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Programme

Thursday, Feb 26th: Main Conference - Part I		Room
9:00-9:30	Registration and gathering	Lobby
9:30-9:45	Opening and welcome	K1
09:45-11:15	Session 1A: Childcare, Employment, and Partnership Chair: <i>Ayhan Adams</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimating the Effect of Working From Home on Parents' Division of Childcare and Housework: A New Panel IV Approach (Schüller) • Couple Employment Dynamics and First Childbirths in Europe (Dorofeeva) • Fathers' and Mothers' Joint Longitudinal Earnings Trajectories Before and After First Birth in Austria (Vargha) • The Interplay of Childcare Histories and Maternal Work Trajectories (S. Schmid et al.) 	K1
	Session 1B: Generations Chair: <i>Bettina Hünteler</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Inequalities in Support Between Multiple Generations in Europe Over Time (Deindl) • Simulating the Historical and Future Availability of Living Ancestors Throughout the Life Course, 1751-2100 (Calderón-Bernal) • Uncovering Hidden Kin: Cross-National Evidence From KINMATRIX (Jessee et al.) • Inheritance Orientations: Meanings of Inheritance for Future Testators (Körte) 	K2
11:15-11:45	Coffee break and change of rooms	Lobby
11:45-12:45	KEYNOTE Charlotte Faircloth: What is 'intensive parenting' and why does it matter?	K1
12:45-13:45	Lunch	Lobby
13:45-15:15	Session 2A: Parenthood, Care Work, and Well-being Chair: <i>Gundula Zoch</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experiencing the Demands of Parenthood: How Unpaid Care Work Shapes Parental Well-Being in Germany (Löwe) • Caring for Summer? Seasonality of Fathers' Paternity Leave Take-Up in Germany (Filser et al.) • Who Cares for a Sick Child? The Role of Job Characteristics in Germany (Klennert et al.) • Take it or leave it? Factors for fathers' parental leave take-up in Germany (Bächmann et al.) 	K1
	Session 2B: Mental Health and Stress Chair: <i>Eva-Maria Schmidt</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health in Adulthood After Prenatal Exposure to Maternal Stress Due to Sudden Loss of Close Relatives (Broos et al.) • Do I Care? Maternal Self-Care During the COVID-19 Pandemic in Austria (Dafert) • Disappointed Believers Suffer More: How Marriage Permanence Beliefs Shape Depressive Symptoms After Separation and Divorce (Philipp et al.) • Unequal Happiness Gains From Summer Breaks: Evidence From European 	K2

	Parents (Rotondi) Session 2C: Wealth and Property <i>Chair: Bettina Hünteler</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family and Reproductive Welfare Across Europe (Zagel et al.) • Wealthy Families in the D-A-CH Region: Wealth Formation and Transfer Between Tradition and Renewal (Neumann et al.) • From Separate to Shared: Marriage Beliefs, Homeownership, and Couples' Money Management (Althaber et al.) • Forgotten Property: Operationalizing Couple-Specific Property Arrangements for Standardized Surveys (Leuze et al.) 	K3
15:15-16:15	Session Posters and Coffee: Families' diversity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Politics of Parenthood: How Family Roles Shape Support for Equal-Opportunity Education Policy (Lütolf et al.) • Non-commercial Surrogacy. An international qualitative interview study (Heistrüvers) • Queer Family Formation in Germany: Acceptance of Egg Donation for Female Same-Sex Couples (Kuhnt et al.) • What should children know about families? Primary school children's views on family diversity (Zartler et al.) • Dense Intimate Knowledge: Conceptualising the Co-Presence of Work and Family in the Home (Mikats) • Preparing for worst: Marriage Insurance and Labour Supply (Usman) 	Lobby
16:15-17:45	Session 3A: Partnership and Migration <i>Chair: Eva-Maria Schmidt</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership Trajectories Among Refugee Women and Men: Exploring the Role of Gender and Country of Origin (Kraus et al.) • Mixed Unions as Boundary Breakers? How Choosing Migrant Partners Affects German Non-Migrants' Family Ties (Gawron et al.) • Navigating Norms: How Mothers in Transnational Child Custody Conflicts Negotiate Normative Ideals About Motherhood (Kiermaier et al.) • "You Really Notice Which Other Realities of Life Exist That Are Not Foreseen": Legal Professionals' Views on Transnational Families in Child Custody Conflicts (Parisot et al.) 	K1
	Session 3B: Poverty and Inequality <i>Chair: Bernhard Riederer</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Education-Specific Impact of First Birth on Poverty Risk Within Couples in Austria (Siegert et al.) • The social gradient in infant health from a couple-level perspective: Revisiting the heterogamy penalty hypothesis (Metzger et al.) • "I Can't Relate to You!" Children's Subjective Poverty Experience and Their Perceptions of the Parent-Child Relationship in Germany (Stein) • Partnership Status and Parental Support: Evidence of Compounded Disadvantage Across European Welfare Regimes (Corradi-Eiger) 	K2
	Session 3C: Relationships in and of families <i>Chair: Julia Sauter</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Transformation and the Family: Is Digital Communication a Benefit or a Threat to Parent-Child Relationships? (Mellies et al.) • Stability and Change in Sibling Relationships in Childhood: Latent Profiles and Transitions (Wittmann) • The Family-Childhood Nexus in Home-School Relations (Eunicke) 	K3
17:45-18:00	Break and change of rooms	
18:00-20:30	Dinner at DJI	Lobby

Friday, Feb 27th: Main Conference - Part II		Room
9:00-10:30	Session 4A: Norms and Emotions <i>Chair: Gundula Zoch</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Tradwives to Egalitarians: Ideologies on the Female Role and Their Relevance for Political Preferences (Kleinschrot et al.) • Beyond Adolescence: Exploring Value Similarities Between Parents and Adult Children (Becker) • Emotion Work in Early Motherhood: Practices and Challenges in Navigating Societal Expectations (Schmidt et al.) • Becoming Parents, Becoming Egalitarian? How Couples' Gender Ideologies Shift With Parenthood in Australia, Germany and Switzerland (Floean et al.) 	K1
	Session 4B: Couple Separation and Ageing <i>Chair: Ayhan Adams</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men's Employment Trajectories After Union Dissolution in Germany (Schmauk et al.) • Who Converges to Whom? Divorce Patterns Across East, West, and Migrant Populations More Than 30 Years After German Reunification (Kleinschlömer et al.) • The Timing of Labor Market Exit and Pension Claiming: The Role of Migration Status and Gender in Germany (Sauer et al.) • Dyadic Aging: Health, Autonomy, and Death in Older Couples (Klingel) 	K2
	Session 4C: Power relations in families <i>Chair: Laura Bernardi</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doing Democracy in Families: Fathers, Teens, and the Practice of Democracy at Home (Possinger et al.) • Sexual Autonomy and SDG 5.6.1: International Comparison and Regional Determinants (Shapoval et al.) • "Abuse Was in the Room": Gender-Specific Gaslighting in Couples, Family and Parenting Counselling (Burschel) 	K3
10:30-11:00	Coffee break and change of rooms	Lobby
11:00-12:30	Session 5A: Child Well-Being in Separated Families <i>Chair: Bernhard Riederer</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Well-Being in Separated Families: How Are Stability and Change in Post-Separation Care Arrangements Linked to Emotional Problems in Germany? (Recksiedler et al.) • Prevalence and Characteristics of Custody Arrangements in Switzerland (Spasic) • Good Mother, Good Father: Constructions of Parenthood in the Discursive Field of Custody Proceedings in Austria Since 1945 (Zuccato-Doutlik) • Parent-Child Discrepancies in Children's Well-Being Between Nuclear and Post-Separation Families (Brockner) 	K1
	Session 5B: Parenting Practices and Inequality <i>Chair: Julia Sauter</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parenting Practices and Self-Efficacy in Children and Adolescents (Weis et al.) • Class Inequality in Parental Activities With Children Among Dual-Earner Couples: Evidence From the 2022 German Time Use Survey (Naujoks et al.) • U.S. Parenting Norms in Europe? A Replication and Extension of Ishizuka (2019) in Switzerland (Klingler et al.) 	K2

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who Decides? The Dyadic Significance of Parental Attitudes for Children's COVID-19 Vaccination Uptake (Trübner et al.) 	
	Session 5C: Family Diversity, Attitudes and Inequality <i>Chair: Anne-Kristin Kuhnt</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attitudes Toward Family Diversity: A Systematic Review and Conceptual Framework of Structure and Composition (Hoffman et al.) Challenges of Established Gender and Parental Roles in Evolving Societies: The Non-Birthing Parent in Lesbian-Queer Family Constellations (Zimmermann et al.) LGBTQ+ Families Navigating Inequalities, Normalization, and Struggles for Recognition (Teschlade et al.) Sexual Minority Orientation and Singlehood: A Double Jeopardy for Life Satisfaction? (L. Schmid et al.) 	K3
12:30-13:30	Lunch	Lobby
13:30-15:00	Session 6A: Fertility: Attitudes, Intentions, Realisation <i>Chair: Laura Bernardi</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attitudes Toward Having Children: What Is the Role of Gender, Migration Background and Religion? (Jahr et al.) From the Desire to Have Children to Having Children: Urban-Rural Differences in Realisation (Riederer) Occupational Stressors, Perceived Stress, and Women's Fertility in Germany (Luo et al.) The Role of Societal Pessimism in Childfree Rationales: Quantitative and Qualitative Insights from the Netherlands (Cammu et al.) 	K1
	Session 6B: Gender Ideology and Division of Work <i>Chair: Anne-Kristin Kuhnt</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multidimensional Gender Ideology Measures and Their Relation to the Division of Unpaid Labor (Firl) Effects of Actors' and Partners' Transitions to Permanent Employment on Subjective Well-Being (Baron) Stalled Gender Revolution? Longitudinal Patterns of Paid and Unpaid Labour in Swiss Dual-Earner Couples (Bonelli et al.) Gender Differences in Social Integration: The Role of Paid Work (Braack et al.) 	K2
15:00-15:15	Closing remarks and end of the conference	K1

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