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**Perception of ‘time’ among Indian and Irish adoptive parents:**

**A phenomenological study**

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The paper explores the notion of ‘time’ from pre-to-post adoption phases across Indian and Irish adoptive parents who had built their families through non-family domestic adoption. This theme of ‘time’ was one of the findings of the Irish Indian work that was undertaken to study the psycho-socio experiences of Irish adoptive parents across pre-, during- and post adoption phases and compare it with the Indian adoptive parents. The study followed a phenomenological methodology and in-depth jointly constructed couple interviews were conducted with adoptive parents from both countries. The interpretative phenomenological analysis revealed several themes including the ‘push’ aspect of time in pre-adoption phase which resulted in adoption initiation and the ‘pull’ aspect of time in post-adoption phase which prevented adoption of a second child. While the paper discusses the within and between couples’ similarities and differences across the two contexts, it also highlights the relation of ‘time’ to the identity of the couples and their understanding towards couple vs. family time. The findings of the research are presented through the insider-outsider and reflexive positioning of the two researchers, which was central to the research study.

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