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Programme

Thursday, Feb 26th: Main Conference - Part I		Room
9:00-9:30	<i>Registration and gathering</i>	Lobby
9:30-9:45	<i>Opening and welcome</i>	K1
09:45-11:15	<p>Session 1A: Childcare, Employment, and Partnership Chair: Ayhan Adams</p> <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
	<p>Session 1B: Generations Chair: Bettina Hünteler</p> <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	<i>Coffee break and change of rooms</i>	Lobby
11:45-12:45	<p>KEYNOTE Charlotte Faircloth: What is 'intensive parenting' and why does it matter?</p>	K1
12:45-13:45	<i>Lunch</i>	Lobby
13:45-15:15	<p>Session 2A: Parenthood, Care Work, and Well-being Chair: Gundula Zoch</p> <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 (Filszer 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
	<p>Session 2B: Mental Health and Stress Chair: Eva-Maria Schmidt</p> <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 Chair: Bettina Hünteler <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 (Lütfolf 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 Chair: Eva-Maria Schmidt <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 Chair: Bernhard Riederer <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 Chair: Julia Sauter <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 (Eunice) 	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	<p>Session 4A: Norms and Emotions <i>Chair: Gundula Zoch</i></p> <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 (Florean et al.) 	K1
	<p>Session 4B: Couple Separation and Ageing <i>Chair: Ayhan Adams</i></p> <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 (Kleinschlämer 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
	<p>Session 4C: Power relations in families <i>Chair: Laura Bernardi</i></p> <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	<p>Session 5A: Child Well-Being in Separated Families <i>Chair: Bernhard Riederer</i></p> <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 (Broker) 	K1
	<p>Session 5B: Parenting Practices and Inequality <i>Chair: Julia Sauter</i></p> <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	<i>Lunch</i>	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.) 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.) 	K1
15:00-15:15	<i>Closing remarks and end of the conference</i>	K1

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