

Generations & Gender Programme Newsletter

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We are now on the ESFRI Roadmap!

We are very pleased to announce that the GGP has been accepted as one of the new Research Infrastructures of the ESFRI Roadmap 2021!

The ESFRI Roadmap (The European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures) is a strategic document that identifies vital research infrastructures in Europe. The successful inclusion in the ESFRI Roadmap signals the high standards the GGP has achieved in terms of scientific excellence and maturity. We thank all countries that supported our application.

The transition of the GGP to a full ESFRI Research Infrastructure helps us achieving our aim to continue providing high quality and cross-nationally comparable longitudinal data and answer pressing scientific and societal questions on population and family dynamics.

A special Consortium Board meeting has been planned on July 7 to discuss our next steps. The new roadmap will officially be launched in Autumn 2021.



GGS Fieldwork update

Data collection of the GGS pilot study in **Hong Kong** is ongoing. First results and lessons learnt were presented in the 4th GGP webinar (see below for a summary of the webinar). Fieldwork of the GGS in **Estonia** has been finalized. In total, around 12,000 participants completed the GGS in Estonian and Russian (Response rate = 18%). Fieldwork in **Denmark** has been completed as well. Around 7200 respondents took part in the survey, resulting in a response rate of 17%. The GGS in **Uruguay** is currently being prepared and is planning to start in September with a mixed-mode design (CAPI/CAWI).

GGS in Hong Kong: Summary of the 4th GGP-Connect webinar



At the 4th GGP Connect Seminar, Stuart Gietel-Basten and Christian Joy Pattawi Cruz presented the GGS pilot in Hong Kong. They talked about the rationale behind a GGS in Hong Kong and shared methodological insights into the pilot.

Due to having one of the lowest fertility rates worldwide and a lack of largescale online surveys, there is an urgent need for comparative data in Asia which makes the launch of a GGS in Hong Kong specifically important. In addition to exploring the possibility of launching a GGS in this context, one goal of the pilot was to test different incentive strategies. During the webinar, the results of the incentive experiment and the resulting response rates were discussed. In the end, about 80% of respondents that started the GGS completed it - resulting in the lowest break-off rate across recently fielded GGP surveys.

Information on the next GGP Connect seminar will follow via E-Mail as well as on <u>Twitter</u>. Recordings of our GGP Connect webinars can be found <u>on our</u> <u>website</u>.

BIC.LATE - Biological, Individual and Contextual factors of fertility recovery



Eva Beaujouan and her team will be funded by an ERC Consolidator grant to work on the **BIC.LATE project**, starting for five years in September. The age at which people have their children has increased tremendously since the 1970s in Europe, the English-speaking oversea countries and East Asia.

The reasons for delayed reproduction have been explored extensively, but very little attention has been given to the factors that facilitate and constrain fertility at later ages (from age 30). Yet, the desire and ability of those who did not have children in their 20s to have them later ("fertility recuperation") are decisive for future fertility levels, and for life satisfaction among those who wish children. BIC.LATE will fill this gap by studying the biological, individual and contextual factors of later reproduction in the low-fertility countries, and possible catch-up behaviour of those who did not have a child earlier.

In this new perspective, a series of studies will explore these three essential aspects of fertility recuperation among women and men, using survey and panel data (including the Generations and Gender Surveys), data from fertility clinics and aggregate cohort fertility trends. For more information on the project click <u>here</u>.

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Upcoming Events

- <u>BSPS</u> Virtual Annual Conference,14-15 September 2021 (Call for papers closed)
- <u>SLLS 2020</u> 10th Society for Longitudinal and Life Course Studies Conference, 20-22 September 2021 (Call for papers closed)
- <u>6th GGP User Conference</u>, 4-8 October 2021, via Zoom (Call for papers closed)
- <u>19th Divorce Network Conference</u>, 13-15 October 2021, via Zoom (Call for papers closed)

Latest Publications

Brzozowska, Z., Buber-Ennser, I. and Riederer, B. (2021) Didn't plan one but got one: Unintended and sooner-than-intended parents in the East and the West of Europe. European Journal of Population. DOI: <u>https://doi.org/10.1007/s10680-021-09584-2</u>

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