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**Nebunie, iraționalitate? Economia inversă a
fertilității în comunitățile deprivate
Madness, irrationality? The upside-down
economy of fertility in poor collectivities**

Abstract:

Having large number of children in a family is seen as an indicator of irrationality in the context of the modern Romanian family demographics which prefers quality over quantity. Such ideas are common even among social sciences, making place for unjust attitudes and policies regarding specific groups known for having large families, as the Roma. On the basis of four group interview with Romanian and poor Roma women from Bihor county we were able to confirm the prejudices of the majority when explaining the reproductive behavior of Roma, as well as to prove that in poor, subsistence contexts, there is an inverse economy of fertility at work, at least as rational as the one in order for the modern majority, that stimulates childbearing.