

Call for Papers for the international conference

## **Fertility and Family Dynamics in Migrant and Minority Groups: Current Research and New Approaches in Times of Crises**

*October 12 and 13, 2023, Federal Institute for Population Research, Wiesbaden (Germany)*

As migrants and their descendants play an increasing role in the demographic, social and cultural landscape of European populations, there is a persistent interest in their family and fertility dynamics. Demographic and sociological research have paid growing attention to how the event of crossing international borders affects migrants' family and fertility behaviours, fertility differentials between migrants and the native-born population at destination or at origin, and whether or not their fertility levels converge over time and across migrant generations.

The conference invites international researchers in demography, sociology, and population geography as well as neighbouring disciplines dealing with the topic of fertility and family dynamics in migrant and minority groups from different perspectives and applying diverse analytical and theoretical approaches. We aim at a broad range of contributions covering patterns, causes, and consequences of having children and of forming a family, and dealing with the diversity within and between different migrant, ethnic, or religious minority groups and across migrant generations.

Particularly, we propose the following topics for submissions:

- “Interrelation of events”: Fertility and its interdependencies with other life-course events among migrants, such as union formation or dissolution and re-partnering, or subsequent mobility.
- “Back to the demographic roots”: Impact of migration, migrants and ethnic minorities on fertility and fertility change in destination and origin countries.
- “Shocks and fertility”: Consequences of different types of crises (economic, political, climate, COVID-19, ...) on family dynamics and fertility of migrants.
- “Beyond demographic birth events”: Family planning, reproductive health, and delivery in migrant and minority groups.
- “Reasons for migration and fertility”: The impact of migration motives and legal status at destination for ensuing family dynamics and fertility decisions.
- “Regional context and fertility”: Geographic and spatial aspects, contextual factors, residential segregation, and fertility outcomes.
- The topics of this conference are not limited to this list, but can be extended by other innovative and/ or timely ongoing research in the field.

Submissions can cover all methodological and theoretical approaches and/or types of data. In the aftermath of the conference, we aim at compiling a special issue in an international peer-reviewed sociological/demographic journal based on the contributions presented. Therefore, we especially welcome the submission of new work in progress.

This thematic conference is a collaboration between the European Consortium for Sociological Research (ECSR), the European Association for Population Studies (EAPS), and the German Federal Institute for Population Research (BiB).

**Deadline for submission of abstracts: May 15, 2023**

For your contribution to be considered, please email an abstract (500 words) and contact information of all authors (incl. affiliations) to: Elisabeth Kraus ([Elisabeth.Kraus@bib.bund.de](mailto:Elisabeth.Kraus@bib.bund.de))

**Notifications of admission:** mid-June, 2023

**Tentative conference schedule:** October 12, morning, until October 13, 2023, noon.

**Conference venue:** Federal Institute for Population Research/Federal Statistical Office, located in the city of Wiesbaden (Germany), with good access by train from the major European cities, or from Frankfurt International Airport. The event is planned as an in-person event.

There is no registration fee. Limited financial support (for travel and accommodation expenses) for participants from Eastern and Southern European countries is available upon request. We aim to support mainly junior researchers (Master's or doctoral students presenting their Master's thesis or PhD work).

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