international review of social history

SUPPLEMENT 8

household strategies for survival 1600–2000: fission, faction and cooperation

Edited by Laurence Fontaine and Jürgen Schlumbohm

PUBLISHED FOR THE
INTERNATIONAAL INSTITUUT
VOOR SOCIALE GESCHIEDENIS,
AMSTERDAM BY
CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS

International Review of Social History

Published for the Internationaal Instituut voor Sociale Geschiedenis, Amsterdam

EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Marcel van der Linden, Internationaal Instituut voor Sociale Geschiedenis, Cruquiusweg 31, 1019 AT Amsterdam, The Netherlands

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

Bert Altena, Michiel Baud, Karel Davids, Lex Heerma van Voss, Angélique Janssens, Ulla Langkau-Alex, Rosanne Rutten

EDITORIAL STAFF

Aad Blok, Associate Editor Mona Hilfman, Editorial Assistant

CORRESPONDING EDITORS

Friedhelm Boll, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Bonn Eileen Boris, University of Virginia, Charlottesville David De Vries, Tel Aviv University
Nancy Green, EHESS, Paris
Michael Hall, Universidad Estadual de Campinas
David Howell, University of York
Elina Katainen, Helsinki
Amarjit Kaur, University of New England,
Armidale
Reinhart Kößler, Bochum
Friedrich Lenger, Justus-Liebig-Universität,
Giessen

Paolo Malanima, Università degli Studi di Reggio Calabria
Siegfried Mattl, Institut für Zeitgeschichte, Wien
Prabhu Mohapatra, New Delhi
Irina Novičenko, Center for Social History, Moscow
Lars Olsson, Väzjö University
Ricardo D. Salvatore, Universidad Torcuato di
Tella
Lucy Taksa, University of New South Wales, Sydney

Advisory Board

Shahid Amin, University of Delhi
Jan Breman, Universiteit van Amsterdam
Robin Cohen, Universiteit van Amsterdam
Robin Cohen, Universität München
Patrick Fridenson, EHESS, Paris
David Montgomery, Yale University
Richard Price, University of Maryland
Wim Roobol, Universiteit van Amsterdam
Jürgen Schlumbohm, Max-Planck-Institut für
Geschichte, Göttingen
Klaus Tenfelde, Ruhr-Universität Bochum
Charles Tilly, Columbia University in the City of
New York

SUBSCRIPTIONS

International Review of Social History (ISSN 0020–8590) is published in three parts in April, August and December plus one supplement in December. Three parts plus one supplement form a volume. The subscription price (excluding VAT) of volume 45 (2000) which includes postage and delivery by air where appropriate is £76 net (US\$124 in the USA, Canada and Mexico) for institutions; £42 net (US\$64 in the USA, Canada and Mexico) for individuals ordering direct from the publisher and certifying that the journal is for their own personal use. Single parts and the supplement are £21 (US\$34 in the USA, Canada and Mexico) plus postage. EU subscribers (outside the UK) who are not registered for VAT should add VAT at their country's rate. VAT registered subscribers should provide their VAT registration number. Japanese prices for institutions are available from Kinokuniya Company Ltd, P.O. Box 55, Chitose, Tokyo 156, Japan.

Orders, which must be accompanied by payment, may be sent to a bookseller, subscription agent or direct to the publisher: Cambridge University Press, The Edinburgh Building, Shaftesbury Road, Cambridge CB2 2RU; or in the USA, Canada and Mexico: Cambridge University Press, 40 West 20th Street, New York, NY 10011-4211. Periodicals postage paid at New York, NY and at additional mailing offices. Postmaster: send address changes in USA, Canada and Mexico to International Review of Social History, Cambridge University Press, 110 Midland Avenue, Port Chester, New York, NY 10573-4930.

Information on International Review of Social History and all other Cambridge journals can be accessed via http://www.cup.cam.ac.uk and in North America via http://www.cup.org.

© Internationaal Instituut voor Sociale Geschiedenis

international review of social history

Supplement 8

Household Strategies for Survival 1600–2000: Fission, Faction and Cooperation

Edited by Laurence Fontaine and Jürgen Schlumbohm

Published by the Press Syndicate of the University of Cambridge The Pitt Building, Trumpington Street, Cambridge, CB2 1RP 40 West 20th Street, New York, NY 10011-4211, USA 10 Stamford Road, Oakleigh, Melbourne 3166, Australia

© Internationaal Instituut voor Sociale Geschiedenis

A catalogue record for this book is available from the British Library

Library of Congress Cataloguing-in-Publication Data

Household strategies for survival 1600-2000 / edited by Laurence Fontaine and Jürgen Schlumbohm.

p. cm.—(International review of social history. Supplement; 8) Includes bibliographical references. ISBN 0-521-00142-0 (pb)

- 1. Working class—History. 2. Poor—History.
 3. Cost and standard of living—History.
 4. Social history.
 5. Household surveys.
 6. Working class—Europe—History.
- 7. Cost and standard of living—Europe—History.
- 8. Households-Europe-History.
- I. Fontaine, Laurence. II. Schlumbohm, Jürgen. III. Series.

HD4841.H69 2000

339.4'I—dc2I

00-045477

ISBN 0 521 00142 0 (paperback)

Printed in Great Britain by the University Press, Cambridge

CONTENTS

Household Strategies for Survival 1600–2000: Fission, Faction and Cooperation

Edited by Laurence Fontaine and Jürgen Schlumbohm

Household Strategies for Survival: An Introduction Laurence Fontaine and Jürgen Schlumbohm	1
Negotiating a Living: Essex Pauper Letters from London, 1800–1834 <i>Thomas Sokoll</i>	19
"It Is Extreme Necessity That Makes Me Do This": Some "Survival Strategies" of Pauper Households in London's West End During the Early Eighteenth Century Jeremy Boulton	47
Using Microcredit and Restructuring Households: Two Complementary Survival Strategies in Late Eighteenth-Century Barcelona Montserrat Carbonell-Esteller	71
Poor Jewish Families in Early Modern Rural Swabia Sabine Ullmann	93
Industrious Households: Survival Strategies of Artisans in a Southwest German Town during the Eighteenth and Early Nineteenth Centuries Dennis A. Frey, Jr	115
Individualization Strategies Among City Dwellers in Contemporary Africa: Balancing the Shortcomings of Community Solidarity and the Individualism of the Struggle for Survival Alain Marie	137
Finding the Right Balance: Financial Self-Help Organizations as Sources of Security and Insecurity in Urban Indonesia Hotze Lont	159
Stepping on Two Boats: Urban Strategies of Chinese Peasants and Their Children Danyu Wang	179
wanga nang	1/7