ABSTRACT

Multigenerational households in Australian cities: Evidence from Sydney and Brisbane at the turn of the twenty-first century

This paper presents preliminary findings of the first two phases of an ARC Discovery Project – Living Together – which examines the factors that has led to an increase of households where multiple generations of related adults live together. These first two phases include a time-series analysis of customised Australian Census data (1981-2011) as well as an online survey to explore how the demographics and housing characteristics of these multi-generation households have changed since the early 1980s, why these multi-generation households live together, the phenomenon of ‘boomeranging’, and the ideas of intrafamilial dependency.