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Rethinking Adult Development: Themes and Questions

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Four themes

1) The state of the field

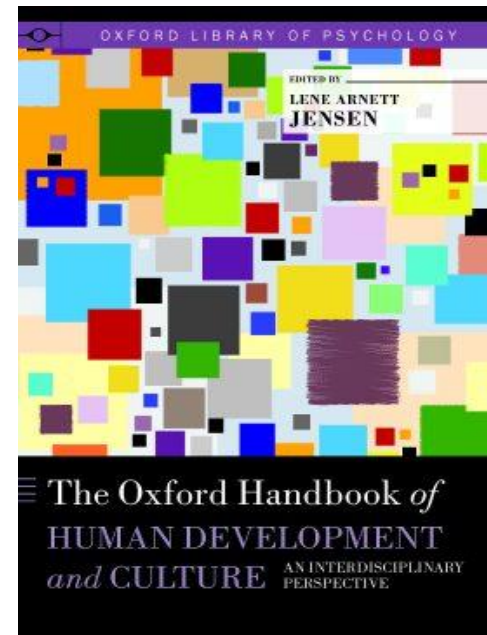
2) Culture and SES

3) Gender

4) Positives and negatives

1) The state of the field

- Demographics
- The nature of adulthood is changing
- New generational issues
- “There’s some truth to the claim that a lot of developmental psychology is the study of the interested and alert baby.”



- Question: Is the structure of the current field sufficient?

2) Culture and SES

	Netherlands	Niger
Population in 2015	17 million	17 million
Population Projected for 2050	18 million	66 million
Total Fertility Rate	1.7	7.6
Total Annual Births	176,000	845,000
Total Annual Deaths	141,000	195,000
Population Below Age 15	17%	50%
Life Expectancy at Birth	81 years	57 years
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	3.7	51.0



3) Gender

- Is the new adulthood different for women and men?
- Is midlife pivotal in the same way for women and men?
- Is gender related to the extent to which we hurry more?
- Does true interdisciplinarity mean including gender in the research design?
- Does gender matter for stage theories?
- How about in regard to daily stress?
- How does gender impact authorship and the narratives we tell?
- What is the role of gender in adult personality development across cultures?
- What are implications of gender in regard to active ageing?

4) Positives and Negatives

Positives	Negatives
Arnett	
Lachman	Lachman
	Freund
Staudinger	Staudinger
Robinson	
	Silverstein
?Manning	Manning
	Almeida
McAdams	
Kitayama	
Foster	

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