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Transnational Lives in the Welfare State (TRANSWEL)

A research project about living in two countries
What is transnational living?
A growing number of people lead their lives partly in one country and partly in another. They for instance split work and leisure between two countries, spend part of the year in each, or live mainly in a country other than the one that provides social security. We call such lives ‘transnational lives’. Some people are able to spend a lot of time in each country every year. Others are limited by work or children’s school, for instance, but invest time and resources in both countries.

What is the TRANSWEL project?
*Transnational lives in the Welfare State* (TRANSWEL) is a research project carried out by researchers in Norway and the Netherlands. We developed the idea for the project because we think the topic is important, and we obtained funding from the Research Council of Norway.

What are the aims of the research project?
- Document the experiences, joys, and frustrations, of living partly in one country and partly in another.
- Find out who wants to live in two countries, as opposed to settling completely in one.
- Examine how people who live in two countries experience the encounter with state institutions in each country.
- Examine how state institutions in the Netherlands and Norway engage with people who lead transnational lives.
- Explore how the welfare state can approach the benefits and challenges of transnational living.

Why is this important to study?
We are interested in transnational living because it concerns what it means to be part of a society, and because it as an aspect of globalization. We believe that more knowledge can help develop better policies and help reduce unnecessary bureaucratic frustrations.

How are results from the project disseminated?
1 We write articles for scientific journals, which serves to guarantee the quality of research and ensures that the project contributes to advancing the international research frontier.
2 We publish findings in the form of *PRIO Policy Briefs*, which are short and accessible summaries of selected insights from the research.
3 We use the media and social media to share what we have learned through the project and stimulate debate.

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