

The Timescapes Archive

A resource for QL social research

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Timescapes Themes

- Relationships, identities, family life, intimacy, care and support
- The dynamics of personal lives : key turning points and transitions
- People's biographies set against a backdrop of inter-generational and historical change



Projects that span the lifecourse

Projects:

- Siblings and Friends: children's lateral relationships
- Young Lives and Times: teen to adulthood transitions
- The Dynamics of Motherhood: an intergenerational project
- Masculinities, Identities and Risk: lives of men and fathers
- Work and Family Lives: the changing experiences of 'young' families
- Intergenerational Exchange: grandparents, exclusion and health
- The Oldest Generation: events, relationships identities in later life

Data:

- Qualitative longitudinal (10+ years) multi-media data
- 400+ participants



Who would reuse data?

- Mike Savage (York)
 - Class and class identity
- Vanessa May (Manchester)
 - On being a good mother
- Dawn Lyon (Kent) and Graham Crow (Soton)
 - Revisiting Ray Pahl's Sheppey studies
- Jo Haynes (Bristol)
 - Reusing data for PG methods teaching
- Julia Brannan (IoE)
 - Food and meal practices



Benefits of reusing data

- May prevent unneeded data collection
 - repetitive
 - burdensome on vulnerable populations
- May allow more energy for
 - research questions
 - causal mechanisms
 - methodological innovation
 - theory development



Ways of reusing qualitative data

- new questions of existing data
- comparative
 - across time
 - across locations
 - cross-sectional sub-samples
- descriptive/historical background
- methodological study of original research
- teaching (http://www.esds.ac.uk/qualidata/support/interviews/)



Timescapes data for reuse

- Secondary Analysis Project in Timescapes
 - Bridging to external data sets (YLT,BHPS,NCDS)
 - Working across Timescapes projects
- Common questions across time and samples
 - Turning points (e.g., at 13,33, 53, 83 years old)
- Extending Ts research Qs (gender)
- Methodological challenges of SA (context)



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Timescapes Affiliate Programme

Researcher		Institution	Project details		
1	Andrea Doucet, Associate Professor, Sociology and Anthropology	Carleton University, Ottowa, Canada	Gendered Generations: Work, Care and Consumption		
2	Carmen Lau PhD	University of Leeds (Neale and Law)	New Generations: Chinese Childhoods (October 2006)		
3	Prof Caroline Glendinning	University of York	Choice and change: extending choice and control over the lifecourse - a qualitative longitudinal panel study		
4	Catherine Powell	University of Leeds, (Neale and Williams)	Intergenerational Relationships and Support: A Longitudinal study of four-generation families		
5	Dr Miles Tight, Professor Mike Savage	The University of Leeds / CRESC ESRC Research Centre/University of Manchester / The Open University	Towards a Sustainable Urban Environment: Integration across Scales		
6	Dr Teresa M Cairns	University of Surrey	Midlife Transitions: The Menopause		
7	Harriet Churchill	University of Sheffield	Youth transitions and changing parent-youth relations in the early teenage years: Revisiting young people's accounts of growing older an changing family relationships in the teenage years via a secondary analysis of the Timescapes archived datasets		
9	Laura Davies MRes	University of Leeds, (Neale)	Earning and Caring in Families that have Experienced Divorce: a longitudinal study of family law, social policy and family practice		
10	Nancy West (PhD)	University of Cardiff (Henwood and S.Holland)	Becoming a Parent: Negotiating the Practice of Parenthood		
11	Professor Harriet Bjerrum Nielsen	University of Oslo, Norway	New World – Old Gender? Growing up in a Gender Equality Era		
12	Professor Johanna Wyn	The University of Melbourne, Australia	Life Patterns: A Longitudinal Research Programme		
13	Ruth Patrick.	The University of Leeds	The lived experience of welfare reform. Supervisors, Nick Ellison, Bren Neale and Simon Prideaux		
14	Steven Leverett (EdD)	University of Cardiff	Working with Men: The Antenatal Teachers' Perspective (Henwood and Ivinson)		
15	Stuart Capstick (PhD)	University of Cardiff (Pidgeon and Henwood)	Climate Change Discourse: A Longitudinal Study		
16	Sue Venn	University of Surrey	ELiCiT: Exploring Lifestyle Changes in Transition		
17	Zoe Munby	Director of Learning and Quality: Home Start UK	Charting the Work of Home Start: Capturing the Life Journeys of Families and their Home Start Volunteers using Oral Historical Methods.		



Wave 1: 2007/2008

National

P7 The Oldest Generation

Wave 2: 2008/2009

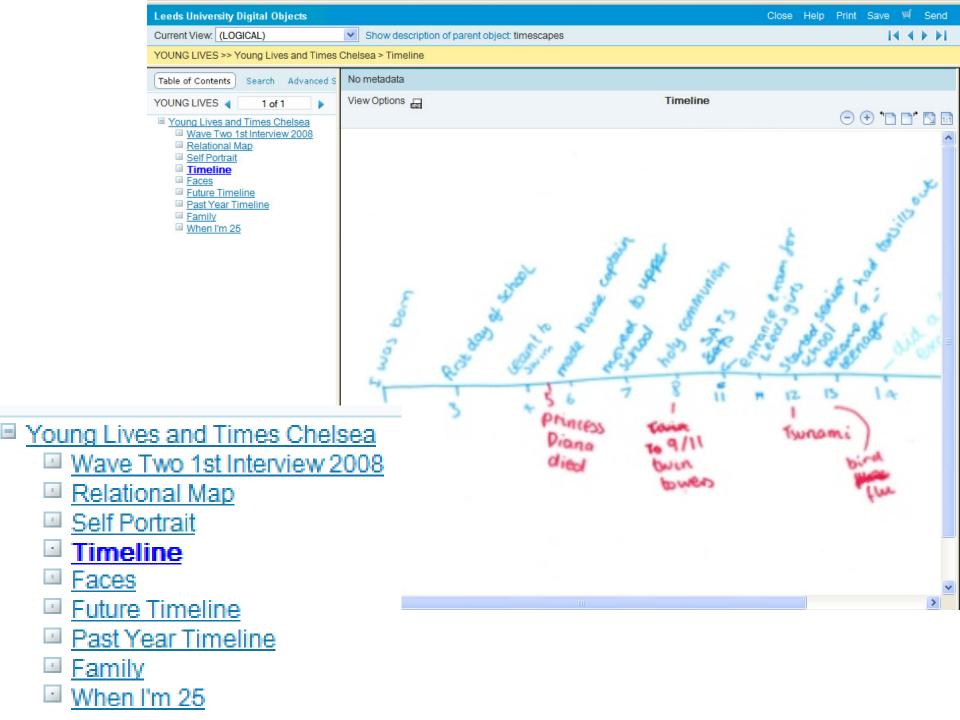
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Project Waves/Years and Geographic Location of Data Samples								
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P5 Work and family lives	Wave 1: Oct 2007-Jan 2008	Wave 2: Sept 2008- Jan 2009	Wave 3: March 2009-		

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P6 Inter- generational exchange	Wave 1: 2002-2006 Northern City	Wave 2: Sept 2007 to May 08 Northern City	Wave 3: June-Sept 2008 Northern City	Wave 4: Nov 2008-Feb 2009 Northern City	Wave 5: March-June 2009 Northern City



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Is it ethical to reuse data?

- Depends in part on confidentiality and agreements made at the time of data collection
- Archived data should always conform to ethical and legal guidelines with respect to not disclosing participants' identity when this has been requested by informants
- Achieve this by various strategies:
 - consent for archiving (as well as participant, publication)
 - editing the original data (e.g., anonymisation)
 - controlling access (e.g., licences, case-by-case basis)



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Definitions for Levels of Access to Timescapes data								
Type of use/user	Key purpose	Examples of data available*	Authentication system	Requirements for use				
Public	Showcase data on public areas of LUDOS & Ts websites	Metadata & anonymised "taster" research data	none	Email and contact details				
Registered users	Data sharing and reuse for registered users	Anonymised project data; some unanonymised data with participant consent, e.g., images, video; researcher notes	Database of user accounts	Authentication; user registration; and sign end user licence**				
Approved users (Case-by-case)	Registered users access sensitive data subject to vetting by Ts team members or designated representative	Disclosive data, unanonymised data, visual and audio data	case-by-case review of individual applications; plus database of user accounts	User application reviewed; and authentication; User registration and sign end user licence				
Embargoed data	to enable preservation of data too sensitive for sharing now, and to enable data to be shared at later dates.	most sensitive data; data with ambiguous consent AND with researcher approval	not applicable	not applicable				



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