

Relationship between Mothers and Daughters through *Mago-sodate* Narratives

– Stories from the rearing of two generations –

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The purpose of this study is to explore the relationship between mothers (grandmothers) and daughters (mothers) regarding the situation of grandmothers involved in *mago-sodate*. *Mago-sodate* is a Japanese term that refers to when grandparents play a large part in rearing their grandchildren.

In this study, four grandmothers that are the guardians of their respective daughter's children were interviewed about their experience regarding *mago-sodate*. The author analyzes the narratives of their experiences by using life-story research as a reference. The results show that *mago-sodate* involves various aspects related to the relationship between mothers and daughters, in which the daughters try to maintain a sense of distance from their own children and watch affectionately as the children are reared via *mago-sodate*. The author concludes that the experience of *mago-sodate* is the vehicle through which mothers and daughters transfer the experiences of child-rearing to their own respective daughters.