

Synchronize to harmonize

Ex-ante strategy in a comparative pseudo panel study on birth cohorts

The case study in designing comparability against the running time

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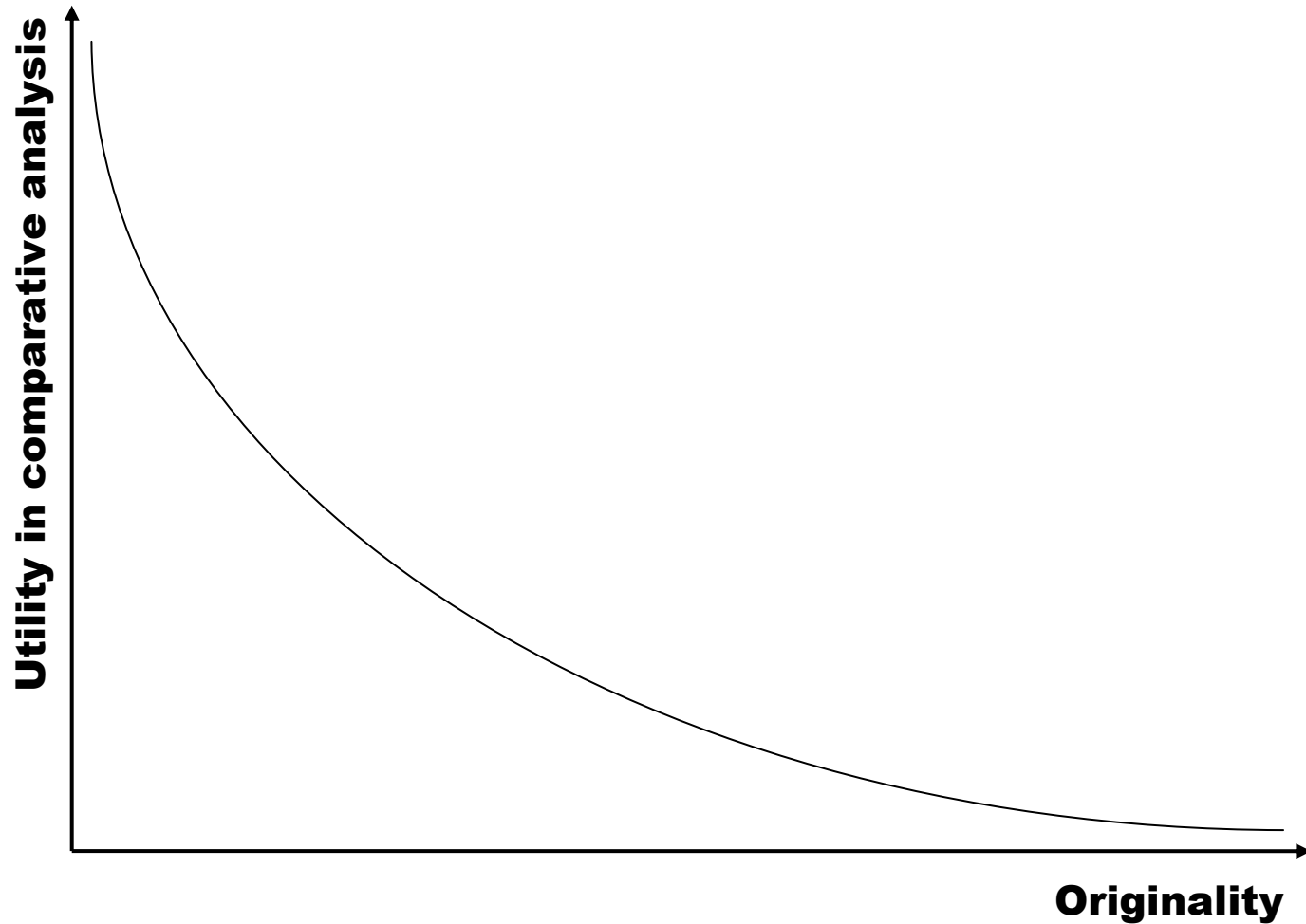
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Graph 1. Hypothesized relation between the originality (uniqueness) of a survey study and its utility in comparative context



Studies of the birth cohorts and its revalorization

The issue of “path dependence”

Original studies focused on cohorts:

Polish study: “Generation of historical hope and everyday uncertainty”
(2000–2008, B. W. Mach) – discontinued

“German Life History Study”
(1979–2005, K. U. Mayer) – followed by ALWA & NEPS

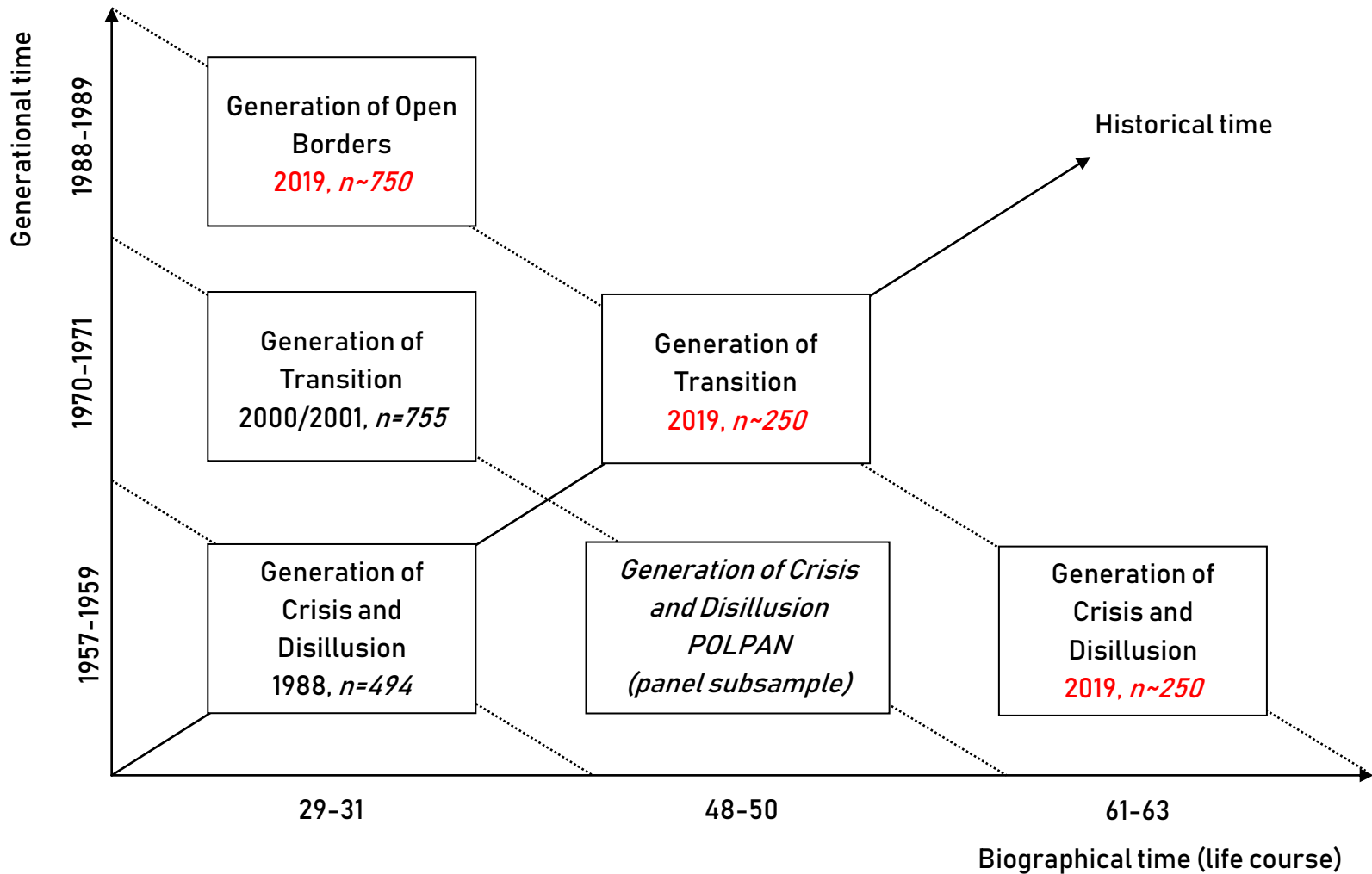
Large sample studies that allow to “extract” cohort data:

“Social structure II” (1988), continued as POLPAN (Poland)

SOEP (Germany, conducted since 1984)

My research project “**Third generation of the Polish transformation**” seeks to revalorize existing datasets by selectively replicating parts of those studies. HOWEVER, it makes more sense if additionally the cohort data is “**synchronized**”.

The transformation „saga” and APC



German data

	Available birth cohorts	Possible cohort definition	Conducted in:	Age	Schedld for 2019?
LV III West	1954-56/1959-61	1954-56/1959-61	1988/9	32-34/27-29	
LV III Ost	1951-53/1959-61	1959-61	1991/2 +96/97	30-33 +35-38	
LV 64 West	1964	1964	1998/9	34-35	
LV 71 West	1971	1971	1998/9 + 2004/5	27/8 +33/4	
LV 71 Ost	1971	1971	1996/7 + 2004/5	25/26 +33/4	
ALWA	1956-1988	1975-1977	2007/8	30-32	
		1971		37	
		1958-1960		47-49	
NEPS Coh6	1944-1986	1984-1986	2009-2016 (TBR in 2018)	30-32	Y
NEPS Coh5	1988-1991, only students*	1988-1989*	2011-2017	30-31*	Y
SOEP	All (households)	Possibly any	1984-2014	Possibly any	Y

Thematic scope of possible replications

Meritocratic beliefs (sources of success, CAMAQ scale)

Educational career (event history)

Transfer to adulthood and entry to labour market

Job trajectory (focused on first and current job)

Family and household

Values and worldviews

Identity and civic activity

Health self-assessment and psychological functioning (Rosenberg)

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