

## **Abstract**

The dissertation deals with contemporary reflection of the role of grandmother and the changes of this role since the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The topic of the grandparenthood has been dealt mainly in the present perspective in the Czech sociology so far. The aim of the dissertation is to bring a deeper insight into the role of grandmother and to better understand the relationships stemming from the role. The historical-sociological approach which understands the role of grandmother as space-time conditioned is chosen to achieve the goal of the dissertation. The dissertation is specific by less usual view of the role of grandmother from the viewpoint of the grandchild. Individuals from three different family generations are put in this viewpoint. It allows to observe the image of the role of grandmother and its changes in the observed period of time. The goal of the dissertation is to answer three research questions: How has the role of grandmother changed on the basis of narrations of three family generations? What idea of the contemporary role of grandmother have three family generations? Which factors shape the performance of the role of grandmother in the view of the older generations? The dissertation is based on the research using semi-structured interviews and the issue is presented on the example of the Czech urban families from the Eastern Bohemia. The dissertation provides the insight into the changing and stable elements of the role of grandmother. It also describes the basic age and kinship characteristics of women entering the role of grandmother. Some neglected expectations from women in their role of grandmother has been revealed through the definition of grandmothers' qualities. The dissertation shows the importance of the role for all three family generations and also for the family itself. The dissertation also presents the factors that contribute to shaping the way of the role of grandmother performance.

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