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## Workshop Lone Parenthood in a Life Course perspective

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Lone parenthood is an increasing reality in the XXI century, reinforced by the diffusion of divorce and separation. Despite the significance of this phenomenon, current studies and official statistics say relatively little about the process leading to lone parenthood, the nature of such state (transitory, stable, recurrent) and its complementary aspect of non-residential parenthood. How rapidly do single parent re-partner if they do so? How long do people stay lone parents for? What roles do play the age and the number of parents and children? How are roles shared between residential and non-residential parents? How lone parenthood varies between countries, cultures, generations, and institutional settings? What is the role of legal regulations concerning shared custody, parental authority, and financial support to non-residential children?

A life course perspective is essential in order to better understand lone parenthood and non-residential parenthood as part of family dynamics. We address this call to social sciences researchers (demography, sociology, social psychology, political sciences, economics, law) with an interest in the topic of lone and non-residential parenthood. We particularly welcome empirical contributions (quantitative, a qualitative, or mixed methods) taking a life course longitudinal perspective.

The following topics are to be addressed in the workshop:

- Different forms of lone parenthood (chosen vs. event-driven lone parenthood, in the presence or absence of the non residential parent, etc...).
- Transitions in and out of lone parenthood and the processes implied in these transitions.
- Socio-economic, psychological, social well-being of lone parents/non-residential parents.
- Intergenerational and gender perspectives on lone parenthood/non residential parenthood.
- Prevalence and characteristics of lone parenthood/non-residential parenthood in comparative perspective (cross national, cross cultural, cross generational comparisons).

**Location:** The workshop will take place in Lausanne on June 6-7, 2014.

**Submission:** The deadline for the abstract submission (between 500 and 2000 characters) is December 15, 2013. Proposals can be sent to [laura.bernardi@unil.ch](mailto:laura.bernardi@unil.ch).

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