

Appendix

Higher educational employment attainment, employment and the changing autonomy and reproductive career of women across generations in Dharwad

-In-depth interview-

Introduction

Interviewer

Name, country, master student in Demography

Translator

Name, PhD student, department of Anthropology

Purpose

The data required will be used for my master thesis

Subject

My research will be about the influence of higher educational attainment and employment on the family life of women

Consent

The information provided is purely for research purpose. It will stay strictly confidential and no details of your personal life will be made public

Do you agree with having this interview?

I would like to record this interview. Is that fine with you?

Respondent Identification

Respondent number

Date of interview

Time start of interview

Time end of interview

Age group 1: 30 years

2: 45 years

1. Personal details

	Date at event	No date/age then local calendar dates	Educational level at the event	Working status at the event
Respondent's date of birth			-	-
Menarche				
First marriage				
Second marriage				

First child				
Second child				
Third child				
Fourth child				
Sterilisation or menopause				

2. Family background

- What is your place of birth? Are you also raised in this place? Do your parents have an urban or rural background?
- What is your religion?
- What is your cast and sub caste?
- About parent's family: joint family, nuclear family or other type of family?
- Family type: lower class, lower middle, middle class, upper middle or high class
- Occupation of the household head
- About in laws family: joint family, nuclear family or other type of family?
- Family type: lower class, lower middle, middle class, upper middle or high class
- Occupation of the household head
- About her own family: joint family, nuclear family or other type of family?
- Family type: lower class, lower middle, middle class, upper middle or high class
- Occupation of the household head
- Do you consider your parents' family as traditional or modern (reason)?
- What are the differences between your own family, your parents' family and your family in law (in case of a nuclear family)?

3. Menarche

- Was there a ceremony? How long? Did you attain school? How important was the ceremony to you and your family? Do you think the ceremony of your mother's menarche was different in comparison with your ceremony?
- Transition in her life. How did your role, place and status changed in the household and in society? How did this affect your relationship with male family members and men (boys) in general?
- Did your parents start with preparing your marriage?

4. Marriage

- Can you describe the ceremony (small, normal, big)?
- Are there big differences between your marriage and your mother's?
- Was there a dowry paid?
- Was your marriage arranged or was it a so called love marriage?
- How did the selection of the groom go? (High educational attainment important?)
- What is the age difference between you and your husband?
- Transition in her life: what changed? Probe: role and status in own family and family in law
- How do your family and family in law influence your life and reproductive career?

5. First pregnancy

- At which age did you first tried to become pregnant? How long was this after marriage?
- Was your first pregnancy a planned or unplanned one?
- Was there a ceremony (small, normal, big)?

6. First birth

- Was there a ceremony? What were the differences with the ceremony your mother of daughter held for her first birth?
- Transition in her life: what changed? Probe: role, expectations and status
- Did the relationship with your husband and family in law changed after the birth of your first child?

7. More births

- Was the ceremony different compared to the first birth?
- Transition in her life: what changed? Probe: role and status (better mother if you have more children?)
- What is your desired family size?
- Do you have a preference for a son? How important is having a son for you and for your family (in law)? Influence on the respondents status
- How important is the number of children you have for your status?
- What was the family size of your parents' family?
- How important do you think that was your mother's status?
- Did you and your husband use anti-conception methods

8. Sterilisation or menopause

- What were your feelings as a woman after menopause or sterilisation?
- Did you become a mother-in-law? How did this change your position, role in the family?
How is your relationship with your mother-in-law/daughter-in-law in comparison with the relationship that you had with your daughter-in-law/mother-in-law?
- When did you have most status during your life?

9. Education

- What is the highest educational level you have attained? At what age did you completed this education?
- Where did you live attaining this education (urban/rural area)?
- Have you stopped your education at any point in time? What was the reason for this stop?
- How did your family influence your education? What were there ideas about women's education? (Gains and disadvantages of girls' schooling by the parents according to the respondent)
- Do you think your education influenced your age at marriage and other reproductive events?

- What is the highest educational attainment of your husband?
- Did your educational attainment have an influence on finding a suitable partner?
- Do you think that your university degree has an influence on your status?

10. Employment

- At what date (or age) did you have your first job? Was your education completed by then?
- Did you work before your marriage? How many years did you already worked before marriage?
- When did you start working after your marriage?
- Did you stop your employment at any point in time (reason)?
- What is your occupation? Did your occupation change after your first job?
- What is your husband's occupation?
- Did your family and family in law agreed with your job?
- Do you think that your employment improved your status in society within the family and family in law?
- Did your mother and mother in law have a job (at what age)?
- How is it to be a mother and having a job at the same time? Probe: help of husband or other family members (influence of nuclear family or joint family)
- How important is it for you to have a working career (reason)?

11. Autonomy

11.1 Knowledge autonomy

- How are you exposed to the outside world? Probe: mass media, more peer group contacts, going out with friends, more interaction with people
- In what way did your education expose you to the outside world?
- In what way did your employment expose you to the outside world?
- In what way did the reproductive events in your life (menarche, marriage, birth of children etc.) influence your exposure to the outside world?
- Are there other influences that had influence on your exposure to the outside world?

11.2 Decision making autonomy

- In which matters of decision making in your family are you involved? Probe: shopping for food, what to cook, deciding on child's treatment, deciding to move, big expansive purchases like a car, home etc.
- Do you think your educational background and working status have an influence on the decisions you make in the household?
- Are there other things that influenced this decision making?

11.3 Physical autonomy

- When do you move around alone and when are you accompanied?
- If it is dark, will you always be accompanied?
- Do you ask for permission to go to certain places to your husband or other family members?
- Do you think that your educational background, work and reproductive status have an influence on your mobility?

11.4 Emotional autonomy

- With whom do you talk about emotional problems? Can you talk with your husband about personal issues?
- Do you spend much time with your husband on a daily basis?
- What kind of activities do you do together?
- What kind of activities do your husband and children together?

11.5 Economic and social autonomy

- Are you economic independent?
- Do you buy things for yourself with your income?
- Do you invest your money in things?
- Do you maintain your own bank account or shared bank account?
- Has your education, job or reproductive events influenced your economic independence?
- Do you think your autonomy has influenced your reproductive career?

Fading out questions

- When do you think you have or had most autonomy in life?
- In what way do you think that your life is different in comparison with your mother's life?
- What do you think are the expectations of an Indian woman? Do you feel an urge to comply with these expectations?