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/development
• 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**