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Call for papers for the international conference

## **Children in Migrant or Ethnic Minorities: Demographic and Social Processes in a Comparative Perspective**

16 and 17 May, 2019, Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock

Organizers: EAPS Network Migrant and Minority Fertility in Europe and the Section 'Migration and Ethnic Minorities' of the German Sociological Association (DGS) in collaboration with the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock

There is an ongoing discussion in the social sciences on the social and demographic consequences of international migration, both in respect to migrant minorities coming from outside Europe or originating from other European countries. The debate is not only related to processes of migration and ethnic-group formation or to changes in population(s) itself; it relates also to processes of family formation and fertility.

The conference aims to bring together researchers in demography and sociology who address the topic of fertility in minority situations from comparative perspectives. We aim at a broad range of contributions covering patterns, causes, and consequences of getting children and family formation. We are primarily interested in research addressing the heterogeneity within minority groups but also between minority groups, such as between different generations, between genders, or between different countries of origin, ethnic groups, or religious affiliations. Last not least comparisons between minorities and majority groups are welcomed. In addition to quantitative and qualitative approaches on the micro and macro level, we encourage papers employing mixed methods or focusing on methodological and theoretical developments.

We propose the following topics:

- Comparing the first, second, and third migrant generations
- Comparing different kinds of minorities, such as religious and ethnic minorities
- Analyzing and comparing interrelationships between fertility and other life-course transitions

- Research on gender differences, couples' perspectives and intersections between different dimensions of marginalization
- Relating behavior and attitudes towards getting children
- Comparing patterns of reproductive health and family planning
- Comparing the impact of different political strategies or regimes on fertility and population dynamics in respect to changing minority and majority patterns
- Overcoming "methodological nationalism and ethnicism" in research on populations and fertility
- Analyzing the relation between the political and sociological/ demographic perspectives on population and fertility.

The conference will take place at the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock (Germany), on 16 and 17 May, 2019.

We also aim at producing a publication in the form of a book or a Special Collection after the conference. Therefore we especially welcome the submission of new work in progress.

**Deadline for applications: 15 November 2018.**

Please send an abstract (500 words) via email to the organizers:

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