

Category: Bachelor and Masters

Project: Invisible Work

What was the challenge?

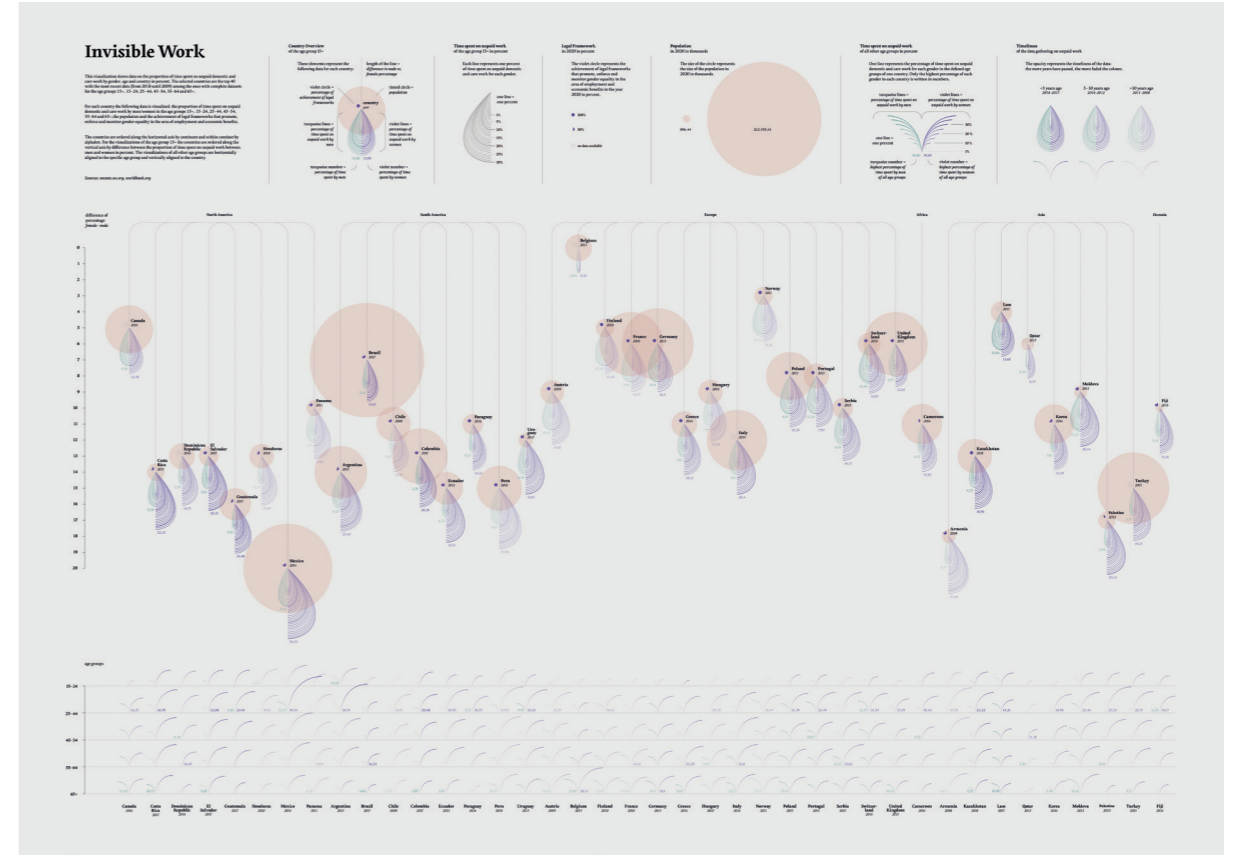
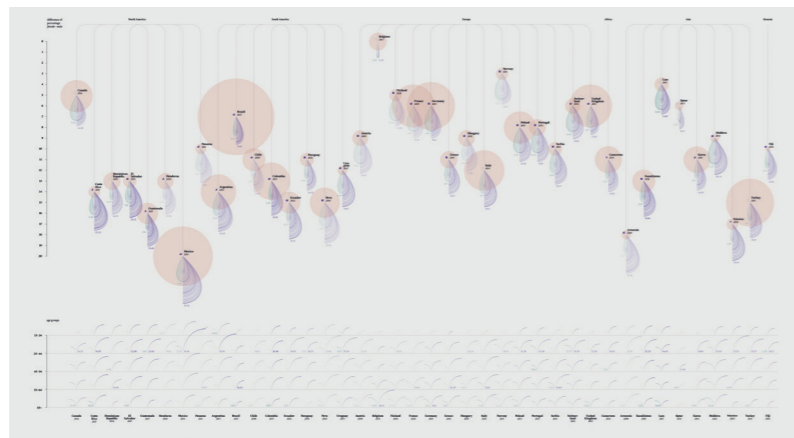
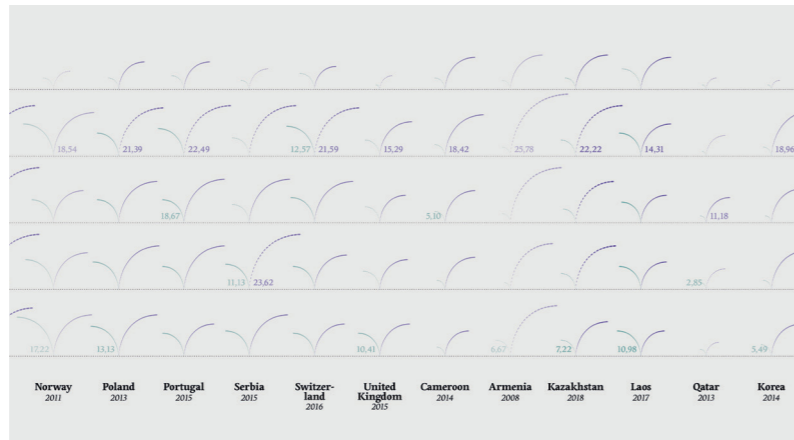
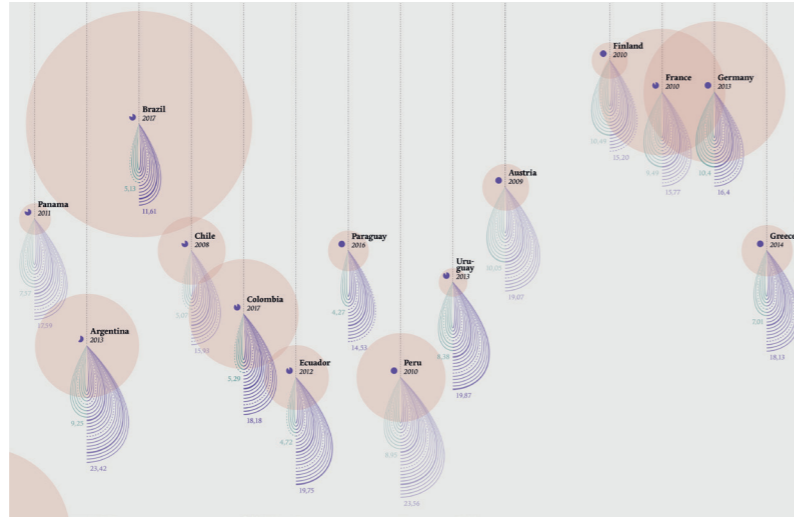
In 2015 Austria and the 192 other member states of the United Nations committed to pursuing the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. They encompass social, ecological and economic aspects and are part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The fifth goal is called "Gender equality - achieving gender equality and empowering all women and girls to self-determination" with the fourth sub-goal titled "Recognize and value unpaid care and domestic work through the provision of public services, infrastructure and social protection policies and the promotion of shared responsibility within the household and the family as nationally appropriate." The data in this regard is recorded under the indicator "Proportion of time spent on unpaid domestic and care work, by sex, age and location".

What was the solution?

Utilizing this data set collected by the United Nations in the SDG Indicators Database, I decided to visualize the most recent and complete data of 40 countries to make the gravity of the issue and the need for change more apparent. While providing context and information, the poster especially highlights the noticeable inequality and wide disparities in time spent by the sexes.

What was the effect?

This project was not only a reason to dive further into this topic myself and to make friends and family aware in the process, but the finished data visualization is now shown as a poster at the University of Arts in Linz. It invites to reflect on how we define work and what we recognise as such. It asks to think about our own behaviour and that of the people around us. It calls for change, even if it is just a small, personal one. But that is how all change starts.



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