

Call for Papers and Posters

International Conference

Fertility over the Life Course

Bremen, September 12 - 13, 2012

The Third International Conference organized by the German Family Panel pairfam ("Panel Analysis of Intimate Relationships and Family Dynamics") will take place in Bremen on September 12-13, 2012. The title of the 2012 Conference is "Fertility over the Life Course".

pairfam is a multi-disciplinary panel study on partnership and family dynamics, intergenerational relationships, and parenting in Germany. It is funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG). pairfam started in 2007 with the first wave of data collection. The fourth wave of the panel will be completed in April 2012. For further information see: <http://www.pairfam.de>

The longitudinal analysis of fertility in individual life courses now has a long tradition in social sciences. It has made remarkable contributions to understanding the dynamics and mechanisms of family formation and family extension over the life course. Long-term panel studies provide data to investigate closely interrelated processes in life course fertility in an increasingly differentiated fashion. The empirical foundation for studying the connections between economic, social, or spatial living conditions and fertility as well as fertility-related decision-making from both the individual's and the couple's perspective is steadily improving.

The aim of the conference is to assess progress in contemporary longitudinal fertility research utilizing a range of national and international data. The focus will be on five key thematic fields of research:

1. Fertility Intentions and Decisions in Multi-Dimensional Life Courses
2. Economic and Social Circumstances of Fertility
3. Spatial Mobility and Fertility
4. Fertility Intentions from the Couple's Perspective
5. Cultural Influences on Fertility

The conference will include both invited and submitted papers. In addition, there will be a poster session which may cover a broader range of topics in fertility research than the five topics mentioned above.

The organizers invite the submission of papers (on one of the five topics) as well as contributions to the poster session. To apply for a presentation of a paper or a poster please submit an abstract of up to 400 words by April 13, 2012.

The conference will be coordinated by Petra Buhr and Johannes Huinink (University of Bremen, Germany). Submissions should be sent to fertility-bremen@empas.uni-bremen.de.