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Fatherhood in the Nordic welfare states
Comparing care policies and practice

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The aim to investigate...

- the policies set out to support fathers in caring for their children and if the outcomes are in line with the policy goals
- how Nordic men practice fatherhood in diverse family settings
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25 scholars, from different disciplines
I. Fathers, families and family policies

• Tine Rostgaard and Rasmus Juul Møberg: Fathering: the influence of ideational factors for male fertility behaviour

• Hrefna Friðriksdóttir: Nordic family law: new framework – new fatherhoods

• Mia Hakovirta, Anita Haataja, Guðný Björk Eydal and Tine Rostgaard: Fathers’ rights to family cash benefits in Nordic countries
II. Fathers in every-day life – culture, work and care

• Minna Ylikännö, Hannu Pääkkönen and Mia Hakovirta: *Time use of Finnish fathers – do institutions matter?*

• **Berit Brandth and Elin Kvande: Parental leave and classed fathering practices in Norway**

• Lotte Bloksgaard: *Negotiating leave in the workplace: leave practices and masculinity constructions among Danish fathers*

• Mikael Nordenmark: *Gender regime, attitudes towards childcare and actual involvement in childcare among fathers*
III. Constructing fatherhood in different family settings

- Steen Baagøe Nielsen and Allan Westerling: *Fathering as a learning process. Breaking new grounds in familiar territory*
- Anika Liversage: *Ethnic minority men and fatherhood in a Danish context*
- Arnfinn J. Andersen: *Making space for fatherhood in gay men’s lives in Norway*
- Mai Heide Ottosen: *The long-term impacts of early paternal involvement in childcare in Denmark: what happens after nuclear family dissolution*
IV. Caring fathers and paid parental leave policies

- Tine Rostgaard and Mette Lausten: The coming and going of the father’s quota in Denmark: consequences for fathers’ parental leave take-up
- Minna Salmi & Johanna Lammi-Taskula: Policy goals and obstacles for fathers' parental leave in Finland
- Guðný Björk Eydal and Ingólfur V. Gíslason: Caring fathers and parental leave in prosperous times and times of crisis – the case of Iceland
- Ann-Zofie Duvander and Mats Johansson: Parental leave use for different fathers. A study of the impact of three Swedish parental leave reforms
V. International reflections on findings

- Janet Gornick: *Parental leave and fathers: extending and deepening the knowledge base*
- Margaret O’Brien: *Nordic fathers: tracking diversity and complexity*
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Finally...

• Hopefully serves as a reminder of the need for further research, as many important issues have been left out
• Importance of interdisciplinary research, e.g. health, human and social sciences
• Need for further research on the interplay of mechanisms in the family and the workplace
Presentations and discussion

• 13:40-13:55 Policy Goals and Obstacles for Fathers’ Parental Leave in Finland Minna Salmi, National Institute for Health and Welfare and Johanna Lammi-Taskula, National Institute for Health and Welfare; (15 min)
• 13:55-14:10 Parental Leave and Classed Fathering Practices in Norway Berith Brandth and Elin Kvande NTNU (15 min)
• 14:15-14:30 For Which Fathers Do Reforms Matter? A Study of the Impact of Three Swedish Parental Leave Reforms Ann-Zofie Duvander, Stockholm University (15 min)
• 14:30-14:40 Nordic Fathers Tracking Diversity and Complexity: Margaret O´Brien Thomas Coram Research Unit (12 min)
• 14:40-15:00 Discussions (18 min)