

## ***Generations & Gender Programme Newsletter*** **No. 74 | December 2021 / January 2022**

### ***Harmonized Histories for Norway: Now available!***



Thanks to the efforts of **Almut Schumann** (Federal Institute of Population Research) and **Judith Koops** (Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute) a new file has been added to the Harmonized Histories dataset: **Norway**

The new Harmonized Histories dataset is based on the **GGG data collection in Norway during the end of 2020** and has a **sample size 5,031** (2,869 women and 2,162 men). As one of the first GGS countries, the Norwegian national team collected their data fully online as a web survey.

The Harmonized Histories dataset is an international comparative dataset that focusses on fertility and partnership histories. It also captures information on socioeconomic status, place of residence, childhood family, and other relevant demographics. The fertility and partnership biographies are available in a **standardized and user-friendly data format**. By now this dataset covers a wide range of 24 countries around the globe and captures information of over 340,000 individuals in total.

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.

## *Fieldwork update*



Fieldwork is about to start in three countries: Croatia (CAWI only), Hong Kong (CAWI only) and Belarus (CAPI only). Austria, the Netherlands and Taiwan (all CAWI) are planning to start fieldwork later in spring. The GGS is still in the field in four other countries: France (CAWI/CATI), Uruguay (CAPI/CAWI), Finland (CAWI) and Estonia (CAWI).

## ***Lessons learnt from the French GGP2020 Pilot: Watch it now!***



In the 8th GGP-connect webinar, which was held on January 25th, **Laurent Toulemon** and **Milan Bouchet-Valat** talked about the organization of the GGS pilot survey in France. They provided insights on response rates and drop-off rates using different modes and incentives.

Fieldwork for the pilot in France started mid-November 2021. To draw a sample of 3200 individuals, the team used fiscal records as a sampling frame. The aim of the pilot is to compare the response rates for the survey under different circumstances: either web-based (CAWI) followed by telephone-based (CATI) or vice versa. This mode-switching is combined with either conditional or unconditional incentives. In total the design of the pilot included 9 scenarios.

Preliminary results from the pilot show that offering pre and post incentives had the strongest positive impact on response rates in the web-based survey. Using pre and post incentives also reduced non-response bias among young people (<30 years old). **The scenario of using pre and post incentives in combination with a web-based survey is likely to turn out to be the most cost-efficient.** The pilot will be in the field until mid-February 2022.

If you want to learn more about the French GGS pilot, you can catch up on the GGP-connect webinar given by Dr. Laurent Toulemon and Milan Bouchet-Valat. The recordings of this webinar can be found [here](#).

## ***Tom Emery awarded ERC Starting grant for research on childcare and inequality using GGS data***

Social scientist **Dr. Tom Emery**, associate professor at Erasmus University Rotterdam, deputy director of ODISSEI and former member of GGP's Central Coordination team has been awarded an **ERC starting grant** (1.5 million euros) for his research on on childcare and inequality. He will investigate **how the use of formal childcare is spread across low-income populations** and use GGS data to analyse why some childcare arrangements of households do not distribute to low-income households.



Tom Emery: "The big innovation in this project is that we not only look at how a couple arranges their own childcare, but we see how that is influenced by their neighbours, colleagues, and family members' own childcare arrangements. This type of analysis wasn't possible until very recently as it **requires a lot of computing power and very high-quality data** that are only available through the integrated infrastructure provided by ODISSEI".

More info: [EUR press release](#).

## Upcoming Events



9th GGP-connect webinar: Martin Bujard & Detlev Lück | Germany,  
February 22nd 13:00-14:00

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## Latest Publications

Emery T, Koops JC (2022) The impact of COVID-19 on fertility behaviour and intentions in a middle income country. PLoS ONE 17(1): e0261509.

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0261509>.

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