



**CALL FOR PAPERS**  
**Demographic Change in Central and Eastern Europe**  
**Demographic Behaviour since 1990**

Annual Conference 2022 of the German Society for Demography (DGD)

in collaboration with the Estonian Demographic Association, the Hungarian Demographic Research Institute, the Czech Society for Demography and the Committee on Demographic Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences

The fall of the Berlin Wall was followed by thorough and rapid changes that affected all layers of society. Welfare state policies were fundamentally reformed and labour markets deeply restructured, leading to rapidly growing economic opportunities but also uncertainties among the population. Alongside this development, demographic behaviour has changed profoundly in the aftermath of the collapse of the formerly socialist societies. Women's age at first birth increased, and period fertility dropped. Also affected was the marriage, divorce and non-marital childbearing behaviour, albeit to very varying degrees in the different countries. Moreover, mortality as well as migration patterns were deeply influenced by the regime change. A pressing research question at that time was under which conditions the family-related behaviour of the formerly socialist countries would start following "Western" patterns. Did these demographic behaviours between East and West eventually converge? Did value changes matter for family transformations? Which role did the restructuring of the welfare states play? What were the effects of labour market developments on demographic change? Which distinct demographic features have remained until today in Central and Eastern European countries?

30 years after German reunification, it is time to revisit these research questions. Together with the Estonian Demographic Association, the Hungarian Demographic Research Institute, the Czech Society for Demography and the Committee on Demographic Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences, the German Society for Demography invites scholars to submit their work on "Demography in Central and Eastern Europe" to this annual conference. We invite contributions that address any of the themes covered by the Working Groups of the DGD. These are:

- Convergence or divergence? Data and methods to compare demographic developments in Europe (Central and Eastern Europe vs. "Western Europe"?)
- Demographic and societal developments in Central and Eastern Europe
- Family and fertility in Central and Eastern Europe: trends, determinants and policy implications
- Partnership formation and dissolution in Central and Eastern Europe
- Health and mortality in Central and Eastern Europe since 1990
- Migration in Europe since 1990
- Regional aspects of demographic change in Germany. Reflections on the German reunification process

**Venue & Time:** The conference will be held March 16-18, 2022, as a virtual event via the Zoom video conferencing platform.

With this conference, we are compensating for the DGD Annual Conference that was cancelled in 2020 due to the Corona pandemic, which was held under the same theme. Due to its international character, the conference will be held mainly in English, but presentations in German are also possible.

**Abstracts:** An abstract (max. 300 words) for a talk or poster contribution can be uploaded on the conference page of the German Demographic Society <https://dgd-online.de/annual-conference-2022/>.

Deadline for submissions is **1 November 2021**.

Submissions that have already been accepted for the 2020 Annual Conference and have been confirmed by the respective session chairs for re-submission for the 2022 Annual Conference do not need to resubmit their abstracts via the DGD conference page.

Please note that for some sessions only poster submissions are still possible, as these are already filled with contributions from the cancelled 2020 meeting. You will find a note on this in the respective session description on our homepage <https://dgd-online.de/annual-conference-2022/>.