

## CALL FOR PAPERS

WITTGENSTEIN CENTRE CONFERENCE 2018 — 3<sup>RD</sup> HUMAN FERTILITY DATABASE SYMPOSIUM

# FERTILITY ACROSS TIME AND SPACE: DATA AND RESEARCH ADVANCES

VIENNA, 5–7 DECEMBER 2018

Today about a half of the world population lives in countries with fertility around or below two births per woman. Post-transitional fertility rates have often been unstable, undergoing unexpected downturns, upswings and reversals. To account for these developments new theories, methods, and measures have been proposed. These advances have been stimulated by an emergence of new datasets that allow in-depth comparisons of period and cohort fertility and their components between countries and subnational regions. In particular, the Human Fertility Database (HFD) and the Human Fertility Collection (HFC) have established themselves as the leading resources in aggregate-level research on fertility.

This conference aims to build on the expanding data availability and contribute to methodological and empirical advances in fertility research. We encourage submissions on fertility trends, their variation, components and driving forces, as well as on methods, data and indicators in fertility research. Research based on the Human Fertility Database and the Human Fertility Collection is especially welcome.

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## The conference will cover the following topics

- Spatial differences in fertility
- Components of fertility change and variation
- Fertility differentials by sex, education, and socio-economic characteristics
- Fertility timing, tempo effects in fertility
- Very low fertility
- Shifts and reversals in fertility
- Impact of economic factors, labour market and policy measures on fertility
- Aggregate-level perspective on fertility intentions, desires, ideals
- Fertility modelling and forecasting
- Methods and indicators in fertility research
- Multilevel analysis
- Data visualisation
- Data resources

## Paper submissions

Submissions should include

- short abstract (200–400 words) and
- extended abstract (2–5 pages) or the full paper.

They should be submitted online at:

[www.oeaw.ac.at/vid/events/calendar/conferences/fertility-across-time-and-space](http://www.oeaw.ac.at/vid/events/calendar/conferences/fertility-across-time-and-space)

Please make sure your abstract includes the title, full name(s), affiliation and email addresses of each author.

The deadline for submitting papers is **1 June 2018**. The authors of accepted papers will be informed by 31 July 2018.

There are no participation fees, but the participants are expected to cover their own travel and accommodation expenses.

## Conference Organisers

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## About the HFD Project

The Human Fertility Data Project is a joint project of the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research (MPIDR) and the Vienna Institute of Demography (VID), aiming to provide free and user-friendly access to a variety of fertility data.

The Project consists of two companion databases, based at the MPIDR in Rostock, Germany: the Human Fertility Database ([www.humanfertility.org](http://www.humanfertility.org)) and the Human Fertility Collection ([www.fertilitydata.org](http://www.fertilitydata.org)). The 1st HFD symposium was held in Rostock in 2011 ([www.humanfertility.org/cgi-bin/symposium.php](http://www.humanfertility.org/cgi-bin/symposium.php)); the 2nd HFD symposium took place in 2016 in Berlin ([www.humanfertility.org/cgi-bin/symposium2.php](http://www.humanfertility.org/cgi-bin/symposium2.php)).

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