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Propositions accompanying the PhD Thesis
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1. Research on internal migration of older adults should consider the location of non-resident family members as a deterrent to moving away when family members live nearby, and as an attraction to migrate toward clusters of faraway relatives (this thesis).
2. In older adulthood, geographic proximity to family is important in needs-related life circumstances, especially when these circumstances are represented by transitions rather than by statuses (this thesis).
3. Adult children's and also siblings' location are important destinations for older adults' internal migration (this thesis).
4. Internal migration toward siblings in older adulthood can be understood better when studied in the context of the availability of core family members, traditionally represented by partners and children (this thesis).
5. The family member with needs-based life circumstances is the one most likely to move toward other family members (this thesis).
6. In municipalities where welfare arrangements require greater family involvement in caregiving, older parents and their children are likely to stay close to each other (this thesis).
7. The family plays an important role in the locational choices of older adults even where formal care services are well developed, as in Norway and Sweden (this thesis).
8. Focusing on dyads of older adults and their family members enables researchers to account for the characteristics of the older person and their children or siblings while still including information on other family members beyond the dyads (this thesis).
9. Specificity regarding long and short distances between family members should be based on a combination of theoretical reasoning, methodological precedents, and sensitivity analyses (this thesis).
10. Social demographers often experience personally the events they are describing and explaining. I wish there could be easier and less painful ways to feel what underlies some events of our interest (personal reflection).