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Dear colleagues,

Dear users of German Family Panel data,

We are pleased to announce the release of another survey wave of the German Family Panel! As part of Release 7.0, data have been processed and are now available. In addition, we are looking forward to the International pairfam Conference taking place from June 29th to July 1st, 2016 in Munich and would like to provide you with further information regarding the project.

Release 7.0 with Data from the 7th wave

Release 7.0 is now available with the latest pairfam data from wave 7. This survey wave (2014/2015) contains data from 5,919 anchor respondents, 2,170 partners, 1,438 children, and 2,719 parents. For the first time, the module “Critical Life Events” as well as new questions regarding parental allowance and anchor health (reflecting both childhood and current time frames) were included. The siblings module and questions regarding addictive behaviors were repeated for the first time in this wave, allowing for panel analyses of these topics. An overview of the survey content for each individual wave can be found in the [Codebooks](#) and [Variable Lists](#).

New data from **step-up respondents** and their partners are also now available. These are former child survey participants who have reached the age of 15 and continue to be part of the pairfam panel as anchor respondents themselves. 190 step-up respondents and 15 step-up partners are available as part of wave 7. Additional modules concerning risk-taking behavior and social media use were included for this respondent group in wave 7. Data and documentation for step-up respondents and the step-up partner survey are archived in the Scientific Use File in a separate folder. More information on the step-up respondents is available in the [Data Manual](#).

In the updated version of [Data Manual](#), the chapter „**pairfam Nuts and Bolts**” contains additional tips for working with pairfam data, including two new sections regarding sample definition of both the child and parent survey. Further, we describe how to work with data processed with Stata 12 in Stata 14 without the issue of incorrectly displayed special characters.

In order to order data from Release 7.0, please proceed as follows:

After the [application form](#) has been completed, signed, and sent to our [user support](#) via post, fax, or e-mail, the Scientific Use File will be made available either electronically or as a CD-ROM directly from GESIS Data Service. Registered users of Release 6.0 data have the possibility to receive data from Release 7.0 free of charge if the application form is sent to our user support office by **August 31st, 2016**. The deadline has been shortened this year – it pays to be quick!

In order to better adapt our services to the needs of our users, the application form now includes a question regarding the **statistics program** intended to be used for analyses. In addition, whether the data are to be used within the scope of an **academic qualification** project and/or an academic **course** is to be noted.

The pairfam data are to be used exclusively for scientific purposes by those persons indicated on the application form as part of the project or research plan noted. Data may be given to internal third parties if these a) will work with the pairfam data in the context of the project mentioned, or b) are students using the data for a paper or thesis. In both cases the pairfam [user support](#) must be informed. Please fill out the [distribution form](#) on the pairfam website. In accordance with data protection laws and in order to keep our user database up to date, **all parties** (including students and research assistants) with access to pairfam data must complete and sign the distribution form. It is no longer possible to include multiple users on one application form. The distribution contract is valid independently of the specific release version. If you have previously signed a distribution contract with third persons, you are permitted to provide data from the next release to these specific persons without completing a new distribution form.

Release 7.0 also includes the syntax for a reduced **teaching version** with only 50% of the observations. This version may be given to students without filling out the distribution form. For information about the teaching dataset, please refer to the [Quick Guide](#).

Revised Quick Start files

The following [Quick Start do-files](#) have been adjusted for working with data from Release 7.0 and partly modified with regards to content and are now available on our homepage:

- Sample Definition: possible selection criteria for analysis samples
- Weighting: tips for using weights in cross-sectional and longitudinal analyses
- Matching: instructions and examples for merging data sets
- Biopart EHA: example event history analysis using the “biopart” data set
- Panel Analysis FE: tips for panel regression analyses

These syntax files have been made available to ease the introduction to analyses with pairfam data.

International pairfam Conference 2016 in Munich

The 5th International and Interdisciplinary pairfam Conference on the topic of “Parenting, Co-Parenting, and Child Well-Being in Changing Families” will take place from June 29th to July 1st, 2016 in Munich. Presentations will cover well-being and upbringing in early childhood and teenage years, as well as in different family and social contexts. The conference program and further information are available on the [conference website](#). We are looking forward to the contributions and the chance to meet many of you in person!

Recent events: In-house seminars at DJI in Munich and the University of Duisburg-Essen

On March 17th, 2016, an “in-house seminar” took place in Munich at the German Youth Institute (DJI) as an introduction to analyses with data from the German Family Panel pairfam. The main focus was on practical applications with the statistics program Stata. In addition, the pairfam team presented the data as a practical workshop at the University of Duisburg-Essen on April 6th, 2016. If you are interested in an “[in-house seminar](#)”, do not hesitate to contact our [user support](#).

Personnel Changes in the pairfam Team

We would like to welcome our new colleague at the University of Cologne [Dr. Martin Wetzel](#), as well as [Stefan Fiedrich](#) who again joined the pairfam team at the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich. [Nina Schumann](#) (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich) has resumed her role as User Support Coordinator as of February 2016, with [Kristin Hajek](#) (also LMU Munich) continuing to organize user trainings and in-house seminars.

Meeting pairfam at Conferences

Members of the pairfam team will present the results of their research with pairfam data at the following conferences:

16th Biennial Congress of the European Society for Health and Medical Sociology (Geneva, June 27th-29th): Petra Buhr.

Third ISA Forum of Sociology (Vienna, July 10th-14th): Karsten Hank.

111th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (Seattle, August 20th-23rd): Karsten Hank.

European Population Conference (Mainz, August 31st-September 3rd): Petra Buhr, Laura Castiglioni, Kristin Hajek, Karsten Hank, Claudia Schmiedeberg.

8th Congress of the European Society on Family Relations (Dortmund, August 31st-September 3rd): Petra Buhr, Barbara Wilhelm.

50. Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Psychologie (Leipzig, September 18th-22nd): Barbara Wilhelm.

Society for Longitudinal and Life Course Studies Conference 2016 (Bamberg, October 5th-8th): Laura Castiglioni, Claudia Schmiedeberg.

Participating researchers will provide information on their own research and answer questions about the pairfam project and data.

Publications

Several articles based on pairfam data have recently been published in the “Handbuch Bevölkerungssoziologie”, edited by Yasemin Niephaus, Michaela Kreyenfeld and Reinhold Sackmann (Wiesbaden: Springer Nachschlage Wissen):

Konietzka, Dirk & André Tatjes. 2016. Der Auszug aus dem Elternhaus. 201-226.

Huinink, Johannes. 2016. Kinderwunsch und Geburtenentwicklung in der Bevölkerungssoziologie. 227-251.

Kreyenfeld, Michaela, Dirk Konietzka & Valerie Heintz-Martin. 2016. Private Lebensformen in Ost- und Westdeutschland. 303-325.

Feldhaus, Michael. 2016. Fortsetzungsfamilien in Deutschland: Theoretische Überlegungen und empirische Befunde. 347-366.

Trappe, Heike. 2016. Reproduktionsmedizin: Rechtliche Rahmenbedingungen, gesellschaftliche Relevanz und ethische Implikationen. 393-413.

The following recent publications also use pairfam data:

Johnson, Matthew D., Nancy L. Galambos & Jared R. Anderson. 2016. Skip the dishes? Not so fast! Sex and Housework Revisited. *Journal of Family Psychology* 30(2): 203-213.

Johnson, Matthew D. & Rebecca M. Horne. 2016. Temporal Ordering of Supportive Dyadic Coping, Commitment, and Willingness to Sacrifice. *Family Relations* 65(2): 314-326.

Kreyenfeld, Michaela & Sonja Bastin. 2016. Reliability of Union Histories in Social Science Surveys: Blurred Memory, Deliberate Misreporting, or True Tales?. *Advances in Life Course Research* 27: 30-42.

Kuhnt, Anne-Kristin & Heike Trappe. 2016. Channels of Social Influence on the Realization of Short-Term Fertility Intentions in Germany. *Advances in Life Course Research* 27: 16-29.

Lois, Daniel. 2016. Types of Social Networks and the Transition to Parenthood. *Demographic Research* 34: 657-688.

Lois, Daniel & Oliver Arránz Becker. 2016. Partnerschaftsgestaltung und Entwicklungspfade von Ost-West-Paaren: Einflüsse von Primärsozialisation und Lebenskontext. In *Soziale Bedingungen privater Lebensführung*, edited by Stauder, Johannes, Ingmar Rapp & Jan Eckhard, 41-72. Wiesbaden: Springer.

Lux, Ulrike & Sabine Walper. 2016. Partnerschaftsbeziehungen nach einer Trennung: Vor- oder Nachteile gegenüber ersten Liebesbeziehungen? *Psychotherapeut* 60(1): 22-28.

Nauck, Bernhard & Nadia Lois. 2016. Auszug aus dem Elternhaus in den Vereinigten Staaten, Taiwan und Deutschland. In *Soziale Bedingungen privater Lebensführung*, edited by Stauder, Johannes, Ingmar Rapp & Jan Eckhard, 145-169. Wiesbaden: Springer.

Schmiedeberg, Claudia, Laura Castiglioni & Jette Schröder. 2016. Secondary Respondent Consent in the German Family Panel. *Bulletin de Méthodologie Sociologique* (OnlineFirst). DOI: 10.1177/0759106316642707

Schmiedeberg, Claudia & Jette Schröder. 2016. Does sexual satisfaction change with relationship duration? *Archives of Sexual Behavior* 45: 99-107.

The abstracts and/or summaries 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!

We wish you all the best for your work with the pairfam data. For further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely on behalf of the entire pairfam team,

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