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Conceptualizing “Children” Across Generations: A Preliminary Account Using the Freelist Method to Evaluate Changes in Lithuania

This part of the panel will provide an overview of the research findings in relation to children. Based on the freelist answers of the respondents, we can identify the main terms most frequently mentioned and see the differences prevalent in the four age groups. For example, while the majority of respondents associated children with responsibility, the top of the survey data for the 60+ age group is joy. The respondents of this group also stand out in that their list of concepts has the lowest number of words with negative connotations, unlike the 18-29 age group, which tend to provide associations with negative connotations. This gives us reason to question why these groups associate terms related to children so differently. The data also allow us to compare the responses of the different groups on the topic of children with the data on love and marriage and to look for similarities and differences.