



Report on the Activities of the European Association for Population Studies, 2020-2022

This report provides a brief summary of the activities and finances of EAPS over the last two years, i.e. since the previous (virtual) General Assembly in October 2020. The main activities of the Association have been the following: 1) organizing the European Population Conference in Groningen in a hybrid format; 2) supporting various activities under the EAPS auspices, such as the European Journal of Population (EJP), the book series European Studies of Population (ESPO), the European Doctoral School of Demography (EDSD), as well as the EAPS Working Groups, the EAPS Award programme and Population Europe.

Membership

The vitality of any organisation depends on the number and composition of its members. In August 2022, there were 811 (individual) members of EAPS. The corresponding figures in 2020, 2018 and 2016 were 688, 667 and 873, accordingly. Looking at these numbers together with the number of participants in the European Population Conferences, we may conclude that there are 700 to 800 individuals who affiliate themselves with EAPS. The membership numbers are lower in years when there is no EPC and higher when the conference takes place. Information is also available on gender and the country of residence of the EAPS members. Women form 54% and men 46% of the current members. These figures have stayed relatively stable over the years: the share of women was 56% in 2020, 57% in 2018 and 54% in 2016.

The largest number of the current EAPS members come from the Netherlands (12%), closely followed by Germany (10%) and Italy (10%) (Table 1). These countries have accounted for slightly less than one-third of the members over the past four years. The recent increase in the number (and share) of members from the Netherlands is not surprising given that the EPC2022 took place in Groningen. A similar trend has characterised the EPC years also in the past: an increase in the number of the EAPS members, both in absolute and relative terms, from countries hosting the EPC. The EPC2024 in Edinburgh is thus expected to boost the number of the EAPS members in the UK.

Table 1. Top-10 countries of residence of the EAPS members, 2016-2022.

Rank	Country	Percent			
		2016	2018	2020	2022
1	Netherlands	8	10	9	12
2	Germany	13	12	8	10
3	Italy	8	8	11	10
4	United Kingdom	8	9	8	7
5	Spain	6	6	5	6
6	Sweden	5	4	4	4
7	France	5	5	4	4
8	Austria	4	4	3	4
9	United States	6	6	5	3
10	Belgium	5	6	5	3
	<i>N</i>	873	667	688	811

Note: Country of residence was missing for 104 individuals in 2022

What is happening in EAPS?

European Population Conference

The flagship event of EAPS is the bi-annual population conference, which was successfully held between 1984 and 2018. The EPC2020 was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The main challenge for the EAPS Council and the National Organising Committee (NOC) in 2021-22 was to plan and organise the EPC2022 when the pandemic-related restrictions were still in place and there was uncertainty about the future course of the pandemic. Following the Dutch government guidelines on travel and meeting restrictions at the time, the NOC and the EAPS Council decided to organise the EPC in a hybrid format with a maximum of 500 onsite participants. The Council, NOC and theme conveners prepared a conference programme. In total, organisers received 823 submissions. As expected, the number of submission was smaller than in previous years (2020: 1,256, 2018: 1,148). The largest number of submissions were to fertility, closely followed by families, health and international migration/migrant populations (Table 2). These four topics have been most popular in the last five conferences (there was no conference in 2020), although we also observe some changes. The number and/or share of submissions to health sessions has increased, although surprisingly there was no significant increase in 2022.

Table 2. Distribution of submissions by theme, 2014-2022.

Rank 2022	Theme	Percent				
		2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
1	Fertility	14	15	14	14	15
2	Families	14	13	13	11	14
3	Health	8	10	12	14	13
4	International migration and migrants	11	11	11	12	12
5	Mortality	8	9	8	8	8
6	Data and methods	5	6	6	6	6
7	Economy	6	7	8	8	6
8	Internal migration	6	5	5	5	6
9	Life course	6	5	6	5	6
10	Ageing	6	7	7	7	5
11	History	3	3	3	3	3
12	Policy	6	4	3	4	3
13	Environment	3	2	3	4	2
	Reproductive behaviour	5	5	3	-	-
	<i>N</i>	<i>1063</i>	<i>1128</i>	<i>1148</i>	<i>1256</i>	<i>823</i>

Other activities under the EAPS auspices

The other activities supported by EAPS can be classified in four groups: 1) publications; 2) research training, 3) working groups, and 4) awards. EAPS supports the publication of the European Journal of Population (EJP) and the book series of European Studies of Population (ESPO). The appendix provides a brief report on publication activities. The European Doctoral School of Demography (EDSD) has become a major pre-doctoral training programme in population studies in Europe. Normally, 15-20 (research) master's or PhD students from Europe and beyond are enrolled in this one-year programme, which provides basic and advanced training in population studies and demographic methods. Besides, EDSD has significantly promoted networking and identity formation of a new generation of population researchers. There are two well-established working groups at EAPS: a working group on Health, Morbidity and Mortality and on Migrant and Minority Fertility. Both working groups are very active in organising workshops and symposiums in their respective research fields. Six

new working groups have been established over the last four years: a) Child and Adolescent Development (2019); b) Family Demography and Family Law (2019); c) PhD Network (2020); d) Register-Based Fertility Research (2021); e) Parent Network (June 2022); and e) Infertility and Medically Assisted Reproduction (October 2022). EAPS also published the EAPS Newsletter, which is sent to the EAPS members every two weeks. The appendix provides a brief report of the activities under the EAPS auspices.

EAPS has also an Award Programme to honour outstanding achievements in the field of population studies. The EAPS Awards are: a) EAPS Award for Population Studies; b) Dirk J. van de Kaa Award for Social Demography; c) James W. Vaupel Trailblazer Award for Demographic Analysis; d) Jan M. Hoem Award for Social Policy and Family Demography; e) EAPS Outreach Award for Communication in Population Science; f) Gunther Beyer Award for best EPC paper by an early career colleague; and g) EAPS Poster Award. Please see at: <https://www.eaps.nl/awards>.

Finances

The Association's account balance at the end of 2020 was 152.8 thousand euros. From January 2021 to October 2022, the income was 183.4 thousand and the expenses were 154.9 thousand euros. The income mostly came from EPC registration fees and membership fees, whereas most expenses were related to the organization of the conference and to the preparation of a new integrated website (e.g. links EPC registration with the membership database). Clearly, the income exceeded the expenses, and therefore the account balance increased to 181.4 thousand euros by October 2022. This recovery is very important to emphasize given that the EAPS finances were hit by the pandemic: the EPC2020 was cancelled and all conference fees were refunded to the registered participants (45.6 thousand in 2020 and 1.37 thousand in 2021). The Council is thus pleased to report that EAPS has recovered from the pandemic and the financial situation of the association remains healthy.

Table 3. The EAPS operating statement, 2020-2022 (in €)

	Income	Expenses	Balance
Opening (31 December 2020)			152789
Membership Fees	50556		
EPC Registration Fees	132924		
Interest	-17		
Council		2303	
ICT Support (New website with maintenance)		37595	
Zoom (software for meetings)		1763	
Webhosting		1939	
Banking costs		1815	
EAPS Awards		1400	
Working Groups		561	
Support (PopFest)		500	
Election costs		1322	
EPC2022 (local organisers)		77861	
Conference software		25483	
Refunds EPC2020		1370	
Miscellaneous (other)		973	
Closing (20 October 2022)	183463	154885	181364

Two member-auditors, Clara Cortina and Jasmin Passet-Wittig, the latter replacing Norbert Naderi who could not do the audit for health reasons, reviewed the documents in October 2022 and concluded that the EAPS accounts were properly kept since the 2020 General Assembly.

Conclusion

This report provides a brief summary of the activities and finances of EAPS over the last two years. Overall, our membership numbers have slightly increased, there is gender balance in numbers, and most European countries are well represented. The conventional three areas of population studies: fertility-family, mortality-health and migration continue to be the main research topics of the EAPS members, although within this broad field health research has become more popular over the years. The Covid-19 pandemic has triggered the introduction of new, virtual modes of meetings; the webinars and other online facilities will remain part of the EAPS resources available to its members. Financially, the association is healthy despite the cancellation of the EPC2020; the financial strength is due to the reserves that have been accumulated over the years and a very successful EPC2022. We are delighted to see an increased activity of the EAPS members: six new working group have been launched over the last four years. Nevertheless, the main task for all of us is to ensure that the new and increasingly diverse generations continue to see EAPS as the best channel in Europe to network, disseminate research and promote demography. Enhancing training opportunities in demography, i.e. making training accessible to every (pre)doctoral student in Europe interested in population matters is a way forward.

The provision of training at various levels (e.g. master, doctoral and post-doctoral) is also a way of helping researchers in Ukraine. Organizing online training is easier than never before and the EAPS council is committed to support these activities.

The EAPS Council,

15th November 2022



European Journal of Population

Trude Lappegård, Editor-in-Chief

The European Journal of Population, the flagship journal of the European Association of Population Studies, is a Springer peer reviewed publication with an impact factor of 3.3 in 2021, and five-year impact factor of 3.5. The editorial team consists of Trude Lappegård, Editor in Chief, and Axel Peter Kristensen as editorial assistant. Both are affiliated to the Department of Sociology and Human Geography, University of Oslo. The journal has ten associate editors covering all areas of Demography, a book review editor, and 30 members of the editorial board. The journal publishes five issues per year and between 6 and 8 articles per issue. Since January 2021, when the new editorial team was installed, and up until mid-August 2022, the journal has received 309 manuscripts (189 in 2021, and 120 in 2022). In this period 38 articles have been accepted (19 in 2021, and 19 in 2022). The median days from submission to first decision is 34 days. The average days for accepted papers are 275 days.

On the qualitative side, we have been notified by Springer that European Journal of Population is one of 10 Springer Nature journal that will become gold open access from 2023. This is very good news for EJP readers, yet it is also important to ensure that all researchers in Europe will be able to cover the article processing charges (APC).



Springer Book Series: European Studies of Population

Stuart Gietel-Basten, Editor

Since the series was relaunched, five books have been published on the topics of immigration detention in the EU; divorce in Europe; the demography of the Syrian Diaspora; shared physical custody; and same-sex families and legal recognition in Europe. In total, the webpages for these books have been accessed ~144,000 times and have yielded >100 citations. In the period 2021-22, four books have been published in the series. We continue to welcome new proposals to the series.

Bernardi, Laura and Mortelmans, Dimitri (eds.). *Shared Physical Custody. Interdisciplinary Insights in Child Custody Arrangements*. Vol. 25. Springer Nature, 2021. [OPEN ACCESS]

This book provides an overview of the ever-growing phenomenon of children in shared physical custody thereby providing legal, psychological, family sociological and demographical insights. It describes how, despite the long evolution of broken families, only the last decade has seen a radical shift in custody arrangements for children in divorced families and the gender revolution in parenting which is taking place. The chapters have a national or cross-national perspective and address topics like prevalence and types of shared physical custody, legal frames regulating custody arrangements, stability and changes in arrangements across the life course of children, socio-economic, psychological, social well-being of various family members involved in different custody arrangements. With the book being an interdisciplinary collaboration, it is interesting read for social scientists in demography, sociology, psychology, law and policy makers with an interest family studies and custody arrangements.

Majcher, Izabella, Michael Flynn and Grange, Mariette. *Immigration Detention in the European Union: In the Shadow of the "Crisis"*. Vol. 22. Springer Nature, 2021.

This book offers a unique comparative assessment of the evolution of immigration detention systems in European Union member states since the onset of the "refugee crisis." By applying an analytical framework premised on international human rights law in assessing domestic detention regimes, the book reveals the extent to which EU legislation has led to the adoption of laws and practices that may disregard fundamental rights and standards. While emphasizing policies and laws adopted in response to the "refugee crisis," the volume also shows how these policies have evolved—and in many cases grown more restrictive—even as the "crisis" has begun to recede from the borders of many European countries. To sharpen awareness of contrasting developments across the region, the book's country chapters are organised into geographic sections that reveal how variations in migration pressures have in some cases resulted in contrasting detention practices even as the EU directives have sought to harmonise immigration laws. A critical focus of the book are the evolving domestic norms related to grounds for detention, length of detention, non-custodial "alternatives to detention," the treatment of children, and conditions of detention. With its systematic and comparative assessment of immigration detention regimes across the EU, the book will be helpful for both academics and practitioners who

seek a comprehensive guide to the evolution of one of today's more important human rights dilemmas—states' efforts to control global migration.

Mortetlmans, Dimitri (ed.) *Divorce in Europe: New Insights in Trends, Causes and Consequences of Relation Break-ups*. Vol. 21. Springer Nature, 2021. [OPEN ACCESS]

This open access book collects the major discussions in divorce research in Europe. It starts with an understanding of divorce trends. Why was divorce increasing so rapidly throughout the US and Europe and do we see signs of a turn? Do cohabitation breakups influence divorce trends or is there a renewed stability on the partner market? In terms of divorce risks, the book contains new insights on Eastern European countries. These post socialist countries have evolved dramatically since the fall of the Wall and at present they show the highest divorce figures in Europe. Also, the influence of gender, and more specifically women's education as a risk in divorce is examined cross nationally. The book also provides explanations for the negative gradient in female education effects on divorce. It devotes three separate parts to new insights in the post-divorce effects of the life course event by among others looking at consequences for adults and children but also taking the larger family network into account. As such the book is of interest to demographers, sociologists, psychologists, family therapists, NGOs, and politicians.

Carlson, Elwood and Williams, Nathalie E. (eds.) *Comparative Demography of the Syrian Diaspora: European and Middle Eastern Destinations*. Vol. 20. Springer Nature, 2021.

This book provides a demographic profile of the Syrian diaspora into Europe and identifies the issue of forced migration as a separate and increasingly salient topic within the more general field of migration research. It describes the progressive increase in numbers of Syrian refugees in different European countries during recent years and gives a demographic profile of the Syrian refugee population. The book also compares and synthesizes the demographic profiles presented, to show how the population of Syrian refugees differs from country to county in terms of age structure, sex ratio, family status, educational attainment and other social and economic characteristics. By providing a solid empirical portrait based on national and international statistics, this book will be a great resource to students, academics in migration and refugee studies as well as social scientists and policy-makers in European countries.



The European Doctoral School of Demography 2020/2021 and 2021/2022

Mariona Lozano Riera, Coordinator (Dean)

The EDSD is an eleven-month sponsored programme that is offered every year with the aim to provide students with an appropriate high-level education in demography to pursue their studies.

In the 2020/2021 academic year, the School was held online during the whole year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. All the students passed the core courses organized at CED-Barcelona. 17 (out of 20) submitted and successfully defended their final project. 2 students applied for an extension, and they finally submitted their projects in July 2022. 1 student was not able to finish the final project and quit the program at the end of June 2021. 17 are currently enrolled in a Ph.D. program or have applied for it.

Table 1 - School year 2020-21 (Barcelona): applications, admissions and enrollments

	Total	Gender		Nationality	
		Women	Men	European	Other
Applications	102	53	49	23	79
Admissions	20	12	8	10	10
Enrollments	20	12	8	10	10

In the 2021/2022 academic year, the preparatory courses were held online and organized by the MPIDR, and then the core courses were both online and onsite at CED-Barcelona. 16 (out of 18) students moved to Barcelona and attended the courses in person, and two remained in their home countries due to health and personal reasons. All students passed the programme successfully, and 5 of them have already submitted and defended their final projects. The rest will do it in September 2022.

Table 2 - School year 2021-22 (Barcelona): applications, admissions and enrollments

	Total	Gender		Nationality	
		Women	Men	European	Other
Applications	94	44	50	23	71
Admissions	18	12	6	13	5
Enrollments	16	12	6	13	5

Working Group: Health, Morbidity and Mortality

Biannual Report to EAPS Council

Jon Anson, Convener

The working group was established in 1992 by Guillaume Wunsch. Following his work and that of Tapani Valkonen, I have been convening the workshop for the past 20 years. Our practice has been to coordinate with a host institution, somewhere in Europe, around a specific theme (usually quite broad), with the aim of attracting 20-25 papers for oral presentation. When there are more quality papers than we can handle, we choose those that best fit the theme for oral presentation and the rest are invited to present posters. Following my retirement, and with a view to its long-term continuation, we propose locating the workshop permanently in Prague, under the direction of Klara Hulíková Tesárková (Charles University) and Petr Mazouch (Economics University). The working group has its own website, hmmwg.vse.cz and Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/EAPSHMMWG>. Do visit!

Our most recent meetings have been:

Evora, University of Évora, Portugal, 21-23 September, 2020 (Virtual meeting)

Co-organiser: Dr. Rosalina Pisco Costa

Theme: "A broken promise". Advances and challenges in infant, child and young people's morbidity and mortality.

No. of papers: 18

The workshop was followed by a presentation of three papers from the planned side meetings that should have taken place at EPC Padova earlier that year

Prague, Charles University and Economics University, Prague, Czech Republic, September 2021 (Hybrid meeting)

Co-organisers: Dr. Klára Hulíková Tesárková and Dr. Petr Mazouch

No. of papers: 28

Posters: 10

Prague, Charles University and Economics University, Prague, Czech Republic, September 2022 (Hybrid meeting)

Organisers: Dr. Klára Hulíková Tesárková and Dr. Petr Mazouch

No. of papers: 20 (anticipated)

Our thanks to all the co-organisers and participants of the different workshops; the local administrative staff, without whom the workshops could never have taken place, and to EAPS for financial support.

Working Group: Migrant and Minority Fertility in Europe

Biannual Report to EAPS Council

Elisabeth Kraus, Nadja Milewski, and Eleonora Mussino, Steering Committee

The EAPS Working Group on **Migrant and Minority Fertility in Europe** was founded in 2017. At present, it has 53 members from 16 countries. Even more researchers (66 in total) participate in the network's mailing list. The group's activities focus on enabling communication and exchange of research results and ideas by biannual workshops or conferences as well as of systematizing research by editing special issues in international peer-reviewed journals. So far, the group has organized three conferences and workshops. It has organized two Special Collections, a third one is being on the way.

Steering committee:

The steering committee consists of Elisabeth Kraus (Federal Institute for Population Research, Wiesbaden), Nadja Milewski (formerly University of Rostock, at present Federal Institute for Population Research, Wiesbaden), and Eleonora Mussino (Stockholm University). Christoph Bühler (Leibniz University Hannover) had left the steering committee in 2019.

Past meetings:

The activities of the EAPS Working Group on Migrant and Minority Fertility in Europe have started with a side meeting at the European Population Conference in Mainz (2016), and continued with a workshop in Hannover (2017). On the background of the EAPS call for new activities in February 2017 it officially became an EAPS Working Group in March 2017.

We had a second side meeting at the EPC in Brussels in June 2018, at which we prepared our second conference. Another side meeting took place at the 2022 EPC in Groningen (hybrid).

We held our second conference on "Children in Migrant or Ethnic Minorities: Demographic and Social Processes in a Comparative Perspective" in Rostock (Germany) at the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, on May 16 and 17, 2019.

The third conference was planned for Spring 2021. Due to the pandemic situation with all its restrictions on work life we postponed the conference to 2023. Instead, we organized a half-day online workshop on May 18, 2021. Alicia Adserà (Princeton University) gave a keynote lecture.

Publications:

Our first Special Issue on "New aspects on migrant populations in Europe: Norms, attitudes, and intentions in fertility and family planning" (edited by Nadja Milewski and Eleonora Mussino) was published in *Comparative Population Studies* in 2018/2019. It consists of five empirical studies and one introductory literature review. The special issue addresses cultural aspects in fertility research.

Following the second conference in Rostock (2019), Nadja Milewski edited together with Alicia Adserà (Princeton University) a special issue in the *Journal of International Migration and Integration*. The title is "Fertility and social inequalities in migrant populations: a look at the roles of selection, context of reception, and employment". The Special Issue contains 12 original studies and one introductory paper.

Following our virtual meeting in 2021, we selected a topic for a third Special Collection with the working title "Use and consequences of family policies". Our proposal was accepted at *Genus*. The authors interested in contributing to this project presented their papers in an online workshop in December 2021. The Special Collection is edited by Eleonora Mussino, Nadja Milewski and Elisabeth Kraus; the work is currently under way. The publication is planned for the end of 2022.

Funding:

We received 920.00 Euros by the EAPS for our second conference 2019 in Rostock, which was used for a joint dinner of the participants.

Declaration of intent and outlook:

We would like to prolong the working group within the EAPS for another five years. All members attending the side meeting at the EPC 2022 either virtually or in person expressed their support for our application to continue the work.

During the side meeting, we discussed a slight change of the title of the working group. We suggest to continue as Working Group on **Fertility and family dynamics in migrant and minority groups**. The extended title reflects better the research areas of our members and the past and planned work of the group.

"Our next conference is planned for October 2023; it will take place in Wiesbaden (Germany). The Call for Papers will cover the whole range of topics related to fertility and family dynamics in migrant and minority groups."

Working Group: PhD Network
Report to EAPS Council
Gusta Wachter, Steering Committee

After its establishment in January 2020, the EAPS PhD Network continued to fulfill the goal of connecting PhD students mainly throughout Europe. During the virtual event that was held instead of the cancelled EPC in Padua in 2020, the Network held its first event – a “Speed Chit-chat”, a form of speed dating, where students could meet and chat about their work and interests on ZOOM.

The next, more complex online event was held on 20 and 21 May 2021: the EAPS PhD Network organized an online event for PhD students (+1 year) in the field of population studies. It consisted of a series of panel discussions and masterclasses tailored to the needs of young researchers. Early career researchers were, first, able to meet the representatives of EAPS and Population Europe. Then, the panel discussion “How to get published” was held. Participants could also choose to attend one of the masterclasses on the topic of research of invited guests: Ben Wilson, Raya Muttarak, Francesco Billari, and Jennifer Dowd. The second day of the event was devoted to the workshop “Dealing with frustration in Academia” which was organized with the help of Stuart Gietel-Basten.

Due to the PhD graduation of three founding Steering Committee members (Alyce Raybould, Vytenis Deimantas, and Francesco Rampazzo), the Network opened a call for new members. Four new members were appointed: Lara Bister, Michaela Šedovič, Serena Vigezzi, and Elizabeth Wilkins. The team then continued with the preparations for EPC 2022.

During EPC 2022 a side meeting for PhD students was held on Wednesday 29 July. The participants were able to meet in person and learn how to present themselves in a memorable way through a workshop led by two professional trainers. In total, 52 students registered for the workshop. Since for many participants EPC 2022 was the very first in-person conference, the workshop was very well received, and all participants were happy to start the conference in a relaxed way. The organization of this event was made possible by EAPS through their support and financial assistance (500 euro).

As EPC 2022 was held hybrid, the PhD Network also held one online event preconference, on Monday 27 July in Gather Town platform. Several senior academics were invited to chat with the PhD students about conferences, research, or life in academia.

The Network plans to continue to create a welcoming space for ECRs from all fields of population studies. Currently, a call for two positions on the Steering Committee is open to ensure regular rotation of its members as founding members Anna Altová and Gusta Wachter are stepping down.

Steering Committee members from October 2020 to September 2022:

Anna Altová (Charles University, Czechia)

Lara Bister (University of Groningen, Netherlands)

Michaela Šedovič (London School of Economics, UK)

Serena Vigezzi (University of Southern Denmark, Denmark)

Gusta Wachter (NIDI, Netherlands)

Elizabeth Wilkins (INED, France)

Working Group: Child and Adolescent Development

Report to EAPS Council

Daniela Vono de Vilhena, Steering Committee

The group on Child and Adolescent Development was officially launched on 27 October 2019, following a growing interest of demographers working on child development to promote more dialogue and cooperation on the topic inside and outside of our community. The group initially started with **13 members** and is now composed of **19 members**.

After the first report was submitted to the EAPS Council in 2020, our group started a **series of Webinars**, where members shared their current research and received feedback from other members. These meetings aim mostly to create collaboration among the group members but we also welcome close collaborators and students working with members to join these events. This is a permanent activity of the group and will be continued in the future. So far, we hosted:

* October 2, 2020 - **What kinds of innovation do register data bring to the study of child and adolescent development?**, by Martin Flatø, Researcher at the Centre for Fertility and Health/Norwegian Institute of Public Health.

*December 11, 2020 - **Birth cohorts and comparative research on child and adolescent development**, by Lidia Panico, Researcher at the Institut National d'Etudes Démographiques (INED)

*March 22, 2021 - **Life during lockdown in the UK: Evidence from five national cohorts**, by George B. Ploubidis, Professor of Population Health and Statistics and Director of Research & Chief Statistician at the Centre for Longitudinal Studies, UCL Social Research Institute.

*March 10, 2022 - **Does the impact of extracurricular activities vary by parental socioeconomic status? An analysis of adolescents' skills**, by Wiebke Schulz (Universität Bremen) (joint work with Henriette Bering)

*May 31, 2022 - **Digital Engagement, Socioeconomic Inequalities and Adolescent Well-Being: A Longitudinal Study**, by Pablo Gracia

* September 15, 2022 - **Children's academic achievement and behavior problems at the intersection of gender and family environment**, by Markus Klein, Senior Lecturer in Human Development and Education Policy in the School of Education of the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow.

On December 15, the group will host the last Webinar in 2022. The event was already announced: **Determinants and measures of early development in the Growing up in Hungary study. Experiences from data collections of the prenatal to three-year age waves**, by Zsuzsanna Veroszta, Senior Research Fellow, Deputy Director in Hungarian Demographic Research Institute, Head of the Cohort'18 – Growing Up In Hungary Study and Krisztina Kopcsó, Research Fellow in Hungarian Demographic Research Institute, Researcher of the Cohort'18 – Growing Up In Hungary Study.

In addition, the group has regular meetings to plan additional initiatives, among them:

- **Masterclass on Families, Child Development and Well-Being at the European Population Conference 2022**: The event took place on June 29 at the Faculty of Behavioral and Social Science,

University of Groningen. Four PhD students and one postdoc presented their work and received feedback from senior scholars. In addition, the event started with a keynote by Prof. René Veenstra, Full Professor at the Department of Sociology at the University of Groningen, and Director of the Interuniversity Center for Social Science Theory and Methodology (ICS). The agenda and participants list were shared with all participants in advance and is attached to this email. The members of the steering committee led this initiative and some members participated as commentators.

- **Special Issue at a population-related journal:** We started exploring the possibility of organising a proposal for a special issue in a population-related journal at the end of 2021 and the plans have matured substantially over 2022. This initiative is currently led by members Pablo Gracia, Wiebke Schulz and Anna Baranowska-Rataj. In the meeting in October 2022 they presented concrete plans to move forward with the initiative.

- **Cooperation with ECSR:** We plan to pursue cooperation with the European Consortium of Sociological Research in 2023, particularly regarding their spring school. This was also one of the topics we discussed in our meeting in October.

Working Group: Family Demography and Family Law

Report to EAPS Council

Laura Bernardi, Chair

The group on Family Demography and Family Law was officially launched in June 2019. A growing interest of family demographers in the interdependencies of family dynamics and legal/normative developments led to proposing a working group to promote the interdisciplinary dialogue and cooperation on the issues.

Steering committee:

Laura Bernardi (University of Lausanne, Switzerland) chairs the steering committee consisting of Nora Sanchez (Stockholm University, Sweden) and Dimitri Mortelmans (University of Antwerp, Belgium).

Past and planned activities (selection):

The working group members have been very active in the past 2 years despite the restrictions caused by the pandemic.

International Seminar on Family Demography and Family Law all around the Clock. Virtual sessions, between 28 October and 16 December 2020, organised by Benoit Laplante and Laura Bernardi (in collaboration with the IUSSP working group on Fam. Dem. and Fam. Law). We had planned to hold a regular two-day seminar last March in Montreal under a generic title: “An International Seminar on Family Demography and Family Law around the World”. The pandemic forced us to turn our seminar into a series of virtual sessions that took place this autumn and that we renamed, at least unofficially, “An International Seminar on Family Demography and Family Law all around the Clock”. The original sessions were organized in a conventional way, grouping presentations by themes. For the virtual sessions, we did group them by optimizing on two criteria: topic and time zones. The seven sessions were programmed on Wednesdays and spread out between 28 October and 16 December, some starting as early as 5 am EST and other as late as 8 pm EST. Video recordings of the 7 sessions are available.

Module on Attitudes toward family diversity for the European Social Survey CRONOS 2.0, (collaboration between Mortelmans, Bernardi of the working group plus other researchers from France and the Netherlands). Between 2020 and 2022 we worked on proposing a module that was accepted in 2022. It has two parts. One aims at gathering descriptive data on non-nuclear family forms (one parent families, step or blended parent families) and on living arrangements of children after a parental break-up. The second part of the module consists of two submodules measuring attitudes on non-nuclear family forms on the one hand and the duties and rights of members of these families on the other.

Interdisciplinary 4-year project Sinergia "FamyCH: Family Custody Arrangements and Child Well-Being in Switzerland funded by the Swiss national Foundation (approved for funding in November 2022). Laura Bernardi is one of the PIs and members of the group are part of the Advisory Board: Anja Steinbeck, Dimitri Mortelmans, Michele Cottier. The project will focus on post-separation custody arrangements and their impact on children contributing to the identification of risk and resilience factors for child well-being after parental union dissolution in Switzerland. Building on the insights of social demography, psychology, architecture and housing studies, and law, this interdisciplinary project investigates the interdependent effects of four key dimensions on child well-being: socio-structural (social inequalities within and between families),

relational (interpersonal relationships between family members), spatial (housing-mobility arrangements), and legal (legal regulations and court decisions). Such dimensions emerge as critical in the literature but have not been addressed comprehensively together.

Working Group: Parent Network

Report to EAPS Council

Virginia Zarulli

The network was launched in June 2022. The network provides a platform where researchers in population studies who are or plan to be parents can share ideas, experiences, advice, support, talk about and find solutions to the challenges that they face as researchers and parents. The members of the steering committee are Virginia Zarulli (University of Southern Denmark), Lili Vargha (Humboldt University of Berlin, Hungarian Demographic Research Institute), Elisenda Rentería (Centre d'Estudis Demogràfics), Nicola Barban (University of Bologna) and Alon Pertzikovitz (Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute). The first activity of the Parent Network was at EPC 2022 in Groningen, where members of the steering committee held a Meet and Greet session at the EAPS booth on July 1, 12:30-13:30.

The network has created an online anonymous questionnaire to gather suggestions, opinions, ideas on what the network can do for parents/researchers in population sciences.

In the near future the network plans to hold an online inaugural event in early 2023, where the results of the questionnaire will be presented and invited researchers will share their career experiences through the lens of the “challenges” posed by parenting in academia.

In the long run, we hope to establish a regular series of annual or biennial meetings (online and in person), as a place to meet other parents, give and receive career advice and discuss the most pressing issues within the community of the network.

Network webpage <https://www.eaps.nl/page/parent-network>

Working Group: Register-Based Fertility Research

Report to EAPS Council

Jessica Nisén, Steering Committee

Register and other administrative data are core data sources of demographic and sociological research on contemporary fertility. Currently, the use of register data for the purposes of fertility research remains largely focused on the Nordic countries, but these data are becoming increasingly accessible to researchers also in other countries. The working group aims at supporting this momentum of change, i.e. facilitating the use of register data for the purpose of studying fertility. Thereby the working group aims at contributing to high-quality and up-to-date research on contemporary fertility trends and patterns. It aims to provide a platform for discussing fertility research based on register and other administrative data, including issues related to the access and content of such data. It also aims to facilitate networking opportunities among register data experts, as well as for those with an interest in these data. The working group promotes cross-country and cross-regional analysis, and aims at including researchers from different career stages.

Building on a network of researchers founded in 2016 by the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research (MPIDR) the EAPS working group was established in April 2021. The steering committee of the group consists of Gunnar Andersson (Stockholm University), Trude Lappegård (University of Oslo), Mikko Myrskylä (MPIDR), Karel Neels (University of Antwerp), Jessica Nisén (University of Turku/MPIDR), Natalie Nitsche (MPIDR) and Bernhard Riederer (Austrian Academy of Sciences/University of Vienna). The group has 26 listed members and there is a number of active research projects involving collaboration within the group. The activities are centered around an annual meeting. In 2021 this meeting was held on Dec 13 as a fully virtual side meeting to the conference “Pandemic Babies? The Covid-19 Pandemic and Its Impact on Fertility and Family Dynamics” organized by the MPIDR. This half-a-day meeting consisted of 12 presentations and 25 participants. In 2022, a two-day meeting on Dec 15–16 will be held at the MPIDR in Rostock, Germany. A call for papers for this working group meeting was widely distributed in June 2022 across the demographic scientific community. The group activities are supported by EAPS and the MPIDR.



Population Europe

Andreas Edel, Executive Secretary

In 2009, the EAPS granted auspices to Population Europe, the network of currently 36 leading demographic research centers in Europe. Furthermore, EAPS collaborates with Population Europe. For example, the president of EAPS is usually asked to chair the evaluation committee for the European Demographer Awards. EAPS and Population Europe co-organized the Berlin Demography Days in 2020 (due to the COVID outbreak postponed to 2021) and 2022. They co-organize a workshop of their partners to discuss recent developments of demography and policy dialogue activities, e.g. on transdisciplinarity. For further details on the activities of Population Europe, please see at <https://population-europe.eu/>.

EAPS Awards

1. *EAPS Award for Population Studies*

This Award honors groundbreaking original contributions to the study of population with far reaching implications for our discipline and our understanding of population dynamics and their consequences. Unique innovative insights such as expressed in a single or several publications, as well as work which spans a longer period can be nominated for the EAPS Award for Population Studies, as can exceptional life time achievements.

2. *Dirk J. van de Kaa Award for Social Demography*

This Award honours outstanding achievements by an individual scholar in social demography, and the interplay of population dynamics and social change.

3. *James W. Vaupel Trailblazer Award for Demographic Analysis*

This Award honors outstanding achievements by an individual scholar in the development and application of the methods of demographic analysis, including mathematical and bio-demography.

4. *Jan M. Hoem Award for Social Policy and Family Demography*

This Award honors outstanding achievements by an individual scholar on the intersection of social policy and family demography. The Award has been initiated by the Nordic Demographic Society to celebrate Jan M. Hoem's (1939-2017) achievements in advancing Nordic and European family demography and social policy research.

5. *EAPS Outreach Award for Communication in Population Science*

EAPS attaches great importance to the communication of population science. We highly value all efforts of researchers to share the scope, relevance and outcomes of population studies/demography with audiences within and also outside academia. Emphasizing that these efforts are serving the public good, the EAPS Outreach Award celebrates public engagement with population research. The EAPS Outreach Award aims to encourage researchers to better communicate population research. We value innovative approaches to communication which include, but are not restricted to, new ways of data visualization.

6. *Gunther Beyer Award*

As a tribute to one of the founding fathers of EAPS, this prize is awarded for the best paper by an early career scholar at each European Population Conference.

7. *EAPS Poster Award*

Posters are a major communication tool for researchers. Since the European Population Conference of 2003 in Warsaw, posters are an integral part of the conference program. EAPS Poster Awards are presented to the best poster in each of the poster sessions.