"From first partnership to first birth. The role of age on the quantum and tempo of family formation"

Transitions to adulthood have been postponed in France and more generally in European countries. Moreover, births occurring mainly within a relationship, especially in France, the timing of first partnerships has an influence on the quantum and tempo of first births. Using the French GGS data (2005), we explore the influence of age at first cohabiting union on the occurrence and timing of transitions to motherhood and fatherhood for the 1942-1962 birth cohorts. Do people who enter a first partnership at late ages have a child faster? Does age constrain childbearing levels for men as much as for women? Is there still an effect of age when other characteristics are controlled for?

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