



# Turning Gold: Conference on the Occasion of BiB's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Frontiers in Policy Relevant Population Research  
3 - 5 July 2023 | Wiesbaden | Germany

## CALL FOR PAPERS

Scientific knowledge is vital for guiding political decision making. On the occasion of its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Federal Institute for Population Research (BiB) will host a conference to discuss frontiers in policy relevant population research.

The conference will be organised around three strands that reflect key themes in population research: family and fertility, migration and mobility, and mortality.

We welcome submissions of abstracts of 300-500 words to these thematic strands via the conference webpage: [www.bib.bund.de/50th-anniversary](http://www.bib.bund.de/50th-anniversary)

The call is open for quantitative research, innovative methodological approaches, critical reflections, and theory development. Submissions covering the link between education and population trends, which is a new key focus of the BiB's research, are particularly welcome.

**Submission deadline: 25 November 2022**

### ● Strand 1: 3 Years of FReDA: Families and Partnerships in Germany and Europe

#### *Keynotes*

- **Anne Gauthier, NIDI**
- **Karsten Hank, University of Cologne**

Families and partnerships are continuously evolving and reacting at different speeds to various social processes, with variation across cultures and social groups. Researching these changes often reveals a complex interplay of causes and therefore requires complex data. *FReDA – The German Family Demography Panel Study* is a large German interdisciplinary data infrastructure, initiated in 2020, that opens up new avenues for family research. It integrates both the German *Generations and Gender Survey (GGS)* and the *German Family Panel (pairfam)*, enabling longitudinal analyses, dyadic analyses, as well as cross-national comparisons.

This thematic strand brings together international researchers working on families and partnerships in Germany and Europe. We welcome submissions using data from *FReDA*, *GGS*, *pairfam* or the project *Refugees from Ukraine in Germany (IAB-BiB/FReDA-BAMF-SOEP-Befragung)*. Relevant research topics include but are not restricted to: family planning, fertility, parenthood, partnerships, gender roles and the division of paid and unpaid labour among couples, attitudes towards family and gender roles, intergenerational relationships, mental health, families during the COVID-19 pandemic, and methodological issues in panels and survey research.



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## ● Strand 2: Internal Mobility and International Migration Across the Life Course

### *Keynotes*

- *Sergi Vidal, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona*
- *Ayse Guveli, University of Essex*

Mobility within countries and international migration are often studied as separate phenomena. Scholars are either interested in causes and consequences of one or the other. The mechanisms involved in different types of mobilities, however, may be similar and internal mobility may mesh with international migration processes. This conference strand aims to explore similarities and differences of spatial mobilities and spark dialogue across research perspectives and disciplines. We encourage applicants to reflect upon potential links between mobility and migration at the national and international level.

We welcome submissions that adopt a life course perspective and deal with any topic in internal mobility (e.g. commuting, internal migration), international migration (e.g. forced/family/labour migration), and integration studies. Relevant research topics include but are not restricted to: links addressing more than one form of human mobility, commuting and migration in the life course, individual consequences of internal and international mobility, interdependencies between different life spheres of migrants (e.g. family, employment, social participation, health).

## ● Strand 3: Mortality Trends and Future Prospects for Longevity in Times of Great Uncertainty

### *Keynote*

- *Alyson van Raalte, Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research*

For several decades, many high- and middle-income countries have enjoyed a steady reduction in mortality. A notable exception are the countries of Eastern and Central Europe, which experienced periods of life expectancy stagnation or even decline surrounding the collapse of the Eastern bloc. Until very recently, one could reasonably assume that mortality would continue to decline further. However, rising economic uncertainty, the COVID-19 pandemic, the war in Ukraine, as well as signs of rapid climate change cast serious doubts on this optimistic view and bring in question future prospects for longevity.

This conference strand, linked to the ERC-funded *REDIM* project, welcomes submissions from a wide range of topics including, but not limited to: the cross-country analysis of all-cause and cause-specific mortality, spatial analysis of mortality trends and patterns, excess mortality due to COVID-19, the analysis of mortality determinants and risk factors, mortality differentials by socioeconomic status. In Strand 3, limited financial support is available for participants from Eastern European countries. Please request such support when sending an abstract.

## Organising Committee

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