



## *Generations & Gender Programme Newsletter*

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### *How is the pandemic affecting daily life in Moldova?*



As other research infrastructures, the GGS fieldwork has been affected by the current pandemic. Moldova started face-to-face interviews last February and had to halt fieldwork in March. When resuming the data collection in July, Moldova included additional questions tailored to the current situation. Respondents are asked about the effect of the pandemic on various aspects of their life - including partnerships, work and family income. The unusual situation also makes it

possible to compare recent answers with the data collected before the start of the pandemic. In total, approximately 8,000 interviews have now been collected and the fieldwork is expected to be finalized this year.

### ***New Harmonized Histories Data set ready***



Thanks to the efforts of Ana Fostik (Statistics Canada), Judith Koops (Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute), and Karolin Kubisch (Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research), a new file has been added to the Harmonized Histories dataset:

- Country: Canada
- Year of data collection: 2011
- Sample size: 21,052 (11,602 women and 9,450 men)

The Harmonized Histories is an international comparative dataset which focuses on fertility and partnership histories, but also captures information on the socio-economic status, place of residence, the childhood family, and other relevant demographics. Are you interested in using these data for your research? Please click [here](#) for more information on the data, topics covered, and how to access and cite the data.

## *Testing of new modules on fertility and uncertainty*

We would like to draw your attention to two recent methodological contributions that were added to our list of technical papers.

Monika Mynarska and Alyce Raybould propose an update to the current fertility related questions in the GGS: By distinguishing clearly between **fertility motives, desires and intentions**, they argue that new insights on voluntary childlessness and childbearing ambivalence could be won. This potential new module is currently subject to pilot testing.

The technical paper by Gunnar Andersson, Johan Dahlberg and Gerda Neyer deals with improved ways of measuring **uncertainty** in the GGS. The new measures could be applied in order to better understand the influence of uncertainty on fertility behaviour. Both papers can soon be found on our [homepage](#).



## *Farewell to Tom Emery*

This month, Tom Emery has left his position as deputy director in the GGP Team. In the last seven years, Tom has shaped the GGS and improved the fieldwork immensely. His contributions have helped to position the GGS in the landscape of research infrastructures. We are most grateful for Tom's work and dedication and wish him all the best for the future.





## *Upcoming Events*



- [SLLS 2020](#) 10th Society for Longitudinal and Life Course Studies Conference (Postponed to 2021 - A number of online events will be scheduled in October)
- 18th Meeting of the "[European Network for the Sociological and Demographic Study of Divorce](#)", 14-16 October (Virtual Conference)
- [ALAP 2020](#), IX Congress of the Latin American Population Association, 9-11 December (Virtual Conference)
- [BigSurv20](#), 2nd international conference on Big Data Meets Survey Science, November 6, 13, 20, 27 and December 4 (Virtual Conference)
- Conference "[Demographic Aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic and its consequences](#)", Vienna, 30 November- 1 December

- [PAA](#). 2021 Annual Meeting, St. Louis, Missouri, 5-8 May 2021 (Call for Papers open, Deadline for submission 25 September 2020)
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## Latest Publications

Steinbach, A., & Maslauskaitė, A. (2020). Childcare in Lithuania and Belarus: how gendered is parenting in Eastern European countries? *Journal of Family Studies*, 1-17. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13229400.2020.1806903>

Bein, C., Mynarska, M., & Gauthier, A. H. (2020). Do costs and benefits of children matter for religious people? Perceived consequences of parenthood and fertility intentions in Poland. *Journal of Biosocial Science*, 1-17. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0021932020000280>

Fernández Soto, M., Fostik, A., & Laplante, B. (2020). Welfare Regimes and Fertility in Second Unions. In R. Schoen (Ed.), *Analyzing Contemporary Fertility* (pp. 199-235). Cham: Springer International Publishing. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-48519-1\\_9](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-48519-1_9)

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