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Dear Colleagues,

Dear pairfam Users,

At the end of this year, we would like to inform you about recent and current activities as well as future plans of the German Family Panel (pairfam) project.

While currently the data collection of wave nine is well underway and the question program for wave ten is being prepared, the pairfam staff is working on the user-friendly data preparation of wave eight. In early summer 2017 we will release the new data (release 8.0) – and it will again bring several innovations: The anchor data set will, for example, be augmented by new items on self-regulation, on the utilization of advisory services, and on pornography consumption. Moreover, additional information will be available on the relationship with the partner's parents, both as part of the anchor's and the partner's survey. The child data set will comprise new variables on school aspirations, sibling relationships, and peer problems. For the step-up respondents the questions of the SDQ (Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire) will be included, e.g. items on conduct problems and hyperactivity. There has been a marked change of the parents' survey: This questionnaire has been significantly shortened focusing decidedly on grandparenthood including, for example, new questions on the autonomy in the grandparenting role and how the frequency of taking care for the grandchildren is being evaluated.

Call for Papers: 5th International pairfam User Conference in Bremen

From the 31st of May to the 1st of June, 2017, the German Family Panel will host the fifth International pairfam User Conference at the University of Bremen. The conference will give scientists from various disciplines the chance to present their findings based on pairfam data to an international audience of professional colleagues.

We will continue the tradition of the pairfam Awards with the support of TNS Infratest Sozialforschung. The author(s) of the jury-selected best paper presented during the conference

will be honored with a 400 € prize. In addition, a further paper based on pairfam data published during the two years leading up to the conference will be chosen for the "Best Publication Award."

The deadline for submitting conference abstracts for paper or poster presentations is **February 13, 2017**. Please send your one-page abstract to support@pairfam.de. Additional information can be found in the Call for Papers. We are looking forward to seeing you in Bremen!

Recent Event: 5th International pairfam Conference on "Parenting, Co-Parenting, and Child Well-Being in Changing Families" in Munich

The 5th International pairfam Conference covered the topics of parenthood, parenting, and child development in the context of familial change. It took place in Munich from June 29th to July 1st, 2016.

Questions of changing approaches and demands to both parenthood and parenting play an important role in national and international discourse. In parallel, educational and attachment research have a long tradition, which concerns itself with aspects of family life that are conducive to, or are in fact a strain on children's development. The goal, as with previous pairfam conferences, was to provide an opportunity to share ideas on current issues and findings on a wide international and interdisciplinary scope. Contributions based on pairfam data were welcome, but the exchange of knowledge of very different data and methods was also expressly encouraged.

Four keynote speakers, eleven presentations, as well as two poster sessions including a total of fourteen poster presentations provided an excellent opportunity for intellectual exchange. Compared to previous pairfam conferences, this year's international response was much higher, with a total of seventeen contributions: six from England, four from Switzerland, and three from the USA, along with one from Canada, the Netherlands, Italy, and Austria, respectively. In addition to psychological and sociological research, input from a demographic as well as educational perspective was also offered. Overall, a wide range of topics was raised. Several contributions dealt with aspects of changing family forms, which seem to derive from instability within romantic relationships, new partnerships, and also family formation after fertility treatments. Modified role constellations and parenting techniques, as well as mobility and media use aspects were mentioned, along with inequalities between and within families – the latter using new data from the Twin Life study. Further, familial influences on the mental health, educational success, and sexual behavior of children and youth were investigated. Intervention programs to reinforce partnerships and parenting were also presented.

The four keynote presentations focused on different phases of family development, observed parent-child relationships in a wider family context, in particular regarding parents' relationships, and implemented various methodological approaches. Ingrid Schoon (Professor of Human Development and Social Policy at the Quantitative Social Sciences (QSS) department at the University of London's Institute of Education) presented results from the Millenium Cohort Study, covering familial risk factors and their influence on child development. Susan Branje (Professor at the Utrecht Center for Child and Adolescent Studies (CAS) at the University of Utrecht) focused on the importance of emotional variability for the development of parent-child relationships in adolescence and the psychosocial development of youth. Guy Bodenmann (Professor of Clinical Psychology at the University of Zürich) discussed the interdependence of both parents in the parenting scheme, and their respective importance for child development in view of the concept of co-parenting. Kathryn Edin (Bloomberg Distinguished Professor at the Department of Sociology, Zanvyl Krieger School of Arts and Sciences and Department of Population, Family, and Reproductive Health, Bloomberg School of Public Health at John Hopkins University in Baltimore) reported her findings on instability and complexity of families in the USA, with a particular focus on adolescent fathers.

In addition, the pairfam team organized a Pre-Conference Workshop on June 29th, 2016. The focus was on analyzing the pairfam child and parenting data using the statistical software SPSS. The workshop included an introduction to working with pairfam data and advice on data handling and analysis strategies based on practical examples.

We hope that this conference has also provided motivation for the use of pairfam data to answer psycho-developmental and socio-educational research questions.

Additional Paradata available for Waves 1-7

As a new feature, the pairfam gross data sets for the anchor's survey of waves 1-7 are available upon request. These data sets contain the cases of the whole population for each wave who have been contacted for an additional interview, i.e. all anchor persons who took part in the previous wave's survey and did not object to being re-interviewed, or who missed out on the previous wave due to temporal or personal reasons. The following information on the fieldwork is available: number of contact attempts (personal, by phone, and by e-mail), interviewer identification numbers, and a detailed breakdown of the final processing status (especially different reasons for non-participation). Thus, these paradata provide the opportunity, for example, to conduct non-response analyses.

If you are interested in obtaining these data, please contact our user support

Meet pairfam at the 7th Conference for Social and Economic Data (KSWD) in Berlin

On February 8th and 9th, 2017, the German Data Forum (RatSWD, Rat für Sozial- und Wirtschaftsdaten) will host its 7th Conference for Social and Economic Data (KSWD) in Berlin. The aim of this conference is to encourage multidisciplinary communication between academia, politicians, and data providers. There will be a presentation on pairfam, a poster illustrating substantive analyses with pairfam data, as well as an information booth. Several pairfam team members will be present and look forward to seeing you there!

Personnel Changes in the pairfam Team

We would like to welcome back our colleague Dr. Carolin Thönnissen (LMU Munich) following her parental leave. As of October 1st, 2016, she rejoined the pairfam team focusing on the areas of parenting and child development.

Bernadette Huyer-May (LMU Munich) is now on parental leave as of December 2016. Madison Garrett has joined the LMU Munich team to take over her Survey Management duties. Welcome!

Prizes based on pairfam Data

This year, the Allianz Nachwuchspreis für Demographie, in cooperation with the German Gesellschaft für Demographie e.V. (DGD), has been awarded to two young researchers working with pairfam data: Dr. Sonja Bastin (University of Bremen), honored for her dissertation on partnership trajectories of single mothers, and Gerrit Corkadi, who received the award for his master thesis on fertility intentions submitted at the University Duisburg-Essen.

Sabine Düval (LMU Munich) won the first prize for her poster "Effects of Parents' Unemployment on a Child's Personality and Emotions" at this year's seminar "Rational Choice Sociology: Theory and Empirical Applications" at the Venice International University.

Congratulations to all award winners!

Recent Publications

The following recent publications have used pairfam data:

Bernardi, Fabrizio & Diederik Boertien. 2016. Non-intact families and diverging educational destinies: A decomposition analysis for Germany, Italy, the United Kingdom and the United States. *Social Science Research* (In Press). DOI: 10.1016/j.ssresearch.2016.09.004

Fulda, Barbara E. 2016. The diversity in longitudinal partnership trajectories during the transition to adulthood: How is it related to individual characteristics and regional living conditions?. *Demographic Research* 35: 1101–1134. DOI: 10.4054/DemRes.2016.35.37

Johnson, Matthew D., Rebecca M. Horne & Adam M. Galovan. 2016. The Developmental Course of Supportive Dyadic Coping in Couples. *Developmental Psychology* 52: 2031-2043. DOI: 10.1037/dev0000216

Kley, Stefanie. 2016. Trennungsrisiko Pendelmobilität. Welche Paarbeziehungen mobiler Frauen sind gefährdet? Eine Fuzzy-Set-Analyse. . *Zeitschrift für Familienforschung - Journal of Family Research* 28: 305-327.

Kuhnt, Anne-Kristin & Petra Buhr. 2016. Biographical risks and their impact on uncertainty in fertility expectations: A gender-specific study based on the German Family Panel. *Duisburger Beiträge zur soziologischen Forschung* 2016-03. DOI: 10.6104/DBsF-2016-0

Luciano, Eva C. & Ulrich Orth. 2016. Transitions in Romantic Relationships and Development of Self-Esteem. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*. Advance online publication (2016, July 4). DOI: 10.1037/pspp0000109

Müller, Bettina. 2016. Opportunity or Affection? Participation of Respondents' Partners in a Multi-actor Survey. *Field Methods* (OnlineFirst). DOI: 10.1177/1525822X16671702

Mund, Marcus & Franz J. Neyer. 2016. Rising High or Falling Deep? Pathways of Self-Esteem in a Representative German Sample. *European Journal of Personality* 30: 341-357. DOI: 10.1002/per.2063

Passet-Wittig, Jasmin, Norbert F. Schneider, Stephan Letzel, Bettina Schuhrke, Rudolph Seufert, Ulrike Zier & Eva Münster. 2016. Prävalenz von Infertilität und Nutzung der Reproduktionsmedizin in Deutschland. *Journal für Reproduktionsmedizin und Endokrinologie* 13 (3): 80-90.

Potarca, Gina. 2016. Does the Internet Affect Assortative Mating? Evidence from the U.S. and Germany. *Social Science Research* (In Press). DOI: 10.1016/j.ssresearch.2016.06.019

Raab, Marcel 2016. Childhood Family Structure and Early Family Formation in East and West Germany. *Journal of Marriage and Family* (Early View). DOI: 10.1111/jomf.12333

Schmiedeberg, Claudia, Bernadette Huyer-May, Laura Castiglioni & Matthew D. Johnson. 2016. The More or the Better? How Sex Contributes to Life Satisfaction. *Archives of Sexual Behavior (OnlineFirst)*. DOI: 10.1007/s10508-016-0843-y

Schröder, Jette, Claudia Schmiedeberg & Laura Castiglioni. 2016. The effect of interviewers' motivation and attitudes on respondents' consent to contact secondary respondents in a multi-actor design. *Survey Methods: Insights from the Field*. DOI: 10.13094/SMIF-2016-00005

Thomas, Michael J. & Clara H. Mulder. 2016. Partnership patterns and homeownership: a cross-country comparison of Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. *Housing Studies*. DOI: 10.1080/02673037.2016.1164832

Abstracts of each article are listed on our homepage.

Our goal is to maintain a complete and up-to-date list of publications using data from the German Family Panel on our website. Please inform our user support about any publications, student theses, and forthcoming articles based on pairfam data. If you will be using pairfam data in your research, please make note of the citation rules published on our website. We sincerely appreciate your help!

If you have any questions regarding the pairfam project or its data, please do not hesitate to contact our user support.

The pairfam team wishes you relaxing holidays and a happy New Year!

Yours sincerely, for the entire pairfam team,

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