

PROGRAM

# Advances in Family & Fertility Research

**QMSS 2 Workshop**  
October 15-16, 2009

**TransEurope Young Researcher's Workshop**  
October 17-18, 2009

Department of Sociology  
University of Groningen, The Netherlands  
Organizer: Melinda Mills

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## *MEETING DETAILS*

### **TRAVEL: HOW TO REACH GRONINGEN**

#### **With public transport from Schiphol Amsterdam Airport to Groningen Central Station**

If you arrive by plane at Schiphol Amsterdam Airport you can take a direct train from Schiphol to Groningen. Your travel time will be approx. 2 hours and 30 minutes. The train is located directly in the airport (you do not need to go outside) and will arrive in Groningen at the Central Station.

The trains run every half hour. If you would like to take a direct train (where you do not need to change trains), you can take the train that leaves at 19 minutes over the hour. For the train that leaves 49 minutes after each hour, you will need to make one easy stopover early in the journey in the city called Amersfoort. In Amersfoort you need to only cross the same platform to switch to the train that leaves for Groningen. For example, if you took a train leaving at 15:59 from Schiphol, you would arrive at Amersfoort at 16:35, quickly cross the same platform and catch the train for Groningen that leaves 4 minutes later at 16:38. You would arrive in Groningen at 18:14. You can find a detailed departure and arrival time for trains on the Dutch Railway website: [www.ns.nl/](http://www.ns.nl/).

#### **From Groningen Central Station to the University Guest House**

**Walking:** From the Central Station you can walk to the University Guest House in approx. 10-15 minutes and it is a direct trajectory. Please see the map on the next page. When you leave the station first cross the street and walk in the direction of the large yellow building sitting in the middle of the canal (the unique Groningen Museum). Walk over the Museum Bridge and keep walking straight. You will then cross the busy street 'Gedempte Zuiderdiep' and continue still walking straight through the 'Volkingstraat'. You will then cross through the square 'Vismarkt'. After the 'Vismarkt' the 'University Guesthouse' is at the second street on the left (Kleine Kromme Elleboog).

**Taxi:** There is also a central taxi stand at the station. Ask the taxi driver to bring you to the University Guesthouse at the "Kleine Kromme Elleboog 7-B".

### **LOCATION OF HOTEL**

Accommodation has been arranged for you at the University Guest House.

Kleine Kromme Elleboog 7-b

9712 BS Groningen

Tel.: (+31) (0)50 - 3113424

Fax: (+31) (0)50 - 363 4100

E-mail: [guesthouse@rug.nl](mailto:guesthouse@rug.nl) and/or [GuesthouseGroningen@gmail.com](mailto:GuesthouseGroningen@gmail.com)

<http://www.rug.nl/Corporate/universiteit/wiewatwaar/guesthouse/index?lang=en>

Wifi is available in all rooms, with a computer also available in the lounge.

Breakfast is included.

### **With public transport from Groningen Central Station to Schipol Amsterdam Airport**

The trains run every half at 04 minutes after the hour (direct train) and 44 minutes after the hour (with one stopover in Amersfoort).

### **LOCATION OF WORKSHOP**

The meetings will take place at 'Het Kasteel' (The Castle), Melkweg 1 in Groningen. For more details about how to get to this location, see the map on the next page. It takes around 10-15 minutes to walk from the University Guest House to the Congress center Het Kasteel. After leaving the entrance of the University Guest House, go right (towards the bar called De Pintelier), follow the short street to the left and then turn right. Walk along this street until you have reached a canal. Take the first bridge and cross the busy street with the traffic lights (Westersingel). On your left you will see the 'Noorderpoort college' and just after that (the first street on the left) is 'Het Kasteel'.

### **NOTE TO PRESENTERS AND CHAIRS**

To ensure that there is adequate time for discussion, each speaker is allotted 45 minutes in total. This means that your presentation should be around 30 minutes, leaving 15 minutes for discussion.

### **AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT**

The workshop room is equipped with a PC/laptop and beamer. Please bring your presentation on a USB Flash Drive and ensure that it is installed before the beginning of your session. If you like, you can already send your presentations to us in advance at: [sociology.congress@rug.nl](mailto:sociology.congress@rug.nl).

### **MEALS, COFFEE and TEA BREAKS**

Breakfast is included in the hotel. All tea and coffee breaks and lunch are provided for all participants on the days of the workshop. Dinner is not provided on the evening of Friday, October 16 or Sunday, October 18.

### **QMSS 2 WORKSHOP DINNER, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 18.30**

A workshop dinner will also be provided on Thursday, October 17, which will take place at the Groote Sleutel, Noorderhaven 72 (tel: 050-3181454) ([http://www.cafedesleutel.nl/?de\\_Groote\\_Sleutel](http://www.cafedesleutel.nl/?de_Groote_Sleutel)) . It is within close walking distance from the workshop site and hotel and is located along the canal of the picturesque Noorderhaven.

### **TRANSEUROPE YOUNG RESEARCHER'S WORKSHOP DINNER, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 18.30**

For those who will attend the ESF TransEurope Young Researcher's Workshop, a dinner will also be provided on Saturday, October 17 at 18.30, which will take place at Cantina Mexicana, located in one of the central market squares, Vismarkt 50 (the fish market!) (tel: 050-3120131) (<http://www.cantina-mexicana.nl/>) . As the attached map indicates, it is around a 5 minute walk from the University Guest House and in the heart of Groningen.

### **FINANCES**

For those who have received funding to attend the workshop, you will find an Expenses Claim Form that you will need to send back as soon as possible, but **no later than one month after the workshop**. Please remember to include all original receipts and if using an e-ticket, a clear print out where the price is indicated.

Please send all Expense Claim Forms to:

Henry Been  
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### **QUESTIONS**

If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact the conference assistant Hanne Visser at: [sociology.congress@rug.nl](mailto:sociology.congress@rug.nl) or the conference organizer, Melinda Mills: [m.c.mills@rug.nl](mailto:m.c.mills@rug.nl) or [melindacmills@gmail.com](mailto:melindacmills@gmail.com)

For **emergencies**, contact Melinda Mills at: +31 622666486 or if calling from within the Netherlands at: 0622666486

## MAP OF CENTRAL LOCATIONS



-  [Kasteel. Het](#)  
Location of the congress, Melkweg 1
-  [University Guesthouse](#)  
Kleine Kromme Elleboog 7
-  [Martini Hotel Groningen](#)  
Gedempte Zuiderdiep 8
-  [De Grootte Sleutel](#)  
Location of dinner on Thursday 15-10
-  [Cantina Mexicana](#)  
Location of dinner on Saturday 17-10
-  [Central Station Groningen](#)



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### ESF QMSS-2 'Advances in Fertility and Family Research'

Department of Sociology, University of Groningen, The Netherlands

15-16 October, 2009, Location: 'Het Kasteel', Melkweg 1

#### Thursday, October 15

- 8.30 - 9.00 Coffee and registration  
**Session Chair: Melinda Mills**
- 9.00 - 9.15 Welcome, Melinda Mills (organizer, University of Groningen) and Hans-Peter Blossfeld (chair of Analyzing the Life Course Group, QMSS-2, Otto-Friedrich-University Bamberg, Germany)
- 9.15-10.00 Some methodological challenges in the analysis of the education-fertility relationship, Øystein Kravdal (University of Oslo, Norway)
- 10.00-10.45 The terms fertility and infertility in demography, reproductive medicine and common language: much confusion  
Egbert te Velde (Erasmus University, Netherlands)
- 10.45-11.15 Coffee break
- 11.15-12.00 Selection effects in family research, Fiona Steele (University of Bristol, UK)
- 12.00-13.30 Lunch break  
**Session Chair: Sandra Buchholz**
- 13.30-14.15 Labour market and fertility decisions in the 'Latin model'. Paolo Barbieri (University of Trento, Italy)
- 14.15-15.00 Fertility intentions and their determinants in a low fertility country. The case of Poland, Ewa Fraczak (Warsaw School of Economics, Poland)
- 15.00-15.30 Coffee break
- 15.30-16.15 Mothers - the new silent reserve? Career penalties for mothers' time out in relation to the economic cycle and unemployment in Germany and the U.S., Daniela Grunow (University of Amsterdam) & Silke Aisenbrey (Yeshiva University, NYC)
- 16.15-17.00 Committee Meeting of the Life History Group, QMSS-2  
18.30 Conference Dinner, Café de Sleutel, Noorderhaven 72

## Friday, October 16

9.15 – 9.30 Coffee and welcome

**Session Chair: Hans-Peter Blossfeld**

9.30 – 10.15 Transitions to Adulthood and Welfare Regimes: an Optimal Matching Analysis of Work-Family Trajectories of Young Adults from 20 European Countries, Flora Chanvriil, Anne-Sophie Cousteaux, Viviane Le Hay, Laurent Lesnard (SciencesPo, France), and Cécile Vandevelde

10.15 – 11.00 Education and divorce: exploring dynamics and selection bias issues, Juan Ignacio Martinez and Fabrizio Bernardi (UNED, Spain)

11.00 – 11.15 Coffee break

11.15 – 12.00 Legal and residential partnership status in Europe, Melinda Mills (University of Groningen) and Anne-Rigt Poortman (University of Utrecht)

12.00 – 13.30 Lunch break

**Session Chair: Knut Røed**

13.30 – 14.15 The Impact of Family Background on Economic Status – Lessons from Comprehensive School Reform in Finland, Markus Jäntti (Swedish Institute for Social Research, Stockholm University) and Tuomas Pekkarinen (Helsinki School of Economics, Finland)

14.15 – 15.00 Marriage and Asset Building, Jennifer A. Holland (University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA)

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee break

15.30 – 16.15 Housing and Life Space Readjustment: A Study of Synchronicity of Life Course Transitions in Germany, Sergi Vidal (University of Bremen, Germany)

16.15-17.30 Final Discussion and conclusion

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**ESF TransEurope 'Advances in Fertility and Family Research'  
Young Researcher's Workshop**

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**Saturday, October 17**

8.30 - 9.00 Coffee and registration

**Session Chair: Dirk Hofaecker**

9.00 - 9.15 Welcome, Melinda Mills (organizer, University of Groningen) and Hans-Peter Blossfeld (chair of ESF TransEurope Network, Bamberg University)

9.15-10.00 Marriage as the most important reason for leaving parental home in Poland: Mixed patterns in the transition country, Ewa Fraczak and Iga Sikorska (Warsaw School of Economics)

10.00-10.45 Partnership Formation in the Context of Increasing Labour Market Insecurity, Hande Inanc (University of Oxford)

10.45-11.15 Coffee break

11.15-12.00 Triggers of Adolescent Romantic Relationships: The Effect of Parental Divorce. A Causal Approach, Katya Ivanova, Melinda Mills and René Veenstra (University of Groningen)

12.00-13.30 Lunch break

**Session Chair: Hans-Peter Blossfeld**

13.30-14.15 Social capital and pressure in second birth decision-making: A comparative analysis of France, Germany and Bulgaria, Nicoletta Balbo and Melinda Mills (University of Groningen)

14.15-15.00 Work-Fertility Conflict: A European Comparison, Katia Begall and Melinda Mills (University of Groningen)

15.00-15.30 Coffee break

- 15.30-16.15 Early Professional and Family Trajectories in the Czech Republic: holistic approach, Jana Chaloupková (Institute of Sociology of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic)
- 16.15-17.15 Who contacts whom? Education-specific patterns of online mate selection, Jan Skopek and Florian Schulz (University of Bamberg, Germany)
- 18.30 Conference Dinner, Cantina Mexicana, Vismarkt 50

## **Sunday, October 18**

### **Session Chair: Melinda Mills**

- 9.00 - 9.45 Divorce in the Netherlands: The Impact of the Family  
Martijn Hogerbrugge (University of Utrecht), Aafke Komter and Peer Scheepers
- 9.45-10.30 Division of household labor within same-sex couples, Andrea Dürnberger (University of Bamberg)
- 10.30-11.00 Coffee break
- 11.00-11.45 Social Support and Working Hours of Employed Mothers in Europe. The relevance of the state, the workplace, and the family, Anja Abendroth (University of Utrecht), Tanja van der Lippe, Ineke Maas
- 11.45-12.30 Discussion
- 12.30-14.00 Lunch break and conclusion of workshop

## ESF Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences 2

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This network will provide a focal point for methodological innovation and advancement. The network programme will focus on five areas of critical importance in quantitative methods:

- Social interactions and social networks
- Analysing the lifecourse
- Cross-national comparisons
- Immigration and population dynamics
- Survey design and quality

It will bring together leading European experts across a wide range of methods and discipline areas. Through annual seminars and summer schools, it will promote cutting-edge methods that will be disseminated to the new generation of European researchers. The seminars will provide a focal point where specialists from different disciplines and different countries will share their experience. These seminars will provide both the vision and the framework for planning the summer schools designed to train young European researchers in specific methods.

The programme represents a continuation of Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences, led by Chris Skinner at the University of Southampton.

For more information, see: <http://www.ccsr.ac.uk/qmss/>

### **Analysing the lifecourse**

Lifecourse analysis is vital to understanding the relationship between life events (e.g. migration, parenthood, partnerships, employment) and long-term outcomes over lifecourse trajectories. The lifecourse consists of repeated events (i.e. multiple episodes) and dynamic interrelated processes with a focus often on the frequency, timing and duration, sequencing, causality and status dependence of events. Topics addressed by the group include:

- Data collection and research design

Life course data are often collected retrospectively and suffer from problems of recall, autobiographic memory, misrepresentation of specific populations, and collecting information on attitudinal or affective states.

- Descriptive methods

Methods are required that can illustrate multistate and multi-episode processes, including: descriptions of entire histories, sequence analysis, analysis of cumulative descriptions over time and graphical methods.

- Life course data and causal modelling

Life course data offer an excellent opportunity to apply causal models, helping to identify: (1) the direction of causality, (2) strengths of reciprocal effects, (3) age, cohort and period effects, (4) historical settings, (5) multiple clocks, eras, and point-in-time events, (6) contextual processes at multiple levels, (7) duration dependence, and (8) variability in state dependencies.

- Multilevel event history models

Individuals may experience events more than once over the observation period. Repeated events data have a hierarchical structure and can be analysed using multilevel models, which can be extended to non-hierarchical structures.

- Dynamic analysis of interdependent events

Most event history analyses focus on the timing of events in a single history or 'process'. However, outcomes of one process often influence the occurrence of events in another. Multiprocess or simultaneous equation models allow for the examination of interdependencies.

- Using discrete and continuous time models

An important issue is the comparison of discrete and continuous time models and their estimation techniques.

- Cross-national comparisons

Lifecourse data are available in many countries, but cross-national research demands standardized instruments, concepts and compatible data files. The group will develop and test appropriate methodologies for cross-national comparisons.

#### Core members

Leader: Hans-Peter Blossfeld (Bamberg, Germany)

#### Members

Paolo Barbieri (Trento, Italy)

Fabrizio Bernardi (Madrid, Spain)

Sandra Buchholz (Bamberg, Germany)

Markus Jäntti, Helsinki, Finland

Melinda Mills (Groningen, The Netherlands)

Anu Realo (Tartu, Estonia)

Knut Røed (Oslo, Norway)

Fiona Steel (Bristol, UK)

Louis-André Vallet (Paris, France)

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# **ESF TransEurope Research Network: Transnationalisation and Changing Life Course Inequality in Europe**

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Globalisation and Europeanisation have become central reference points for media, politicians, academics, and policy-makers to explain social change and understand social inequality in European member countries. Globalisation and Europeanisation bring broader social regulations and tensions in national structures. They are two transnational processes experienced mutually by all nations, yet each nation appears to be impacted differently.

Although the phenomena of Europeanisation and globalisation increasingly dominate public and political discourse, there remains a lack of research about how these processes impact and change the family and employment life domains of European citizens. To this point, little empirical research connects these transnational changes to inequality at the individual level in Europe. Furthermore, it is not yet established whether individual life courses in European countries are experiencing more convergence or divergence.

The TransEurope Research Network closes this gap by bringing together leading European experts from Political Science, Demography, Economics, and Sociology from seven countries (Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Germany, the Netherlands and Sweden) to conceptualise, operationalise, test, and compare the impact of transnational shifts on life course inequality across Europe. It is financed by the European Science Foundation (ESF) and the Foundation's National Member Organisations on an à la carte basis.

The international and interdisciplinary design of the network allows the study of the supranational processes of Globalization and Europeanisation while at the same time paying attention to their repercussions in different national contexts.

The Network comprehensively examines the:

- reach of globalising and Europeanising transformations within European nations,
- policy responses of various European nations and cultures to these transformations,
- effectiveness of these responses toward furthering national interests or slowing the effects of transnational shifts,
- consequences of transnational shifts on social inequality at the individual level throughout European member nations, and;
- impact of transnational labour market changes on family dynamics (partnership and fertility trends) in various European nations.

At the same time, the TransEurope Programme explicitly addresses the skills shortage in scholars able to perform international comparative research through a programme for young scientists to be trained in the analysis of comparative life course and panel data by the TransEurope network of senior scientists across Europe. Through yearly workshops, a summer school as well as an exchange grant programme, the TransEurope Network seeks to create high levels of scholarship and productivity by bringing together national experts and junior researchers within Europe and creating the opportunity for them to collaborate on innovative and path-breaking comparative research.

Key milestones within the network are organized within five phases, aimed at the development of general transnationalisation measures as well as a consecutive analysis of four pivotal life course transitions:

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| Year 1 - 2006: | Developing measures of transnationalisation for comparative work, organizing collaboration structures and potential expansion of network. |
| Year 2 - 2007: | Transition to Adulthood/Employment Entrance Transitions + Summer school.  |
| Year 3 - 2008: | Job mobility transitions.   |
| Year 4 - 2009: | Fertility decisions, employment re-entry from caregiving.   |
| Year 5 - 2010: | Employment exit decisions.  |
| Early 2011:    | Final conference, culmination of all project phases.  |

The Steering Committee consists of:

Hans-Peter Blossfeld (Chair and representative Germany), Melinda Mills (Netherlands), Johann Bacher (Austria), Michael Tåhlin (Sweden), Jan van Bavel (Belgium), Tomáš Sirovátka (Czech Republic), Ellu Saar (Estonia), and Dirk Hofäcker (Programme Coordinator)

For further information visit the Programme Website at [www.transeurope-project.org](http://www.transeurope-project.org) or contact the Programme Coordinator Dirk Hofäcker ([dirk.hofaecker@sowi.uni-bamberg.de](mailto:dirk.hofaecker@sowi.uni-bamberg.de)).