



Family Identities: How Genetics Is Contributing to Genealogical (Re)search

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We invite researchers to reflect on what "family identity" could mean according to each society and/or time period; how this concept can model each person's identity; if a genetic result can affect the personal identity of an adopted individual; or what could be the real value of a surname in the study of family lines. On the other hand, examining the usefulness of a genetic study in the reconstruction of identity, not only of the family but also of society, in cases of civil wars, terrorism, war conflicts, and the disappearance of civilians during both civil and military dictatorships. Furthermore, the genetic perspective is also considered very interesting in the study of ancient populations, relating them to each other, as well as comparing them with the modern gene pool, being able not only to describe possible population movements in "family groups", but also detect patterns of "identity" within and between communities. Finally, reflection is also important on the fundamental role that genetic analysis is playing in so-called "cold cases", namely in the field of forensic genealogy, and the possible legal issues associated with genetic study in genealogical research.





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