

Call for Papers

International Conference

Changing families and fertility choices

Oslo, 6-7 June 2013

This conference aims at developing a comprehensive picture of the factors that drive the fertility development in modern, western societies. Common features of demographic developments across Europe have prompted efforts to join forces in the search for policy responses, and debates on low birth-rates have inspired policy reforms in several countries. Papers will have both national and cross-national perspectives and open up for theoretical reflections and empirical analyses of the mechanisms behind the shift in family dynamics, the role of gender equality in fertility behaviour, and the impact of family policy on fertility.

More specifically, papers should address one or several of the following topics:

- Fertility intentions and behaviour in relation to other family formation events such as unmarried cohabitation and formal marriage, as well as union dissolution and divorce. This also includes childbearing in new unions and multi-partnered fertility.
- The relationship between gender equality and fertility intentions and behaviour, focusing on both gender equality practices within the families and gender equality in the society.
- The effect of family policies on fertility intentions and behaviour, evaluating both the impact of specific policies and the total incentives of the tax and benefit system.

The conference is part of the research project ["Family dynamics, fertility choices, and family policy"](#), principal investigator Trude Lappegård, supported by the Research Council of Norway.

Please send your 1-page abstract to

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Notification will be sent to all first authors by 1 March 2013.

We can offer up to ten travel grants for junior researchers (up to age 35). Please apply by sending a 1-page CV in addition to your abstract submission. Applicants will be informed by 1 March 2013.