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Propositions accompanying the dissertation

Partnering Patterns: Diversity in Union Formation and Dissolution among the Children of Immigrants

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1. It is crucial to distinguish between separate origin groups in research on union formation and union dissolution (chapter 3, 4 and 5).
2. Union formation and union dissolution of the second generation must be understood as an interplay between different cultural norms (this dissertation).
3. A more local and temporal perspective on union formation and union dissolution among the children of immigrants is needed (chapter 3 and 4).
4. Endogamy and exogamy need to be put in a broader perspective in order to do justice to the diversity in partner choices of the second generation (chapter 2 and 5).
5. Including different types of unions when studying the union formation of the second generation is key for understanding the degree of interethnic relationships in society and its implications (chapter 2 and 5).
6. The diversification of the second and future generations calls for a reconsideration of theories that are used to explain the behaviour of both minority and majority groups.
7. Combining different data sources is necessary to gain a more comprehensive understanding of union formation trajectories among the children of immigrants.
8. "Data are just summaries of thousands of stories" (Chip & Dan Heath, 2008).