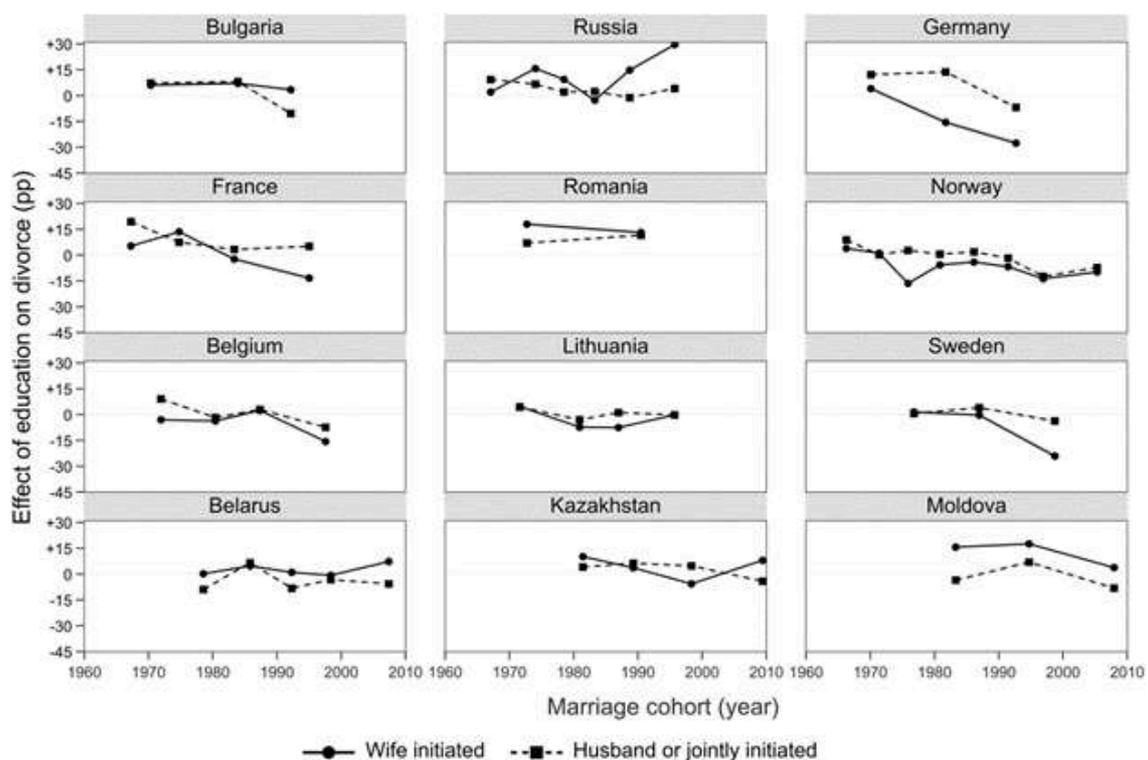




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Spotlight Series: The educational diffusion of divorce



Dr. Bram Hogendoorn and Dr. Lonneke van den Berg recently published a paper using GGS data on **The educational diffusion of divorce: The role of gender and context**. As divorce becomes more accessible, the divorce rates of less-educated women increase in many societies. Theoretically, this is expected to be explained by a decrease in the barriers to divorce among women. However, no previous study has tested whether this is indeed caused by **less-educated women increasingly taking the initiative to divorce** or by **less-educated women increasingly being left by their husbands**.

The GGS is uniquely suited to this question, as it contains information on wife-initiated, husband-initiated, and jointly-initiated divorces. Using the GGS, the

authors found a large cohort-country variation (see figure above). Further analyses showed that **the educational diffusion of divorce is driven by wife-initiated divorces**. For example, the increased approval of divorce weakened the positive effect of women's education on wife-initiated divorce, but not on husband/joint-initiated divorce. This indicates that **more permissive family norms and greater economic autonomy** enable less-educated women to leave a dissatisfying marriage. If you would like to read the paper in full, click [here!](#)

The Spotlight Series is a new feature in the newsletter where we will take a closer look at the publications using GGS and Harmonised Histories data. If you would like to get involved please reach out to us using the [GGP email](#).

Submission deadline for the FReDA User Conference



The **Second International User Conference of the German Family Demography Panel Study FReDA 2024** will take place on **October 7 and 8, 2024**, at the GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences in Mannheim, Germany. The proposal **submission deadline has been extended until May 12, 2024**.

FReDA welcomes submissions from researchers worldwide on topics from all disciplines utilising data from FReDA, Pairfam, or the GGS. Abstracts for presentations should be emailed to support.freda@gesis.org by the deadline, including essential details such as research questions, methodology, and results. For more information on the conference and submission guidelines click [here](#).

GGP-Connect Insights and Impact Webinar: Sweden



The recent GGP-Connect Insight and Impact webinar was held on April 25th at 13:00. It featured the **Swedish** national team's exploration of **GGG Sweden: Not only Birth but Intentions, New Pathways to Childbearing**. During the webinar, **Gerda Neyer** discussed how fertility rates and intentions to have children are changing in Sweden and globally. Gerda emphasized that the current global trends lack a comprehensive structural explanation, highlighting the importance of analysing **subjective insights** such as intentions to have children, global uncertainties and intensive parenting.

The presentation highlighted research findings that explore these subjective insights. For example, the Swedish team found that **individuals with heightened uncertainties** regarding issues such as climate change, economic crises, and political extremism are **less likely to intend to have children within the next three years**. Additionally, it highlighted the **reception of these findings** within the public sphere, political arenas, and scientific discourse. To explore further insights gathered from GGS Sweden, click [here!](#)

Updates from the GGP Central Hub



Fieldwork progress in **GGG-II Taiwan Wave 1** is on track, with over 4,900 completed CAWI interviews and a response rate of approximately 17%. In April,

Taiwan also began CAPI mode for data collection with 380 CAPI interviews having been conducted so far.

As for **GGG-II Wave 2, Norway** fieldwork is drawing to a close with 3,600 completed surveys and a response rate of 68%, exclusively using CAWI as the data collection mode.

📢 GGS-II wave 1 datasets released. 📢 These data releases are from the GGS in Austria and in the UK. Access the data by logging in or signing up to the [GGP User Space](#).

Upcoming Events



FReDA User Conference | Mannheim | 7-8 October 2024 | [Deadline for abstracts extended to 12th May 2024](#)

[European Population Conference 2024](#) | Edinburgh | 12 -15 June 2024

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