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Dear Colleagues,

Dear pairfam Users,

Two weeks ago, our International pairfam User Conference took place in Bremen. In addition to a wide range of presentations based on pairfam data, the pairfam awards for “Best Publication” and “Best Presentation” were granted. Further details on the conference can be found in this newsletter. Furthermore, we are pleased to announce the release of another survey wave of the German Family Panel! As part of Release 8.0, data have been processed and are now available.

Release 8.0 with Data from Wave 8 Available

Release 8.0 is now offered with the latest pairfam data from wave 8. This survey wave (2015/2016) contains data from 5,416 anchor respondents, 2,051 partners, 1,419 children, and 627 parents. The anchor data set has been augmented by new items on, for example, self-regulation, on the utilization of advisory services, and on pornography consumption. Moreover, additional information on the relationship with the partner’s parents is available, both as part of the anchor’s and the partner’s survey. The child data set comprises new variables on school aspirations, sibling relationships, and peer problems. 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. Due to this new focus only parents of anchor persons with biological or adopted children living in the anchor’s household were selected for this survey. An overview of the survey content for each individual wave can be found in the [Codebooks](#) and [Variable Lists](#).

Again, new data from **step-up respondents** and their partners are 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. Each year, sample sizes rise: 240 step-up respondents and 19 step-up partners are available as part of wave 8. For the step-up respondents the questions of the SDQ (Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire) has been included, e.g. items on con-

duct problems and hyperactivity. 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 a new section regarding sample definition of the parent survey (limitation to grandparents in wave 8). Further, we inform about the “seam effect” occurring as part of the event-history calendar on educational and occupational activities.

The **Scales and Instruments Manual** has also been updated and augmented for Release 8.0. This [document](#) provides information on key item groups which are part of the pairfam surveys. In addition, this manual contains guidelines regarding the creation of index variables and scales (including reliability scores) on the basis of instruments used in the German Family Panel. The syntax files to generate these scales are part of the Scientific Use File.

As in previous years, the data sets are available as **Stata and SPSS** files. Beginning with Release 8.0 we provide Stata data sets in Unicode, which is implemented in Stata 14. However, older versions of Stata are not able to access Unicode data sets. Therefore, we provide data sets for older Stata versions in a separate directory.

In order to **obtain data from Release 8.0**, 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 directly from GESIS Data Service. Registered users of Release 7.0 data have the possibility to receive data from Release 8.0 free of charge if the application form is sent to our user support office by **August 31st, 2017**. Thus, it pays to be quick!

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 8.0 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.

On our homepage you can still find several [Quick Start do-files](#) which have been adjusted for working with data from Release 8.0. These syntax files have been made available to ease the introduction to analyses with pairfam data.

Recent Event: International pairfam User Conference in Bremen

On May 31th and June 1st, 2017, the 5th International pairfam User Conference took place in Bremen. The response was strong: 14 oral presentations and 16 posters illustrated the various analysis potentials to the 60 participants. Three presentations dealt with the topic “Singlehood and Parenthood” with a differentiation between different types of singles, an analysis on the relevance of macro-structural partner markets, and results on non-monogamous partnerships in pairfam. As part of the session on “Fertility and Infertility”, the relationship between religion and fertility and the (in-)stability of perceived infertility was examined. The second day started with the topic “Parenthood and Parenting”. Analyses on conflicts between partners during the transition to parenthood, social aspects in family stability and maternal health, and parental wellbeing after separation were presented. In addition, the potential of pairfam data to construct and assess parenting constructs was addressed. “Children’s Wellbeing” was examined regarding the effect of parental commuting behavior. The focus of the presentations on “Family Policy and Gender Equality” was on effects of the expansion of public childcare services and of fathers’ parental leave on attitudes and social norms. Finally, the session on “Values and Value Transmission” dealt with analyses on intergenerational solidarity and value transmission in families with family businesses. The two poster sessions considerably extended the range of topics. The complete program is available on our [homepage](#).

pairfam Awards 2017 granted

Also in the course of this year’s pairfam user conference, two competitive awards were granted for excellent scientific works on the basis of data from the German Family Panel. Two papers received the “[Best Publication Award](#)”:

- Luciano, Eva C. & Ulrich Orth. 2017. Transitions in Romantic Relationships and Development of Self-Esteem. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology* 112: 307-328. DOI: 10.1037/pspp0000109
- Raab, Marcel 2017. Childhood Family Structure and Early Family Formation in East and West Germany. *Journal of Marriage and Family* 79: 110-130. DOI: 10.1111/jomf.12333

The "[Best Presentation Award](#)" was won by Gundula Zoch and Pia S. Schober for their presentation "Expansion of Childcare Services and Changing Attitudes of Parents in East and West Germany".

The prize money was sponsored by Kantar Public (formerly TNS Infratest Sozialforschung).

Congratulations!

Announcement: pairfam Workshops in Bochum and Mannheim

On September 13th and 14th, 2017, the workshop "Date your Data" will take place at Ruhr-Universität Bochum. Three surveys will be presented: pairfam, the European Social Survey, and PIAAC. First, all three projects will be introduced shortly. Afterwards, parallel sessions will offer practical exercises with the respective data set.

As part of the GESIS workshop series, the workshop "Meet the data: The German Family Panel (pairfam)" will be held in Mannheim on January 26th, 2018. The main focus will be on an introduction to analyses with pairfam data and practical applications with the statistics program Stata.

Further information on both events will be published on our [website](#) in due time.

If you are interested in hosting an [in-house seminar](#) at your institution, please contact our [user support](#).

Prize for Dissertation based on pairfam Data

Our team colleague [Dr. Barbara Wilhelm](#) (LMU Munich) has been awarded the [German Systemic Research Prize 2017](#) of the German Association for Systemic Therapy, Counseling and Family Therapy (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Systemische Therapie, Beratung und Familientherapie e.V.) and Systemic Society (Systemische Gesellschaft) for her dissertation with the title „[Kompetenz- und Autonomieerleben in der Elternrolle. Elterliche Bedürfnisse im Kontext der Erziehung](#)“. The award ceremony took place at the International Systemic Research Conference in Heidelberg on March 8th to 11th, 2017.

Congratulations!

Personnel Changes in the pairfam Team

We would like to welcome our new colleague at the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, [Dr. Christiane Bozoyan](#). In April 2017, she took over the position of project coordinator from Dr. Laura Castiglioni who left the pairfam team after many years. We extend our deepest gratitude

for her extremely dedicated, productive collaboration and wish her all the best for her professional and personal future.

In addition, Stefan Fiedrich (also LMU Munich) left the pairfam project this April. We thank him very much for the successful cooperation and wish him all the best.

[Dr. Christine Finn](#) (Friedrich Schiller University Jena) is on parental leave as of January 2017. [Dr. Elisabeth Borschel](#) has joined the Jena team to take over her duties. Welcome!

Meeting pairfam at Conferences

Members of the pairfam team will present the results of their research at the following conferences. Participating researchers will provide information on their own research and answer questions about the pairfam project and data.

International Academy of Family Psychology (IAFP) Conference (Evanston, IL, 22.-24. Juni 2017): Sabine Walper.

Interdisciplinary Workshop on Opinion Dynamics and Collective Decision (Bremen, 5.-7. Juli 2017): Johannes Huinink.

7th Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA) (Lissabon, 17.-21. Juli 2017): Christiane Bozoyan, Josef Brüderl.

21st IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics (San Francisco, 23.-27. Juli 2017): Martin Wetzel.

Partner Relationships, Residential Relocations and Housing in the Life Course (Köln, 27.-29. Juli 2017): Johannes Huinink.

Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (Montréal, 12.-15. August 2017): Josef Brüderl.

13th Conference of the European Sociological Association (ESA) (Athen, 29. August-1. September 2017): Nicolai Gröpler, Johannes Huinink, Martin Wetzel.

18th European Conference on Developmental Psychology (ECDP) (Utrecht, 29. August-1. September 2017): Sabine Walper.

Gemeinsame Tagung der Fachgruppen Entwicklungspsychologie und Pädagogische Psychologie (PAEPSY) (Münster, 11-14. September 2017): Philipp Alt, Sabine Walper.

Inaugural Cultural Evolution Society Conference (Jena, 13.-15. September): Johannes Huinink.

Jahrestagung der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Demographie e.V. und der Deutschen Statistischen Gesellschaft (Rostock, 19.-21. September 2017): Karsten Hank.

Sektionstreffen der DGS Sektion „Soziale Ungleichheit und Sozialstrukturanalyse“ (Tübingen, 28.-29. September 2017): Christiane Bozoyan, Claudia Schmiedeberg.

28th IUSSP International Population Conference of the IUSSP (Cape Town, 29. Oktober-4. November 2017): Kristin Hajek.

Society for Longitudinal and Lifecourse Studies (SLLS) Annual Conference "Multidisciplinary Collaboration in Longitudinal and Lifecourse Research" (Stirling, 11.-13. Oktober 2017): Carolin Thönnissen

5th European Congress on Family Science (Wien, 9.-11. November 2017): Bernhard Nauck.

Herbsttagung der Sektion Familiensoziologie der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie (Köln, 16.-17. November 2017): Karsten Hank.

Recent Publications

These are the latest publications based on pairfam data:

Bernardi, Fabrizio & Diederik Boertien. 2017. Non-intact families and diverging educational destinies: A decomposition analysis for Germany, Italy, the United Kingdom and the United States. *Social Science Research* 63: 181-191. DOI: 10.1016/j.ssresearch.2016.09.004

Brüderl, Josef, Laura Castiglioni, Volker Ludwig, Klaus Pforr & Claudia Schmiedeberg. 2017. Collecting Event History Data with a Panel Survey: Combining an Electronic Event History Calendar and Dependent Interviewing. *methods, data, analyses* 11: 45-66. DOI: 10.12758/mda.2016.013

Buhr, Petra & Laura Castiglioni. 2017. Family planning under financial constraints: Contraceptive use among women receiving means-tested unemployment benefits in Germany. *Advances in Life Course Research* 32: 12-20. DOI: 10.1016/j.alcr.2017.02.001

Fulda, Barbara E.. 2017. Moving in together and marrying for the first time: A comparison between European countries. In *The New Diversity of Family Life in Europe: Mobile Ethnic Groups and Flexible Boundaries*, edited by Çitlak, Banu, Sebastian Kurtenbach, Megan Lueneburg & Meglena Zlatkova, 81-98. Wiesbaden: SpringerVS. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-658-17857-4_6

Geist, Claudia & Sarah Brauner-Otto. 2017. Constrained Intentions: Individual Economic Resources, Regional Context, and Fertility Expectations in Germany. *Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World* 3: 1-17. DOI: 10.1177/2378023116685334

Groll, Andreas, Trevor Hastie & Gerhard Tutz. 2017. Selection of effects in Cox frailty models by regularization methods. *Biometrics (OnlineFirst)*. DOI:10.1111/biom.12637

Huyer-May, Bernadette, Claudia Schmiedeberg & Nina Schumann. 2017. Neighborhood Effects on Children's Subjective Deprivation: Are Poor Children's Perceptions of the Economic Situation in their Home Influenced by their Neighborhood?. *Child Indicators Research (OnlineFirst)*. DOI: 10.1007/s12187-017-9445-z

Johnson, Matthew D., Nancy L. Galambos, Christine Finn, Franz J. Neyer & Rebecca M. Horne. 2017. Pathways Between Self-Esteem and Depression in Couples. *Developmental Psychology*. DOI: 10.1037/dev0000276

Keller, Ferdinand & Alexandra N. Langmeyer. 2017. An Item Response Theory Analysis of the Strength and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ). *European Journal of Psychological Assessment (Advance Article)*. DOI: 10.1027/1015-5759/a000390

Kersting, Laura & Michael Feldhaus. 2016. Die Qualität von Geschwisterbeziehungen im jungen und mittleren Erwachsenenalter in Abhängigkeit des Verwandtschaftsstatus. *Zeitschrift für Soziologie der Erziehung und Sozialisation* 36: 382-401 DOI: 10.3262/ZSE1604382

Kreyenfeld, Michaela & Dirk Konietzka. 2017. Childlessness in East and West Germany: Long-Term Trends and Social Disparities. In *Childlessness in Europe: Contexts, Causes, and*

Consequences, edited by Kreyenfeld, Michaela & Dirk Konietzka, 97-114. Dodrecht: SpringerOpen. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-319-44667-7_5

Kuhnt, Anne-Kristin, Michaela Kreyenfeld & Heike Trappe. 2017. Fertility Ideals of Women and Men Across the Life Course. In *Childlessness in Europe: Contexts, Causes, and Consequences*, edited by Kreyenfeld, Michaela & Dirk Konietzka, 235-251. Dodrecht: SpringerOpen. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-319-44667-7_11

Luciano, Eva C. & Ulrich Orth. 2017. Transitions in Romantic Relationships and Development of Self-Esteem. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology* 112: 307-328. DOI: 10.1037/pspp0000109

Nauck, Bernhard, Nicolai Gröpler & Chin-Chun Yi. 2017. How kinship systems and welfare regimes shape leaving home: A comparative study of the United States, Germany, Taiwan, and China. *Demographic Research* 36: 1109-1148. DOI: 10.4054/DemRes.2017.36.38

Nitsche, Natalie & Daniela Grunow. 2016. Housework over the course of relationships: Gender ideology, resources, and the division of housework from a growth curve perspective. *Advances in Life Course Research* 29: 80-94. DOI: 10.1016/j.alcr.2016.02.001

Potarca, Gina. 2017. Does the Internet Affect Assortative Mating? Evidence from the U.S. and Germany. *Social Science Research* 61: 278-297. DOI: 10.1016/j.ssresearch.2016.06.019

Raab, Marcel 2017. Childhood Family Structure and Early Family Formation in East and West Germany. *Journal of Marriage and Family* 79: 110-130. DOI: 10.1111/jomf.12333

Richter, Nico. 2017. *Fertilität und die Mechanismen sozialer Ansteckung*. Wiesbaden: Springer VS. ISBN: 978-3-658-15810-1 (Print) 978-3-658-15811-8 (Online)

Schmiedeberg, Claudia, Bernadette Huyer-May, Laura Castiglioni & Matthew D. Johnson. 2017. The More or the Better? How Sex Contributes to Life Satisfaction. *Archives of Sexual Behavior* 46(2): 465-473. DOI: 10.1007/s10508-016-0843-y

Schmiedeberg, Claudia & Jette Schröder. 2017. Leisure Activities and Life Satisfaction: an Analysis with German Panel Data. *Applied Research in Quality of Life* 12(1): 137-151. DOI: 10.1007/s11482-016-9458-7

Trappe, Heike. 2017. Assisted Reproductive Technologies in Germany: A Review of the Current Situation. In *Childlessness in Europe: Contexts, Causes, and Consequences*, edited by Kreyenfeld, Michaela & Dirk Konietzka, 269-288. Dodrecht: SpringerOpen. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-319-44667-7_13

Wendt, Eva-Verena. 2016. Paarbeziehungen Jugendlicher und junger Erwachsener: Fokus auf Unsicherheiten und Konflikte. *Psychotherapeut* 61: 10-15. DOI: 10.1007/s00278-015-0068-x

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.

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