

FAMILY POLICIES IN LATIN AMERICA: FROM IMPLICIT TO EXPLICIT FAMILIALISM

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Esping-Andersen's influential 'welfare regime' construct conceptualised the production of welfare in modern societies as the outcome of three main institutions: markets, families and the state. In Latin America, families have received much less attention than markets and states as essential generators of welfare. *Family Policies in Latin America* addresses this relative neglect by offering a comprehensive and reflective perspective on this area of public policy. The contributions collected in this volume take stock of available research on family policies and set in motion an ambitious research agenda.

The contributions to the volume are grouped in two parts. The first part covers theoretical, conceptual, and methodological issues associated with family policies. In an extended Introduction, the editors, Analía Minteguiaga and Natália G. D. Sátyro, take care to define the scope of family policies and to trace the evolution of research and policy debates over time.

The methodological chapters assess the relevance and effectiveness of a range of research tools. Ana Luiza Martins de Medeiros, Tiago Codognotto Cunha, Analía Minteguiaga and Anna Carolina Ianino Lima Andrade offer a bibliographical perspective on family policy research in the region. Verónica Amarante, Elisa Failiche, and Cecilia Rossel track the availability of time-use studies in the region and show the opportunities they offer to investigate within-family dynamics. Vilma Paura and Carla Zibecchi focus on trends and transformations in family composition and structures. Pedro Mendes Rufino Barbosa applies *fsQCA* ideal type analysis to identify care regimes and their outcomes. Tobias Böger, Emanuele Ferragina, and Bárbara Zárate-Tenorio take a longitudinal and comparative perspective on explicit family policies in "advanced democracies" and Latin America. Peggy Levitt, María Belén López, and Debora Gerbaudo Suárez examine transnational social protection.

The second part focuses on country and comparative studies of family policies. Camila Arza looks at innovations in family transfers and maternity leave in Argentina, Chile and Uruguay. Carlos Barba Solano examines family policies in Mexico, while Natália Sátyro and

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Gabriel Penna focus on Brazil. Leidi Viviana Moreno-Parra, Carmen Verde-Diego and Rubén González-Rodríguez provide a comparative perspective of family policies in Andean Countries. Juliana Martínez-Franzoni, Gabriela Marzonetto and Kisha Méndez offer an insightful perspective on social policies in Central American countries.

The contributions in this volume offer a persuasive demonstration of the large research gains delivered when approaching family policies as a distinct research agenda.

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