

WOMEN, JOB AND CHILDREN: A PANEL ANALYSIS BASED ON THE LIFE-ORIENTED APPROACH

女性・仕事・子供：市民生活行動学に基づくパネル分析

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This study clarifies the differences of QOL and life choices between households with and without child care and over time based on the life-oriented approach. The life-oriented approach argues that people's decisions on various life domains are not independent of each other and that an understanding of life choices should not be constrained by the boundary of any single discipline. For this research purpose, we conducted a panel survey of life choice with two waves: one in December 2010 and the other in February 2014. In the survey, QOL and life choices are captured from the perspective of life domains, including residence, neighborhood, health, education and learning, job, family life, family budget, leisure and recreation, and relevant travel behavior. The findings of this study could provide useful insights into cross-sectoral policy for supporting both working women's job continuity and children's healthy growth.