

PROGRAM

Advances in Family & Fertility Research

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TransEurope Young Researcher's Workshop
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Department of Sociology
University of Groningen, The Netherlands
Organizer: Melinda Mills

Location: 'Het Kasteel', Melkweg 1

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Thursday, October 15

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| 8.30 – 9.00 | Coffee and registration |
| | Session Chair: Melinda Mills |
| 9.00 – 9.15 | Welcome, Melinda Mills (organizer, University of Groningen) and Hans-Peter Blossfeld (chair of Analyzing the Life Course Group, QMSS-2, Otto-Friedrich-University Bamberg, Germany) |
| 9.15–10.00 | Some methodological challenges in the analysis of the education-fertility relationship, Øystein Kravdal (University of Oslo, Norway) |
| 10.00–10.45 | The terms fertility and infertility in demography, reproductive medicine and common language: much confusion
Egbert te Velde (Erasmus University, Netherlands) |
| 10.45–11.15 | Coffee break |
| 11.15–12.00 | Selection effects in family research, Fiona Steele (University of Bristol, UK) |
| 12.00–13.30 | Lunch break |
| | Session Chair: Sandra Buchholz |
| 13.30–14.15 | Labour market and fertility decisions in the 'Latin model'. Paolo Barbieri (University of Trento, Italy) |
| 14.15–15.00 | Fertility intentions and their determinants in a low fertility country. The case of Poland, Ewa Fratzak (Warsaw School of Economics, Poland) |
| 15.00–15.30 | Coffee break |
| 15.30–16.15 | Mothers - the new silent reserve? Career penalties for mothers' time out in relation to the economic cycle and unemployment in Germany and the U.S., Daniela Grunow (University of Amsterdam) & Silke Aisenbrey (Yeshiva University, NYC) |
| 16.15-17.00 | Committee Meeting of the Life History Group, QMSS-2 |
| 18.30 | Conference Dinner, Café de Sleutel, Noorderhaven 72 |

Friday, October 16

9.15 – 9.30 Coffee and welcome

Session Chair: Hans-Peter Blossfeld

9.30 – 10.15 Transitions to Adulthood and Welfare Regimes: an Optimal Matching Analysis of Work-Family Trajectories of Young Adults from 20 European Countries, Flora Chanvriil, Anne-Sophie Cousteaux, Viviane Le Hay, Laurent Lesnard (SciencesPo, France), and Cécile Vandevelde

10.15 – 11.00 Education and divorce: exploring dynamics and selection bias issues, Juan Ignacio Martinez and Fabrizio Bernardi (UNED, Spain)

11.00 – 11.15 Coffee break

11.15 – 12.00 Legal and residential partnership status in Europe, Melinda Mills (University of Groningen) and Anne-Rigt Poortman (University of Utrecht)

12.00 – 13.30 Lunch break

Session Chair: Knut Røed

13.30 – 14.15 The Impact of Family Background on Economic Status – Lessons from Comprehensive School Reform in Finland, Markus Jäntti (Swedish Institute for Social Research, Stockholm University) and Tuomas Pekkarinen (Helsinki School of Economics, Finland)

14.15 – 15.00 Marriage and Asset Building, Jennifer A. Holland (University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA)

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee break

15.30 – 16.15 Housing and Life Space Readjustment: A Study of Synchronicity of Life Course Transitions in Germany, Sergi Vidal (University of Bremen, Germany)

16.15-17.30 Final Discussion and conclusion

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Saturday, October 17

8.30 – 9.00 Coffee and registration

Session Chair: Dirk Hofaecker

9.00 – 9.15 Welcome, Melinda Mills (organizer, University of Groningen) and Hans-Peter Blossfeld (chair of ESF TransEurope Network, Bamberg University)

9.15-10.00 Marriage as the most important reason for leaving parental home in Poland: Mixed patterns in the transition country, Ewa Fraczak and Iga Sikorska (Warsaw School of Economics)

10.00-10.45 Partnership Formation in the Context of Increasing Labour Market Insecurity, Hande Inanc (University of Oxford)

10.45-11.15 Coffee break

11.15-12.00 Triggers of Adolescent Romantic Relationships: The Effect of Parental Divorce. A Causal Approach, Katya Ivanova, Melinda Mills and René Veenstra (University of Groningen)

12.00-13.30 Lunch break

Session Chair: Hans-Peter Blossfeld

13.30-14.15 Social capital and pressure in second birth decision-making: A comparative analysis of France, Germany and Bulgaria, Nicoletta Balbo and Melinda Mills (University of Groningen)

14.15-15.00 Work-Fertility Conflict: A European Comparison, Katia Begall and Melinda Mills (University of Groningen)

15.00-15.30 Coffee break

- 15.30-16.15 Early Professional and Family Trajectories in the Czech Republic: holistic approach, Jana Chaloupková (Institute of Sociology of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic)
- 16.15-17.15 Who contacts whom? Education-specific patterns of online mate selection, Jan Skopek and Florian Schulz (University of Bamberg, Germany)
- 18.30 Conference Dinner, Cantina Mexicana, Vismarkt 50

<p>Sunday, October 18</p>

Session Chair: Melinda Mills

- 9.00 – 9.45 Divorce in the Netherlands: The Impact of the Family
Martijn Hogerbrugge (University of Utrecht), Aafke Komter and Peer Scheepers
- 9.45-10.30 Division of household labor within same-sex couples, Andrea Dürnberger (University of Bamberg)
- 10.30-11.00 Coffee break
- 11.00-11.45 Social Support and Working Hours of Employed Mothers in Europe. The relevance of the state, the workplace, and the family, Anja Abendroth (University of Utrecht), Tanja van der Lippe, Ineke Maas
- 11.45-12.30 Discussion
- 12.30-14.00 Lunch break and conclusion of workshop

ESF Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences 2

This network will provide a focal point for methodological innovation and advancement. The network programme will focus on five areas of critical importance in quantitative methods:

- Social interactions and social networks
- Analysing the lifecourse
- Cross-national comparisons
- Immigration and population dynamics
- Survey design and quality

It will bring together leading European experts across a wide range of methods and discipline areas. Through annual seminars and summer schools, it will promote cutting-edge methods that will be disseminated to the new generation of European researchers. The seminars will provide a focal point where specialists from different disciplines and different countries will share their experience. These seminars will provide both the vision and the framework for planning the summer schools designed to train young European researchers in specific methods.

The programme represents a continuation of Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences, led by Chris Skinner at the University of Southampton.

For more information, see: <http://www.ccsr.ac.uk/qmss/>

Analysing the lifecourse

Lifecourse analysis is vital to understanding the relationship between life events (e.g. migration, parenthood, partnerships, employment) and long-term outcomes over lifecourse trajectories. The lifecourse consists of repeated events (i.e. multiple episodes) and dynamic interrelated processes with a focus often on the frequency, timing and duration, sequencing, causality and status dependence of events. Topics addressed by the group include:

- Data collection and research design

Life course data are often collected retrospectively and suffer from problems of recall, autobiographic memory, misrepresentation of specific populations, and collecting information on attitudinal or affective states.

- Descriptive methods

Methods are required that can illustrate multistate and multi-episode processes, including: descriptions of entire histories, sequence analysis, analysis of cumulative descriptions over time and graphical methods.

- Life course data and causal modelling

Life course data offer an excellent opportunity to apply causal models, helping to identify: (1) the direction of causality, (2) strengths of reciprocal effects, (3) age, cohort and period effects, (4) historical settings, (5) multiple clocks, eras, and point-in-time events, (6) contextual processes at multiple levels, (7) duration dependence, and (8) variability in state dependencies.

- Multilevel event history models

Individuals may experience events more than once over the observation period. Repeated events data have a hierarchical structure and can be analysed using multilevel models, which can be extended to non-hierarchical structures.

- Dynamic analysis of interdependent events

Most event history analyses focus on the timing of events in a single history or 'process'. However, outcomes of one process often influence the occurrence of events in another. Multiprocess or simultaneous equation models allow for the examination of interdependencies.

- Using discrete and continuous time models

An important issue is the comparison of discrete and continuous time models and their estimation techniques.

- Cross-national comparisons

Lifecourse data are available in many countries, but cross-national research demands standardized instruments, concepts and compatible data files. The group will develop and test appropriate methodologies for cross-national comparisons.

Core members

Leader: Hans-Peter Blossfeld (Bamberg, Germany)

Members

Paolo Barbieri (Trento, Italy)

Fabrizio Bernardi (Madrid, Spain)

Sandra Buchholz (Bamberg, Germany)

Markus Jäntti, Helsinki, Finland

Melinda Mills (Groningen, The Netherlands)

Anu Realo (Tartu, Estonia)

Knut Røed (Oslo, Norway)

Fiona Steel (Bristol, UK)

Louis-André Vallet (Paris, France)

ESF TransEurope Research Network: Transnationalisation and Changing Life Course Inequality in Europe

Globalisation and Europeanisation have become central reference points for media, politicians, academics, and policy-makers to explain social change and understand social inequality in European member countries. Globalisation and Europeanisation bring broader social regulations and tensions in national structures. They are two transnational processes experienced mutually by all nations, yet each nation appears to be impacted differently.

Although the phenomena of Europeanisation and globalisation increasingly dominate public and political discourse, there remains a lack of research about how these processes impact and change the family and employment life domains of European citizens. To this point, little empirical research connects these transnational changes to inequality at the individual level in Europe. Furthermore, it is not yet established whether individual life courses in European countries are experiencing more convergence or divergence.

The TransEurope Research Network closes this gap by bringing together leading European experts from Political Science, Demography, Economics, and Sociology from seven countries (Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Germany, the Netherlands and Sweden) to conceptualise, operationalise, test, and compare the impact of transnational shifts on life course inequality across Europe. It is financed by the European Science Foundation (ESF) and the Foundation's National Member Organisations on an à la carte basis.

The international and interdisciplinary design of the network allows the study of the supranational processes of Globalization and Europeanisation while at the same time paying attention to their repercussions in different national contexts.

The Network comprehensively examines the:

- reach of globalising and Europeanising transformations within European nations,
- policy responses of various European nations and cultures to these transformations,
- effectiveness of these responses toward furthering national interests or slowing the effects of transnational shifts,
- consequences of transnational shifts on social inequality at the individual level throughout European member nations, and;
- impact of transnational labour market changes on family dynamics (partnership and fertility trends) in various European nations.

At the same time, the TransEurope Programme explicitly addresses the skills shortage in scholars able to perform international comparative research through a programme for young scientists to be trained in the analysis of comparative life course and panel data by the TransEurope network of senior scientists across Europe. Through yearly workshops, a summer school as well as an exchange grant programme, the TransEurope Network seeks to create high levels of scholarship and productivity by bringing together national experts and junior researchers within Europe and creating the opportunity for them to collaborate on innovative and path-breaking comparative research.

Key milestones within the network are organized within five phases, aimed at the development of general transnationalisation measures as well as a consecutive analysis of four pivotal life course transitions:

- Year 1 – 2006: Developing measures of transnationalisation for comparative work, organizing collaboration structures and potential expansion of network.
- Year 2 – 2007: Transition to Adulthood/Employment Entrance Transitions + Summer school.
- Year 3 – 2008: Job mobility transitions.
- Year 4 – 2009: Fertility decisions, employment re-entry from caregiving.
- Year 5 – 2010: Employment exit decisions.
- Early 2011: Final conference, culmination of all project phases.

The Steering Committee consists of:

Hans-Peter Blossfeld (Chair and representative Germany), Melinda Mills (Netherlands), Johann Bacher (Austria), Michael Tåhlin (Sweden), Jan van Bavel (Belgium), Tomáš Sirovátka (Czech Republic), Ellu Saar (Estonia), and Dirk Hofäcker (Programme Coordinator)

For further information visit the Programme Website at www.transeurope-project.org or contact the Programme Coordinator Dirk Hofäcker (dirk.hofaecker@sowi.uni-bamberg.de).