Dear Colleagues,

the 4th International pairfam Conference’s focus is on the topic of “linked” life course transitions and family outcomes. Glen Elder’s concept of “linked lives” alerts us to the fact that family members’ life courses are interdependent. Moreover, family life is closely intertwined with other domains of the life course. And, finally, just as family life is linked to other domains of life, families are embedded in larger social, economic, and cultural contexts. The conference program therefore comprises presentations ...

- ‘linking’ family members’ life course transitions and outcomes (intra- & intergenerational);
- ‘linking’ transitions and outcomes in different domains of individuals’ life course; and
- ‘linking’ different datasets.

We look forward to welcoming you in Cologne
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Registration

To register for the conference, please send an email to Petra Friedrichs:
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The deadline for registration is July 23, 2014.

Upon registration, you will receive information about hotel arrangements in Cologne and special rates for conference participants.

The conference dinner on September 25 will be held at The Cologne Brewery Gilden im Zims (www.haus-zims.de). When registering for the conference, please indicate whether you intend to join us for dinner.

Conference Venue

GESIS
Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences
Lecture Hall “Konferenzraum Ost”
Unter Sachsenhausen 6-8
50667 Cologne
http://www.gesis.org
**Thursday, September 25**

09:00 - 09:30  Registration
09:30 - 09:45  Welcome & introduction

**Session 1: Childbearing intentions & fertility decisions**
09:45 - 10:15  A.-K. Kuhnt & H. Trappe
*That is easier said than done: childbearing intentions and their realization in a short-term perspective*
10:15 - 10:45  G. Bauer & T. Kneip
*Fertility decisions, preference adaptation and the dyadic linking of life course*

10:45 - 11:15  **Coffee break**

**Session 2: Relationships I**
11:15 - 11:45  J. Schröder & C. Schmiedeberg
*Good jobs, bad jobs, and their effects on relationship quality*
11:45 - 12:15  Christine Schnor
*Does waiting pay off? The effect of partnership duration prior to household formation on union stability*
12:15 - 12:45  M. Feldhaus & V. Heintz-Martin
*Long-term effects of parental separation during childhood on the timing and the risk of cohabitation, marriage, and divorce in adulthood*

12:45 - 14:00  **Lunch**

**Session 3: Relationships II**
14:00 - 14:30  N. Hielke, A. Liefbroer & A.-R. Poortman
*Marriage and separation risks among German cohabiters: differences between types of cohabiters*

14:30 – 15:00  M. Schicka
*What makes a good relationship? Linking relationship quality and conjugal interaction*
15:00 - 15:30  S. Vanassche & Y. De Hauw
*The educational gradient of stepfamily formation in Flanders, and Germany*
15:30 – 16:00  **Coffee break & poster session**

**Keynote presentation I**
16:30 - 17:00  J. Barber
*The dynamics of romantic relationships, pregnancy desires, and unintended pregnancy: some insights from weekly data in the United States.*

19:00  **Conference dinner**

**Friday, September 26**

10:00 - 10:30  F. Billari, A. Liefbroer & N. Hielke
*Stratification and choice in the transition to adulthood: a comparative perspective*

10:00 - 10:30  N. Lois, C.-C. Yi & B. Nauck
*The process of leaving the parental home: a comparison between Germany, Taiwan, and the United States*

10:30 - 11:00  S. Vidal, F. Perales, P. Lersch & M. Brandén
*Family migration in a cross-national comparative perspective: first results for Australia, Britain, Germany, and Sweden*

11:00 - 11:30  **Coffee break**

**Session 5: Attachment**
11:30 - 12:00  C. Finn, M. Mund, B. Hagemeyer, J. Zimmermann & F. Neyer
*Dynamic transactions between self-esteem and attachment process from young adulthood to midlife*
12:00 - 12:30  M. Leenders
*The relationship between work aspects and attachment to mother/father and quality of and social support from romantic partner*

12:30 - 13:00  **Lunch**

**Session 6: Intergenerational relations**
13:30 - 14:00  M. Jappens & J. van Bavel
*Parental divorce, living arrangements and grandchild-grandparent relationships*
14:00 - 14:30  S. Pink & T. Leopold
*Do babies come faster if grandparents live closer? Intergenerational proximity and the transition to parenthood in East and West Germany*
14:30 - 15:00  V. Salzburger
*The birth of a (grand-)child. Does the new family structure lead to a change in intergenerational relationships?*

**End of Conference**