

Introduction to:

**International Development in the Provision of
Long-Term Care:
The Emergence of Care Chains and Care Drain**

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I. Rationale of the Session

Thesis 1:

Focus on national factors is insufficient to explain welfare state expansions – interdependencies between countries must be taken into account.

Thesis 2:

Long-term care is the youngest branch of the welfare state. The development of distinct institutional arrangements is heavily framed by interdependencies.

Thesis 3:

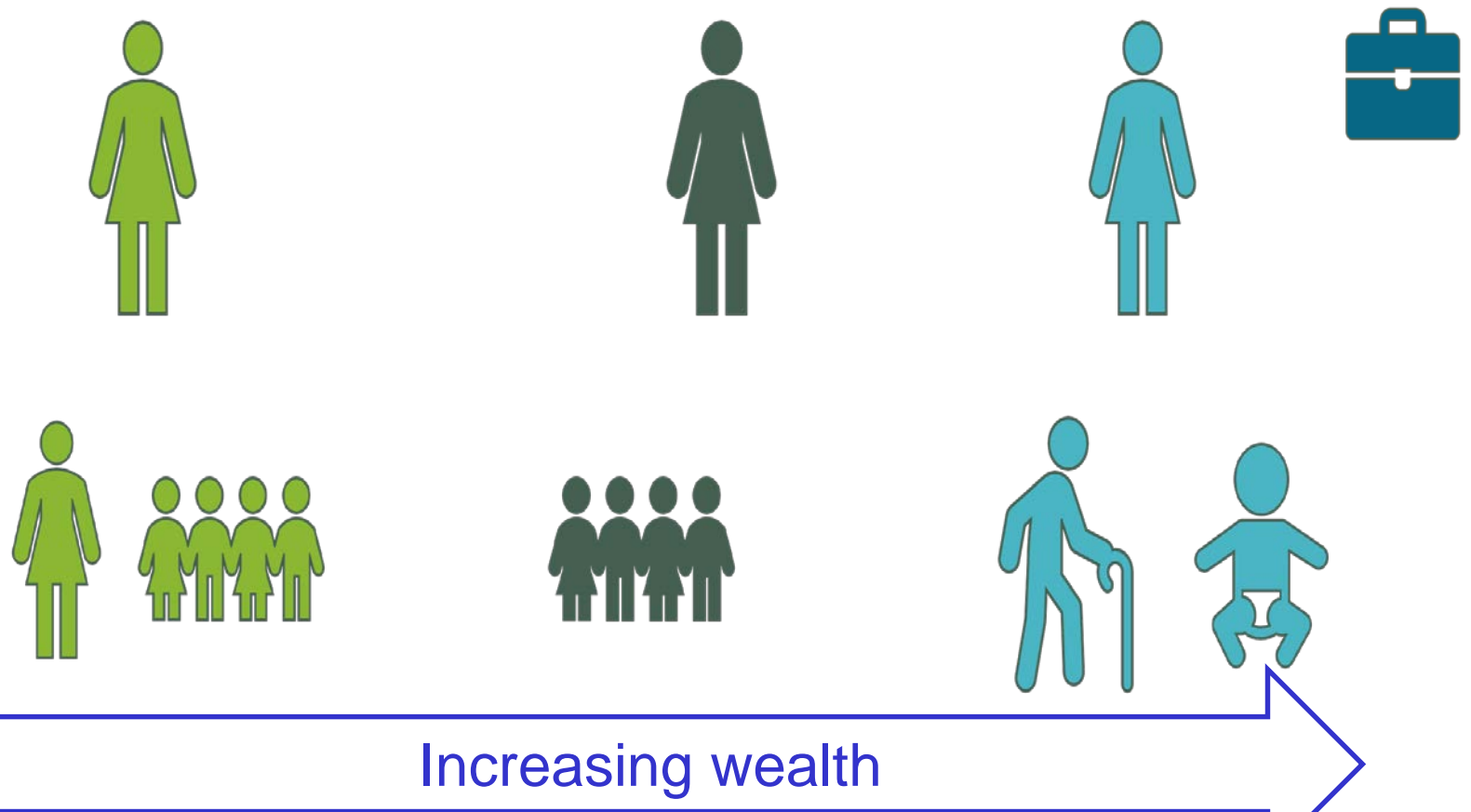
Apart from ideational interdependencies migration is the most important form of exchange. Western LTC systems rely on a factor they do not produce: care-givers

II. The concept of care chains: Definition

“[...] global care chains – a series of personal links between people across the globe based on the paid or unpaid work of caring.”

(Hochschild 2000: 131)

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- By the end of the 1990s the concept of care chains developed combining elements from
 - Gender Studies: inter-family care arrangements
 - Migrationsstudien: feminisation of migrationinto a concept of
 - **Transnational labour migration in the care sector**

II. The analytical model of care chains

Macro level	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. global/transnational economy of care2. Crosscutting labour, migration, gender and care regimes
Meso Level	<p>Organisation of labour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Informell social networks– Network agencies <p>} Labour, migration, gender and care regimes</p>
Micro Level	<p>individuals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Practices– Identities– positions

III. Open research questions

- Positive questions
 - Why is there a need of immigration in western countries?
 - Why do people emigrate from eastern/southern countries?
- Normative questions
 - What are the effects in receiving countries?
 - What are the effects in source countries of migration?
- The following paper is concentrating on one source country: Poland.