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### Personal

Date of birth: 17 November 1974

Citizenship: Czech Republic

Family status: single

### Areas of interest:

- Postponement of childbearing and very low fertility in industrialized countries
- Demography of Central and Eastern Europe
- Second demographic transition
- Cohabitation and changes in living arrangements
- Childlessness
- Assisted reproduction and fertility rates
- Migration and fertility
- Fertility projections

### Educational Attainment

2005-2006  
(winter semester) International Max Planck Research School for Demography, Rostock, Germany

2000-2004 Ph.D. research, Demography, Population Research Centre, Faculty of Spatial Sciences, University of Groningen; conferral of the doctorate in November 2004

1996-1998 M.A. study of Demography at the Charles University, Prague, completed in September 1998 (Masters exam)

### Current Positions

Since July 2004 Research scientist, Vienna Institute of Demography, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna

Managing editor, Vienna Yearbook of Population Research (since November 2004); editorial board member, European Journal of Population (since January 2009)

Project leader, Human Fertility Database (together with V. Shkolnikov and Joshua R. Goldstein)

## **Previous Positions**

February 2000 – May 2004 Ph.D. research, Demography, Population Research Centre, Faculty of Spatial Sciences, University of Groningen; conferral of the doctorate in November 2004

## **Awards and Scholarships**

2004 Demographic Research Online Journal Award for the best paper in Volume 8 (2003) of Demographic Research.

## **Project and network participation (selected)**

May 2009-May 2010 “His & her biological clock: Reproductive decision-making and reproductive success in the 21st century,” Research network funded by the Economic and Social Research Council

January 2009 – July 2011 “Fertility and social development” [Fertilität und gesellschaftliche Entwicklung], research group coordinated by the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities and German Academy of Sciences Leopoldina

January 2008-2008-2010 “Human Fertility Database,” project organised by the Max Planck Institute of Demographic research in Rostock and Vienna Institute of Demography (Project leader, together with V. Shkolnikov and Joshua R. Goldstein)

2008-2010 “REPRO - Reproductive decision-making in a macro-micro Perspective”; Project financed by the European Commission, 7<sup>th</sup> framework programme, Theme 8 (Socioeconomic Sciences and Humanities)

December 2006 – November 2007 “Fertility intentions and outcomes: The role of policies to close the gap” (project financed by the European Commission, Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities DG).

2006-2008 "Population Policy Acceptance Study - the viewpoint of citizens and policy actors regarding the management of population related change", DIALOG, Fifth Framework Programme of the European Commission

May 2006-Spring 2008 “Childbearing trends and policies in Europe”, book project supported by the Laboratory of Fertility and Family Dynamics in Contemporary Europe, Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock (book co-editor)

July 2004 - February 2005 “Geburtenbarometer” - Monthly Estimates of Fertility in Austria (VID Project)

February 2000 – April 2004 “Towards a dynamic scenario model of economic determinants of European population development”, funded by the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO), project number A 510-03-901

## **Workshops and Conferences**

Convenor of the topic 'Fertility,' European Population Conference 2008 (Barcelona, Spain)

Keynote Addresses, invited talks and presentations (selected):

- Meeting of the British Society for Population Studies (BSPS) and International Longevity Centre UK (ILC-UK), April 2005
- VUB Colloquium "Demographic challenges for the 21st century," Brussels, February 15-16, 2007
- Rostock Symposium on the "Demography of Europe", Max Planck Institute of Dem. Research, Rostock, 8-9 November 2007
- Berzelius Symposium 80 "Assisting fertility- challenges and strategies," Stockholm, 14-15 May 2009
- Workshop "Fertility declines in the past, present and future: what we don't know and what we need to know," Cambridge, 17 July 2009
- United Nations Expert Group Meeting on "Recent and Future Trends in Fertility," Un Department of Social and Economic Affairs, New York, 2-4 December 2009

## **Lecturing**

Winter Semester 2008-2009      Course on "Fertility Analysis and Modelling" (together with Joshua Goldstein), Max Planck Institute for Dem. Research, Rostock

## **Referee for**

- American Sociological Review, Social Forces, Population and Development Review, Population, Demography, European Journal of Population, Demographic Research, Population Studies, Journal of Biosocial Science, Gender Medicine, Vienna Yearbook of Population Research, Population Research and Policy Review, Journal of Population Research, Sociologický Časopis (Czech Rep.), TESS – Journal of Economic and Social Geography, Trames (Estonia), Canadian Studies in Population, Comparative Population Studies / Zeitschrift für Bevölkerungswissenschaft, Springer Verlag (book submissions);
- Book reviews for European Journal of Population and Journal of Peace Research
- Project proposals evaluation for the ESRC (Economic & Social research Council, UK)

## **Consultancy**

December 2008- January 2009      World Bank, a report on "Desired vs. actual fertility and the effectiveness of pronatalist policies in the Russian Federation"

## **Membership in professional organisations**

International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP), Population Association of America (PAA), European Association for Population Studies (EAPS), Česká demografická společnost (Czech Demographic Society)

## Data projects:

- *Human Fertility Database* (co-director): [www.humanfertility.org](http://www.humanfertility.org)
- *Geburtenbarometer* (Monthly Estimates of Fertility in Austria, in German): <http://www.oeaw.ac.at/vid/barometer/index.html>
- Detailed database of period & cohort fertility in Austria: [http://www.oeaw.ac.at/vid/publications/p\\_austriandataandtrends.shtml](http://www.oeaw.ac.at/vid/publications/p_austriandataandtrends.shtml)
- *European Demographic Data Sheet* 2006 and 2008: <http://www.oeaw.ac.at/vid/datasheet/index.html>

## Selected Publications

(complete list available at [http://www.oeaw.ac.at/vid/staff/staff\\_tomas\\_sobotka.shtml](http://www.oeaw.ac.at/vid/staff/staff_tomas_sobotka.shtml))

- Sobotka, T. 2010. "Shifting parenthood to advanced reproductive ages: Trends, causes and consequences." In: J.C. Tremmel (ed.) *A Young Generation Under Pressure?* Berlin-Heidelberg: Springer-Verlag, pp. 129-154.
- Goldstein, J.R., T. Sobotka and A. Jasilioniene. 2009. "The end of lowest-low fertility?" *Population and Development Review* 35(4): 663-699.
- Sobotka, T. 2009. "Subreplacement fertility intentions in Austria" *European Journal of Population* 25(4): 387-412
- Sobotka, T. and W. Lutz. 2009. "Misleading policy messages from the period TFR: Should we stop using it?" *European Demographic Research Papers* 2009-4. Vienna: Vienna Institute of Demography of the Austrian Academy of Sciences
- Sobotka, T. 2008. "The diverse faces of the second demographic transition in Europe." Overview Chapter 6 in: T. Frejka, T. Sobotka, J. M. Hoem, and L. Toulemon (eds.) *Childbearing trends and policies in Europe. Demographic Research, Special Collection 7*, Vol. 19, Article 8, pp. 171-224. <http://www.demographic-research.org/Volumes/Vol19/8/>
- Sobotka, T. 2008. "The rising importance of migrants for childbearing in Europe." Overview Chapter 7 in: T. Frejka, T. Sobotka, J. M. Hoem, and L. Toulemon (eds.) *Childbearing trends and policies in Europe. Demographic Research, Special Collection 7*, Vol. 19, Article 9, pp. 225-248. <http://www.demographic-research.org/Volumes/Vol19/9/>
- Frejka, T., T. Sobotka, J. M. Hoem and L. Toulemon (eds.). 2008. *Childbearing Trends and Policies in Europe. Demographic Research, Special Collection 7*, Vol. 19, Articles 1-29, pp. 1-1178. <http://www.demographic-research.org/Volumes/Vol19/1/>
- Sobotka, T. 2008. "Does persistent low fertility threaten the future of European populations?" In: J. Surkyn, P. Deboosere and J. van Bavel and (eds.) *Demographic challenges for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. A state of art in demography*. Brussels: VUBPRESS, pp. 27-89.
- Sobotka, T., M. A. Hansen, T. K. Jensen, A. T. Pedersen, W. Lutz, and N. E. Skakkebaek. 2008. "The contribution of assisted reproduction to completed fertility: An analysis of Danish data." *Population and Development Review* 34(1): 79-101
- Sobotka, T. 2004. "Is lowest-low fertility in Europe explained by the postponement of childbearing?" *Population and Development Review* 30 (2), 195-220.
- Sobotka, T. 2004. *Postponement of childbearing and low fertility in Europe*. Ph.D. dissertation. Dutch Academic Press, Amsterdam
- Sobotka, T., K. Zeman and V. Kantorová. 2003. "Demographic shifts in the Czech Republic after 1989: A Second demographic transition view", *European Journal of Population* 19 (3), 249-277.
- Sobotka, T. 2003. "Re-emerging diversity: Rapid fertility changes in Central and Eastern Europe after the collapse of the communist regimes", *Population-E* 58 (4-5), 451-486.