

Editorial

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The current issue of *Sosiologia* is the second one ever to be published in English. Much like in its predecessor (*Sosiologia* 4/2015), the four articles published in this volume represent various stripes of sociological scholarship, and yet what they all have in common is that they focus on the Finnish society, one way or another.

The article by Mika Hyötyläinen examines Finnish segregation research in a critical light. According to the author, it builds on certain unwanted assumptions which the paper sets out to disclose. Because of them, Hyötyläinen argues, Finnish segregation research runs a high risk of blaming the underprivileged for segregation. The paper also proposes alternative ways of coming to grips with and studying the processes and experiences of segregation in Finnish cities.

In her contribution to the present issue, Marta Choroszewicz analyses from a narrative perspective gendering processes in law firms in Helsinki. Drawing on semi-structured interviews with women attorneys, the article finds out, among other things, that while law firms are increasingly recruiting more female lawyers, the male advantage is still fairly prevalent in the practice of law. For example, due to challenges related to work-life balance, the women interviewed sometimes find it difficult to fit the ideal of a flexible lawyer truly devoted to one's career.

The article by Mathias Ebot and Päivi Armila focuses on tensions in parenthood by examining the experiences of what it is like to be a black African father in Finland. The paper presents a case analysis of interviews with Cameroonian fathers living in Finland with their African spouses. The authors suggest that their informants experience difficulties in fulfilling the cultural demands of good fatherhood, as they are often coping with breadwinning, which is felt challenging due to their often marginalized position in the labour market.

Finally, Anastasia Diatlova's contribution probes into the relationship between commercial sex and national discourses by looking at how the nation is imagined and constructed through managing commercial sex in Finland. Drawing from interviews with for example policymakers, the police, NGO representatives, and other actors who come in contact with commercial sex through their work, the article examines the opinions, attitudes, and values related to discourses on nationhood and the managing of sex. The author suggests, among other things, that some of these discourses tend to exclude certain groups and individuals from the national community.

The issue at hand also includes a general summary, in Finnish, of the Westermarck Society's annual conference, *Sosiologipäivät*, organized in Jyväskylä between 17 and 18 March this year,

accompanied by a hefty section, also in Finnish, consisting of summaries all the workshops coordinated at the conference.

We hereby also announce that Call For Papers for the 2017 English issue of the journal is open. The deadline for submissions is 10 August, 2016. More information can be found below.