

Call for papers for the interim meeting of the European Sociological Association (ESA) research network “Sociology of Family and Intimate Lives”, to be held in Wiesbaden (Germany), on September 16-18, 2010. The meeting is organized by Norbert F. Schneider, Federal Institute for Population Research Germany and Eric D. Widmer, University of Geneva.

Geographical mobility and family life: How to (re-)think family in a mobile world?

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The ESA research network on Sociology of Family and Intimate Lives organizes an interim meeting in Wiesbaden, Germany, on September 16-18, 2010. The meeting titled “**Geographical mobility and family life: How to (re-)think family in a mobile world?**” will address the topical issues of family research related to the interactions between geographical mobility and family processes and interactions. The main objective is to discuss empirical results linking social processes associated with globalization with changing family forms (new living arrangements, multicultural families, etc.).

In a changing Europe within a changing world, taking the spatial dimensions of family life into account is necessary. There is evidence to suggest that demands for spatial mobility have increased in Europe during the last decades. Recent research shows that form and extent of mobility are likely to affect family development. On the other hand family processes may shape the disposition to become geographically mobile. The aim of the conference is to highlight the interdependence between spatial mobilities and family lives.

Possible themes include but are not limited to:

In the fields of spatial mobility...

- Spatial mobility due to job-related reasons
- Multilocality of family lives
- Cross-border and within migration
- Mobility in life course perspective
- Commuting
- Studying spatial mobility and family: methods and theory

...and concerning family and intimate lives:

- family development
- living arrangements and family forms
- family relations
- everyday routines
- gender equality
- balance of work and family life
- network of interpersonal relationships
- homogamous vs. heterogamous families

Papers mixing family life issues with job mobility issues are especially welcome. All abstracts should be completed in English. They should include four distinct sections, in the following order:

1) Title + authors (including mail+ email address)

2) Content: A description in a maximum of 2000 words of the theoretical framework, the main hypotheses that are tested, some of the findings and their relation with the literature.

3) Method: A description in a maximum of 1000 words of the data and the methods (either qualitative, quantitative or mixed methods) that are used.

4) Keywords: Five to six keywords describing the main contributions of the paper should be included.

No contribution will be accepted unless it fills the four sections. Individuals should not be the first author (i.e. the presenter) of more than one paper but may submit a maximum of two abstracts to the conference. The abstract should be limited to 3000 words. You are also given the opportunity to submit up to 6 key words for your abstract. Tables, figures and references should not be included in your abstract.

We kindly request authors to send their abstracts and intends of participation no later than March 1st 2010 to esa-rn13-workshop-2010@destatis.de with email subject reading "ESA Wiesbaden 2010". Authors will be warned about acceptance of their papers on March 31st 2010. The conference organizers cannot pay for travel expenses but the attendance is free of charge and beverage will be provided in coffee breaks. The conference can accommodate 20 papers at the maximum. No parallel session will be hold. Each paper will be granted 30 minutes. The contributions are planned to be published in a book in an international series.