

Tilly Prize for 2010

Mattijs Vandezande is the winner of the 2010 Charles Tilly and Louise Tilly Prize for the Best Graduate Paper presented at the annual conference. He is a graduate student associated with the Centre for Sociological Research (CeSO) at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven in Belgium.

In the research of recent decades, scholars have found infant mortality to be clustered within families, both with respect to historical European populations and contemporary underdeveloped regions more globally. Vandezande's superb paper, "Intergenerational Patterns of Infant Mortality: The Antwerp District, Belgium, 1846-1905," contrasts with the more typical focus on either mothers or families, suggesting instead that a considerable amount of the familial patterning of infant mortality is due to clustering between generations. The family's mortality history is an important determinant of an infant's survival.

Vandezande makes impressive use of new data and multilevel event history techniques to study those intergenerational aspects of infant mortality clustering in historical context.