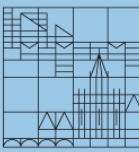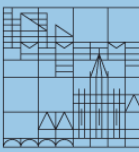**Universität Konstanz**

VOC Workshop March 2012

Questions for GENERAL Discussion

I. Goals of the workshop

- Information on ongoing studies
- Improvement of work in progress
- Cooperation among VOC-researchers
- Motivating young scholars
- Joint publication (journal, volume?)

II. Topics of the workshop

1. Description of similarities/differences

- VOC- negative-positive VOC

- fertility, gender preference

- VOP-longevity—supporting older generation

- IGR (dyads)

  – intergenerational solidarity (types) (ambivalence?) (Bengtson model) (contact-relationship quality)

  – relationship quality and social support (effect of or mediator for closeness)

  – motivation for support: normative vs. emotional basis

  – transmission of values

  – relevance of G1-G2 relationship quality (vs. G2-G3)

  – differential relevance of generation (e.g. middle) for aspects of relationship quality (contact, intimacy, proximity)

  – **Relations** between **VOC-VOP-IGR**

2. Research questions: explanation of differences/similarities

➢ **Impact of context:**

Macro:

- – societal (urban, rural, community, media etc.)
- – economic
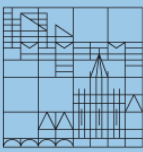- – political
- – cultural

Micro: family—kinship systems, peers

- – Impact on **Cohort**

➢ **Impact of contextual change:**

- – Rural-urban
- – Generations (cohort)

➢ *Impact of socialization experience:* ***socialization and development in context***
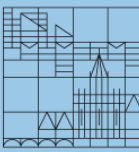
3. Theoretical approaches

Interdisciplinary: sociology, social psychology, developmental psychology

Structural explanations
- socio-economic
- HDI; human capital
- cultural norms, values
- societal homogeneity/heterogeneity

Psychological explanations: not independent of context
- Socialization/developmental theories—time of socialization/develpment
- value theory: family related values
- life span
- personal resources
- attachment theory?
- self- world views

4. Research process

- **Choice of** research questions for comparison
  - ➤ cultures (collaborateurs), design, variables; indicator
  - ➤ methods

Methods for data analyses:

- ▪ *Measurement equivalence: e.g.,* factors (analyses for ccc)
- **VOC**: choose labels for cross-cultural (2 or 3 factors?) (Nauck; Yi; Mayer)
  - – Positive: Traditional benefit/reward and positive
  - – Negative: Normative demand and realistic constraints
- **IRG**; values; attachment
- mean differences in a) mean values   b) in associations
- "causal" relationships; Linear/ curvilinear relations; bivariate relations not applicable for certain concepts (conflict)

- **Future directions of VOC-IGR-research**