



Call for Papers for the bi-annual international conference on

**Fertility and Family Dynamics in Migrant and Minority Groups:
Social Inequalities, Reproductive Rights and Family Formation in
Contemporary Europe**

Salamanca, 27-28 May 2027

Migrants and their descendants play an increasing role in the demographic, social, and cultural landscape of European populations. Their family and fertility dynamics have implications for population growth, age structures, and patterns of demographic change. Demographic and sociological research pays therefore growing attention to how international migration shapes migrants' family and fertility behavior, fertility differentials between migrants and non-migrants in both countries of origin and destination, and changes in these patterns over time and across generations. The conference invites international researchers in demography, sociology, and population geography as well as neighbouring disciplines studying the topic of fertility and family dynamics in migrant and ethnic minority groups from different perspectives and applying diverse analytical and theoretical approaches.

This conference is a collaboration between the **Labour Market, Migrations and Health (M²S)** research group at the **University of Salamanca (USAL)** and the **Working Group on Fertility and Family Dynamics in Migrant and Minority Groups in the European Association for Population Studies (EAPS)**.

Special topic: The conference coincides with the **500th anniversary of the School of Salamanca**, whose scholars contributed to early formulations of universal human rights. The study of international migration highlights the continuing need to safeguard these rights. Migration is high on the political agenda and increasingly regulated. At the same time, European welfare states face growing budgetary pressures, which may place particular strain on access to social rights and services among more vulnerable groups. Against this backdrop, we invite submissions that reflect on the conditions under which migrants and minorities can exercise their reproductive rights and raise their families.

In addition, we aim at a broad range of contributions covering patterns, causes, and consequences of having children and of forming a family and taking into account the diversity within and between different migrant, ethnic, or religious minority groups and across migrant generations.

Topics may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- *Social rights and access:* Legal status, citizenship, and structural barriers related to fertility and union formation.
- *Old theories, new results:* testing traditional hypotheses of migrant and minority fertility within the current European context of falling fertility rates.
- *Interrelation of events:* to explore the relationship between other aspects of family dynamics, such as partnership formation, and fertility.
- *Beyond demographic birth events:* family planning, reproductive health, family policy uptake, labour market integration.
- *Context matters:* country-comparative studies across and beyond Europe.

- *Gender perspective*: studies specifically focusing on male migrants or comparing family trajectories of migrant women and men.
- *Data and methods*: new demographic approaches and new data to study fertility and family of migrant populations.

The topics are indicative and contributions on other innovative and/or timely research in the field are welcome. Submissions can cover all methodological and theoretical approaches and/or types of data. We particularly welcome work in progress, ideally in an advanced stage, that encourages discussion among participants.

Deadline for submission of abstracts: 30 November 2026.

For your contribution to be considered, please email an abstract (up to 500 words) and contact information of all authors (incl. affiliations) to: **Tatiana Eremenko (teremenko@usal.es)** and **Nadja Milewski (nadja.milewski@bib.bund.de)**.

Notifications of admission: will be sent by 21 December 2026.

Tentative schedule: 27 May (morning) to 28 May (noon) 2027.

Venue: Colegio Arzobispo Fonseca, Salamanca, Spain.

Financial aspects: No registration fee. Participants are invited to the conference dinner planned for 27 May. Participants are expected to cover their travel and accommodation; rooms at a special rate will be offered at the Hospedería Arzobispo Fonseca.

Organizing team:

Steering committee of EAPS Working Group: Nadja Milewski, Elisabeth K. Kraus, and Eleonora Mussino.

Steering committee of the USAL working group: Tatiana Eremenko, Alberto del Rey, Guillermo Orfao, and Jesús García Gómez.