<p>We examine the effects of transitions in partnership and parenthood status on women's and men's gender role attitudes. As recent work suggests massive intra-cohort changes of attitudes over individuals' life courses, we apply this perspective to the conservative setting of Germany. Theoretically, we draw on Stryker's Role-Identity-Theory and the Doing Gender approach to explain these changes. Our main working hypotheses is that institutionalization of partnerships (eg, household formation, marriage, parenthood) increases individual consent to the traditional separate spheres model, and de-institutionalization of partnerships (eg, household dissolution, divorce) increases consent to liberal gender role attitudes. Using the data of the 1st, 3rd and 5th wave of the German Family Panel (pairfam) (n=9392), we estimate fixed effects models to provide one of the first longitudinal studies in this field of research. First results show an effect of parenthood on gender role attitudes, which is in line with international findings (tentative results, as the paper is work in progress).</p>