

## **Transmission of socioeconomic status over generations: mediated by the family trajectory?**

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Most studies on intergenerational socioeconomic status (SES) mobility focus on men, on early adult outcomes and the mediating role of educational attainment. However, the family life course might also play a mediating role in transmission of SES over generations. Parental SES is associated with ‘disadvantageous’ events in the family trajectory, such as early parenthood and single parenthood. Therefore, the family policy context might be important, because it could affect the opportunity to remain economically active during childrearing years, especially for women. The present study will address three questions. First, what is the difference in the association between parental SES and later life earnings between men and women? Second, to what extent do family trajectories mediate the transmission of parental SES, and does the strength of mediation differ between men and women? Third, to what extent differ these processes across countries? We use data from the GGP, SHARELIFE and BHPS surveys. Our sample covers 22 European countries.