The Effects of Generational Ties on Justice Attitudes (New Project)

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Scope of the Presentation

Justice Attitudes toward the Wage Distribution

  – Indicators for voting behavior, unemployment motivation, life satisfaction

The post-socialist puzzle

  – Structuralist (Wegener and Steinman 1995, {Kelley and Evans 1993, Osberg and Smeeding 2006) VS. Culturalist (Hadler 2005, Gijsberts 2002)

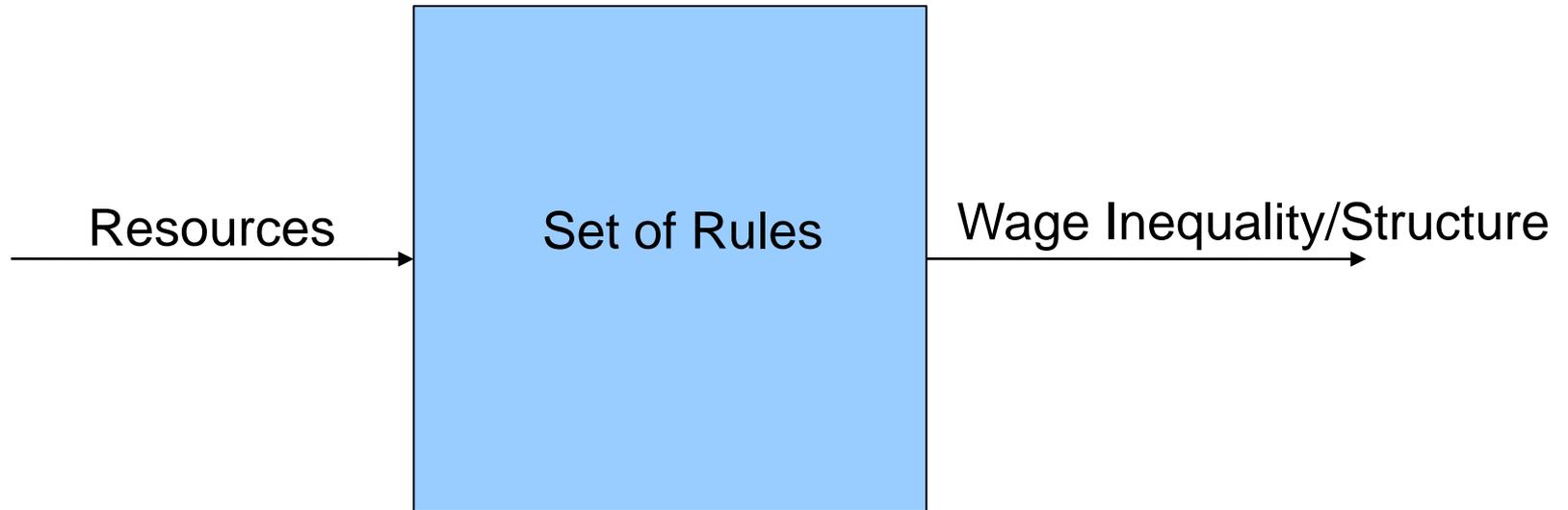 – Method of unexplained variance

  – Inconclusive evidence

Rephrasing the culturalist-structuralist question:

  Current situation or cultural/socialist baggage?

Generations

Definitions

Resources →

Set of Rules

→ Wage Inequality/Structure

**Legitimacy of the
WAGE DISTRIBUTION**

Theoretical Considerations
(The mechanism)

Predictors of Justice Attitudes

Individuals have a yardstick for considering a phenomenon just or not

Justice ideologies (Wegener and Liebig 1995, 2011)~ Dominant ideology theory (Abercrombie et al 1978)

Belief in a Justice World (Jost , Lerner 1981)

Tunnel Effect

(Hirschmann and Rothschild 1973)

- Social status ~ Individual stuck in a traffic jam in the tunnel
- Dissatisfaction grows if one doesn't get ahead, while others do
- Legitimacy (acceptance) of the system is weakened parallel with dissatisfaction

How does transition change these mechanisms?

Assumption: differences before and after the transition

Mechanisms after Transition

Tunnel Effect

– New tunnel effect, with different mobility rules

– Comparison of „socialist" tunnel and „capitalist" tunnel leads to grievance?

Life course studies differentiate between chances for generations, depending on age at transition
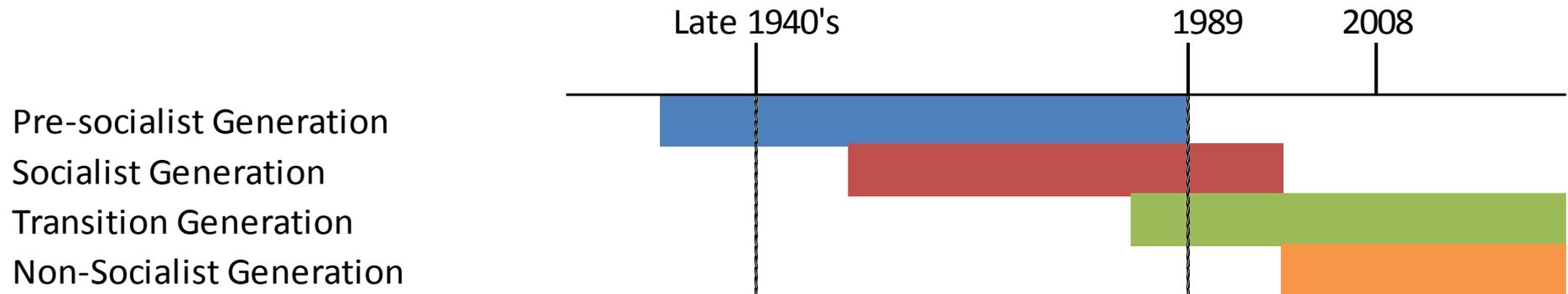**(Diewald et al 2006, Kolosi and Tóth 2008)**

Generations

Generations as Proxy (I)

[...] the social phenomenon 'generation' represents nothing more than a particular kind of identity of location, embracing related 'age groups' embedded in a historical-social process. (Mannheim [1923] 2000: 291)

- Generation embody the collective experience of a given age group at a given timepoint
1. Stepping into the labor market at the same time with same socio-economic environment
2. Being at a given age at the time of transition

Generations as Proxy

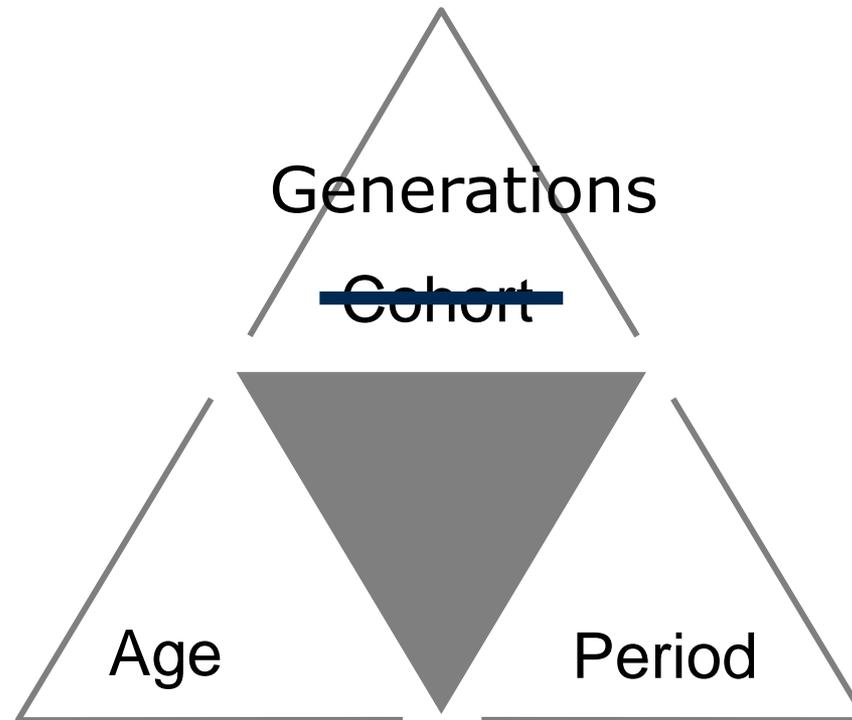H. There is a difference between the Generations
    Country dependent!

Methodological Considerations

Measuring Generations

Research Design

Data

Several countries

Panel data or timeseries-like data

Variables to measure: justice attitudes

International Social Justice Project

- International research project, national representative
- Countries: GDR (N=4437), Hungary (N=4120),
    Czech Republic (N=3500)
  - Commons socialist histroy - three different development after transition
  - 4 waves for each country

Analytical Framework

Dependent Variable

Justice Profiles

	Just Outcomes	Unjust Outcomes
Just Rules	(1) Legitimate	(2) Partial Legitimate by Rules
Unjust Rules	(3) Partial Legitimate by Outcomes	(4) Illegitimate

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Analytical Framework

Dependent Variable

Justice Profiles

Independent Variables

– Defining Generations for each country

– Age (as continuous)

– Waves (Dummy, 1991 as reference)

Controll Variables

– Gender

– Education

– Employment

– Hhold Income

Preliminary Analysis
Case of Hungary

Multinomial Logistic Regression – Justice Profiles (Hungary) - Odds Ratio

Contrast to Categories	ILLEGITIMATE in contrast with		
	Legitimate	Partial Legitimate by Rules	Partial Legitimate by Outcomes
Disappearing Gen.[1]………………..	0.753	0.560	2.358
Status Shifters[1]………………..	1.385	0.645	1.334
Transitional Gen[1]………………..	1.383	0.682	1.415
Young Adults[1]………………….…	2.935	0.711	0.852
Age………………………………….…	0.975	1.013	0.984
1996[2]………………………………..	0.394***	1.005	0.441***
2005[2] …………………..…………....	0.207***	0.305***	0.417***
2008[2]…………………………….…..	0.403**	0.505**	0.562**
Gender (Male=0)……………………	1.124	1.235	1.039
Education…………………………….	1.189***	1.072*	0.325***
Employment…………….....…………..	1.399	0.853	0.990
Hhold Income………………………..	1.014***	1.002	1.003
AIC	5554.295		

*** p<0.001, ** p<0.01, * p<0.05, [1]: "Non-socialist" as reference cat., [2]: "1991" as reference cat.

Summary of Analysis

"Tunnel" experiences not distinct for each Generation
- Educational background already import for mobility from the consolodition period of the 1960s
- It's more that the environment and the predictability of the socio-economy environment changes

Generations and age have an insignificant effect
- But the years (compared to 1991) change significantly
- All OddRatios <1 ~ in later years more likely individuals consider WD illegitimate

Hungarians do not seem to have „socialist" baggage

Questions and Further Steps

Limitations of the Studay

    – Answering what I am asking?

    – Hhold income and employment: significant percentage of missing variables

Future for the Paper

    – Same analysis with Germany and the Czech Republic

Future for the Project

    – Variation of values by generation (another paper)

Thank you for your attention!

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Generations in Hungary

Generation	Born in…	Entry into the Labor Market in (approx..)…	Age at Transition is…
Disappearing Gen.	1935 or earlier	Early 1950s *Transition to Socialism*	55 years or older
Status Shifters	1936-1950	Late 1950s - 1960s *Early Consolidation Period*	41 to 54 year olds
Transitional Gen.	1951-1963	1970s *Established Reform Socialism*	28 to 40 year olds
Young Adults	1962-1968	1980s *Establ. Reform Socialism/Pre-transitional Period*	21 to 27 year olds
Fresh Starters	1969 or later	1990s and later *Transitional Period and beyond*	20 year olds or younger

Kolosi and Tóth 2008

MULTINOMIAL LOGISTIC REGRESSION –JUSTICE PROFILES (HUNGARY) – ODDS RATIO

Contrast to Categories	ILLEGITIMATE in contrast with		
	Legitimate	Partial Legitimate by Rules	Partial Legitimate by Outcomes
Disappearing Gen.[1].........	1.709	0.537	1.793
Status Shifters[1]..............	1.275	0.651	1.340
Transitional Gen[1]...........	1.305	0.663	1.426
Young Adults[1]...............	0.708	0.699	0.842
Age.................................	0.976	1.015	0.983
1996[2]…….....…...............	0.350***	0.981	0.400***
2005[2] …………….......……	0.192***	0.309***	0.407***
2008[2]………….................	0.413**	0.528*	0.651**
Log-Likelihood	-3484.9***		
AIC	49832.393		

*** p<0.001, ** p<0.01, * p<0.05, [1]: "Fresh Starters" as reference cat., [2]: "1991" as reference cat.