
Call for Abstracts

LGBTQ+ and the Family

European family patterns have radically changed in recent decades. While prior research was dominated by research on the nuclear family, more recently scholars have undertaken great efforts to measure and map family diversity. For example, same-sex marriages constitute a fixed category in most national statistics. Additionally, social science surveys such as the German Socio-Economic Panel have recently begun collecting data on LGBTQ+. These new types of data may provide novel insights into the living arrangement, family behaviour and fertility preferences of same-sex couples. At the same time, policy makers have responded to these changes in family patterns. Although most legal contexts still privilege nuclear families, some governments have acknowledged other family forms, most prominently in the legal recognition of same-sex marriages. Even so, disadvantages in how governments treat different family forms persist across European countries.

This workshop brings together researchers who work on the topic of LGBTQ+ issues. We particularly welcome empirical studies that focus on family patterns and family life. This may include studies on inter-generational relationships, fertility behaviour and preferences, separation and divorce. Both quantitative and qualitative studies are welcome. We seek insights from sociology, economics, political sciences, statistics or anthropology. Studies that approach the topic from a legal perspective are also very welcome.

Keynote speakers: Marie Evertsson (Stockholm University)

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