

Part IIB Paper 17(e)
The Family
INT 9 of the Politics, Psychology and Sociology Tripos
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Paper Content

This interdisciplinary paper draws on material from sociology and psychology as well as social anthropology, social history and other relevant disciplines. Sociological and psychological perspectives on family relationships, kinship and child development are examined in relation to specific topics such as motherhood, fatherhood, gendered division of labour, abortion, sibling relationships, adolescence, marriage and divorce, single-parent and step-families, lesbian and gay families, and families created by assisted reproduction. Theories of family life are studied as well as methodologies of family research.

Reading

Scott, J., Treas, J. and Richards, M. (eds.) (2007) *The Blackwell Companion to the Sociology of Families*. Oxford: Blackwell. (eBook: <http://search.lib.cam.ac.uk/?itemid=eresources|5118404>)

Golombok, S. (2000) *Parenting: What Really Counts?* London: Routledge.

Please see the Faculty's website for more details and further reading lists.

Mode of Teaching

The course will be taught by lecturers and discussion. Directors of Studies are advised that students should receive some supervision on specialist topics, especially in relation to their long essays or dissertations. Development of writing skills will also be taught through supervisions.

Mode of Assessment

One three-hour written examination at the end of the year (candidates are expected to answer three questions from an undivided paper), or two 5,000-word essays, or one 8,000 to 10,000-word dissertation.

Economics students cannot be assessed by long essay – they must write the exam.

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