Call for Abstracts

Family Diversity in Ageing European Societies: Trends, Patterns, and Policy Challenges

This workshop addresses the growing diversity of living arrangements at advanced ages. Scholarly literature has generated a large body of research on “family diversity”, “de-standardisation”, or “pluralisation”. While most of this work has been focused on mid-life, little attention has been paid to the increasing diversity of living arrangements at advanced ages. It is mainly in the narrow literature on “grey divorce” that scholars have addressed this topic. In this context, it has been assumed that divorce and separation at advanced ages were more detrimental for economic and social wellbeing than at midlife. However, we still lack comprehensive and comparative evidence on how family diversity at advanced ages affects economic and social wellbeing and how patterns are related to social policy contexts.

This workshop brings together researchers who work on family diversity at advanced ages. This may include studies that examine the following topics:

- Determinants of family transitions at advanced ages (i.e., separation/divorce, re-partnering/re-marriage)
- Economic and social consequences (i.e., pension income, household income) of divorce, separation, and death of partner at advanced ages
- Care arrangements in different family forms (i.e., same-sex unions) at advanced ages

We seek insights from demography, sociology, economics, political sciences, statistics, or anthropology. Studies that pay particular attention to the social policy context and/or are comparative are particularly welcome.

Abstract Submission: Please submit your abstract of maximum one page including the title of your presentation and your contact details by April 21, 2023 to the workshop secretariat (Lena Wagner: l.wagner@hertie-school.org). Authors will be notified about the acceptance by April 25, 2023.

Organisation: The workshop is jointly organized by Population Europe, the Hertie School, and the Charité University of Medicine, Berlin.

Venue & Time: Population Europe (Gendarmenmarkt, Berlin, Germany), May 9, 2023.

Travel Costs: The organizers cover accommodation costs (2 nights) plus travel (up to 200 Euro per contribution).