



President's Message

Dear colleagues and friends of the ESFR,

The preparation for the next Conference in Lillehammer on the topic of "Families in Changing Europe: Challenges, Conflicts and Intervention" is underway, the website is now open and you will find information about the call for papers and the program structure at the address <http://www.congrex.no/esfr2012>.

We have a nice opportunity to return to the North of Europe and I strongly recommend you invite colleagues from your institutions to join the Conference, and that you disseminate information about this important event.

In the past few months, I have received emails from colleagues around Europe and also from other non European countries who are interested in joining the ESFR. It's another sign of the vitality of the Society that is growing, slowly but with continuity.

Recently, the first issue for 2011 of Family Science was published. Similar to the former issues, I've found the quality of the papers impressive, and I think we should really be proud of it. I've also noticed that the large majority of the papers were prepared by psychologist colleagues. I really hope that family scientists from other disciplines can also choose Family Science as an outlet for their research in order to improve the multidisciplinary spirit that underlies our Society.

The new year is coming up, and while our attention is mainly focused on the new Conference, other activities are in preparation: the renewal of the web-site, the strengthening of research networks across Europe, the organisation of a summer school for students. Anyone who would like to make a contribution or make suggestions is welcome and can directly contact me.

Finally, I would like to remind you to renew your ESFR individual membership for 2012 - 2013. The benefits of ESFR membership are noteworthy and it's an essential means to supporting the Society.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you!

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President of the ESFR

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The Congress will take place in Lillehammer, Norway, from September 26th to September 29th, 2012. The Congress is being organised by the Norwegian Social Research Institute (www.nova.no) and the Institute for Social Research (www.socialresearch.no).

The congress website is now open <http://www.congrex.no/esfr2012>

Congress objectives and themes:

Demographic changes such as rapid population ageing and low fertility rates along with the current economic crisis, increased migration and a larger variety in family formations have led to new research interests in family practices and family policy.

The 6th ESFR Congress will focus on changes and challenges which these large-scale social and economic trends raise according to the welfare policy, family forms, family legislation, different care regimes and intervention programs. The variety in how European welfare systems and family policies interpret and meet these changes makes comparative perspectives and research on families in Europe a rich field of investigation. We therefore invite researchers to expose their research on distinctive family forms, child care and care for the elderly, intervention programs and best practices as well as critical family policy questions and changing ideational foundations of family forms and policies. We also welcome perspectives on theoretical and methodological challenges when doing research on families in changing Europe.

Key note speakers (confirmed):

- Prof. Hans Bertram, Humboldt University, Berlin.
- Prof. Claudine Attias-Donfut, Edgar-Morin Centre, School of higher studies in Social Sciences, Paris.
- Prof. Chiara Saraceno, Social Sciences Research Center, Berlin.
- Prof. Susan Golombok, Director, Centre for Family Research, Cambridge University.
- Dr. Albert Kraler, International Centre for Migration, Vienna.
- Prof. Edward Melhuish, Director, Institute for the Study of Children, Families & Social Issues, Birkbeck, University of London.
- Prof. Rosa Rosnati, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milan.
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- Prof. Jennifer Mason, Morgan Centre for Study of Relationship and Personal Life, University of Manchester, UK.
- Prof. Meinrad Perrez, Department of Psychology, University of Fribourg.



IMPORTANT DATES:

Submission Symposium Abstracts	1. February 2012
Announcement: Open symposia	15. February 2012
Submission of Paper Abstracts	1. March 2012
Submission of Poster Abstracts	1. March 2012
Notification to Authors	1. May 2012
Early Bird Registration	1. June 2012
Final Registration	15. September 2012

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For more information, please visit our webpage at www.esfr.org and direct your membership request to the ESFR secretary at ruth.limmer@ohm-hochschule.de



The Federal Institute for Population Research (Bundesinstitut für Bevölkerungsforschung (BiB)) is a government research organisation, which deals with the causes and consequences of demographic changes. Population research, policy advice and knowledge transfer into the wider public are the main tasks of the Institute. The BiB conducts fundamental research, answers population-related questions to the federal ministries and represents the Federal Government in international cooperation in population matters, e.g. at the United Nations.



To cover a wide range of research topics, it is a multidisciplinary research institute with sociologists, economists, political scientists, geographers, and statisticians working together; currently there are 37 employees, among them 29 scientists and 8 administrative staff. The researchers are also involved in academic teaching. The BiB offers a doctoral programme for its young scientists. National and international research projects as well as the hosting and exchange of visiting scholars strengthens collaborations with other research centers, universities and networks on the national and international levels. The academic research program is advised by a Board of Trustees consisting of 9 academic members, 7 representatives of federal departments, as well as 2 representatives of the Länder (i.e. regional states).

Comparative Population Studies - Zeitschrift für Bevölkerungswissenschaft (CPoS) is one of the publication series which is edited by the BiB. It is a peer-reviewed interdisciplinary scientific journal on demography, population and family studies and publishes articles in English and German. Submissions in both languages are welcome at all times. For detailed information, visit our website: www.comparativepopulationstudies.de

The research activities focus on four research areas:

1. Reproductive behavior, changing living arrangements:

In this research area, the Institute explores the determinants that influence reproductive behavior in Germany and Europe. For this purpose, both cultural and structural factors are examined. Among cultural factors, models play an important role. With regard to structural effects, the research team examines differentiated social, ethnic and regional issues.

2. Spatial mobility in a life-course perspective:

The BiB studies the issue of spatial mobility by focusing on two aspects. On the one hand, national and international migration and its impact on Germany are examined. In particular, the immigration and emigration of highly skilled workers as well as marriage migration are important aspects of this research. On the other hand, the research deals with the increasing relevance of occupational mobility in Europe and its consequences for family, social integration and well-being. Both fields of mobility research adopt a life-course perspective.

3. Challenges and opportunities in an aging society:

The third research area deals with aspects of an aging society. As the population in Germany is expected to age in the foreseeable future, the researchers explore the consequences and - in particular - the advantages of an aging society. Today the elderly are generally healthier compared to previous generations. Particularly the research work focuses on how older people can use their individual resources to get involved in employment, in voluntary work and in supporting the family.

4. Long-term observation and documentation of demographic trends:

This research group deals with the long-term observation of demographic data. The data are collected, updated and edited for the website and are shown in tables and graphs. In the future, the Institute aims to offer a comprehensive online database that includes historical data as well as longer time series. The data are available at www.bib-demografie.de. An English version of the site is planned. Furthermore, this group conducts research on the topics of mortality and world population trends.

For more information please visit our web page: www.bib-demografie.de, or contact us directly:

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Current Research Projects of some ESFR members

The regulation of mothers' negative emotions during discipline encounters: relationship between types of disciplinary practices in daily life and toddlers' behaviour problems

Project description:

Parenting is often described as very rewarding but challenging. It involves being subject to strong positive as well as negative emotions. Although positive emotions decidedly play an important role in parent-child interactions, this study attempts to understand how the management of negative emotions influences parental guidance in terms of responses to discipline-related issues with their young children (18 to 36 months) in an everyday setting.

During the toddler period (18 months and 3 years), children are becoming aware that they are separate individuals and are eager to explore the world, assert themselves and act independently but do not yet have the capacity to anticipate danger. They still have limited self-control and find it difficult to wait, share and take turns. In the process of guiding the behavior of their young children, parents have frequent conflictual interactions with them which often give rise to negative emotions such as anger, tension and frustration.

Discipline in early childhood: The methods parents use for managing child misbehaviour during these early years are important as they contribute to children's social and emotional skills and could lead to a stable pattern of interaction between parents and their children.

Negative emotions and discipline: Previous studies have shown that, in general, parents who experience high negative emotion when faced with a standard misbehaving child are more likely to use ineffective disciplinary measures such as yelling. More specifically, individuals who are prone to anger bursts are more likely to use over-reactive measures when dealing with a misbehaving child. However, negative emotions are not always harmful in parent-child interactions. Parents must set limits as well as discourage inappropriate child behaviour in order to promote the acquisition of important values and socially desirable behaviours. The problem arises, however, when negative emotions are so intense that they interfere with child developmental

goals. In addition, certain disciplinary methods are believed to be linked to the development and maintenance of child behaviour problems.

This study examines the impact of mothers' management of their negative emotions during discipline encounters on types of disciplinary practices and the relation between ineffective disciplinary practices with child behaviour problems using an Ecological Assessment Method.

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In-law relations and family functioning in Korean, Russian, Polish and German Families

Project description:

Family members views of in-law relations in the context of family functioning, transgenerational patterns (divorce, critical life events etc.), personality traits (Big Five etc.) and relational patterns will be studied.

In cooperation with Prof. Dr. Lee, N., Seoul Cyber University (namok-lee@hanmail.net); Prof. Dr. Moon, Y., Mokdong Institute of Family Therapy, Seoul (moonyonggap@hotmail.com); Prof. Dr. E. Spiegel, University of Vechta, Germany (egon.spiegel@uni-vechta.de) Institut für Familienpsychologie Oldenburg (info@gsp-weser-ems.de).

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Factors and dimensions predicting success of the mediation contract in family court mediation in Korea and Germany - a longitudinal study

Project description:

Chances of contract and the rated variables of effectiveness and efficiency of the processes and the results by parties, mediators and lawyers before and after mediation, and one year later, will be studied. The goal is to examine, how relevant the evidence-based success predictors of psychotherapy and counseling in mediation are.

In cooperation with Prof. Dr. Lee, N., Seoul Cyber University (namok-lee@hanmail.net); Prof. Dr. Moon, Y., Korea Institute for Conflictmanagement and Mediation and The Family Court Seoul, Seoul (moonyonggap@hotmail.com); Judge Insa Paul, Amtsgericht Kiel, (Insa.Paul@AG-Kiel.LandSH.de); Judge M. A. Gabler, Landgericht Kiel, (Andrej.Gabler@LG-Kiel.LandSH.de); Institut für Familienpsychologie Oldenburg (info@gsp-weser-ems.de).

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Criteria, personal and systemic factors in jealousy in different types of partnership

Inner working models, criteria, vulnerability and coping with jealousy in different types of couples (marital, non-marital, homosexual, older, younger, swinger couples) and personality traits (Big Five, attachment style etc.) will be studied.

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A word from the co-editors ...

We are glad to be able to send out the 2011 Autumn/Winter issue of the Newsletter to all ESFR members. It is almost the end of the year which gives us the opportunity to wish you a happy holiday season and a Merry Christmas. We also wish you all the best and every success for 2012.

We sincerely hope to see you at the next ESFR congress in Lillehammer in September 2012. We encourage you to submit your very best work to the organisers of this congress in order to make this event as successful as the last one was in Milan.

As always, please do not hesitate to circulate our Newsletter widely. And if you are interested in making things visible to all members and friends of the ESFR via the Newsletter, then please write to silvia.ruppenthal@destatis.de.

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