

## Special Issue

# “Non-Traditional” Parents in Contemporary Societies

### Message from the Guest Editors

Over the past few years, new family configurations have grown more visible, e.g., families headed by LGBT+ parents, stepparents, single parents, and adoptive parents. However, a first-marriage nuclear family structure with two heterosexual parents and their biological children is frequently described as “normal” and “functional” for children’s development.

This Special Issue seeks papers addressed to presenting a wide range of attitudes, beliefs, representations, and/or stereotypes toward “non-traditional parents”, including, but not limited to, attitudes toward mother and father roles, expectations concerning children’s outcomes, and the impact of sociocultural and/or other contextual factors. Papers addressing the following topics are also welcome: attitudes toward families created through medically assisted procreation techniques; dehumanization and ontologization of parents; and the effects of sexual prejudice, hetero-cis-normativity, essentialism, and/or gender role beliefs on attitudes toward parents.

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