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Kinship and Family as a Category of Analysis

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Message from the Guest Editor

In a 2005 seminal essay, Lenore Davidoff argued for kinship as a category of analysis to join more widely recognized historical analytical categories such as race, gender, and class. Those latter categories have become regular parts of the scholar's toolkit. More recently categories such as marital status and age have joined that list. However, these are insufficient to adequately capture how kinship and family ties shape decisions, within families, across social groups, and even at the highest political levels. Articles in this issue will explore Davidoff's concept further.

We invite contributions that explore kinship as a category of analysis in a variety of ways. Possible areas include:

- Applying the tools of genealogy to explore kinship as an analytical category—whether in case studies of how genealogical information combined with attention to kinship as a category can generate new insights and new questions, or how genealogical expertise can affect theoretical approaches to historical events.
- How does focusing on kinship affect interpretations of actions in the past?



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