



Title: Interconnected inequalities through the life course in Spain

Acronym: INTERINEQ

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Main purpose of the project:

INTERINEQ aims to understand how different dimensions of inequality, such as gender, education, and migration status, influence partnership dynamics, childbearing trajectories, and the intergenerational transmission of disadvantages among people residing in Spain at varying stages of life; from early to late adulthood.

Design/methodology/approach:

INTERINEQ will use nationally representative surveys, censuses, and birth records of the Spanish population to build data-driven configurations of inequality based on individuals' characteristics. We will examine how these configurations relate to typical family formation trajectories to understand better the connection between interconnected inequalities and the family life course.

Potential results:

INTERINEQ will uncover existing configurations of inequality in the Spanish population. These configurations will show that broader social inequality emerges from the confluence of several forms of discrimination (e.g., gender), exclusion (e.g., poverty), intergenerational transmission of disadvantages, and lack of opportunities (e.g., unemployment).

Social relevance of the research:

A configurational approach to social inequalities will serve two purposes. First, it will provide evidence-based recommendations to improve social support policies from a holistic perspective. Second, it will move the general discourse away from overly simplistic interpretations of inequality that often blame minorities and vulnerable groups.

Originality/value of the project:

INTERINEQ will be among the first quantitative research projects considering the interaction of social inequalities in Spain. Its focus on different life course stages and the bottom-up approach to data analysis are also innovative. Several thousand individual records will be analyzed and visualized with cutting-edge statistical and data-visualization techniques.