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**Dear colleagues,**

**Dear pairfam users,**

We are pleased to announce that Release 9.0 of the pairfam data is now available. Data from the 9<sup>th</sup> survey wave have been fully processed and can be accessed immediately as part of the Release 9.0 package. In addition, we would like to inform you of further updates regarding the pairfam project, for example the international pairfam conference taking place in Munich at the end of June. We are particularly excited that a further funding period and a replenishment sample have been approved by the German Research Foundation (DFG).

## Release 9.0 available with data from Wave 9

**Release 9.0** is now available, including the latest pairfam data from Wave 9. This survey wave (2016/2017) contains data from 5,127 anchor respondents, 1,946 partners, and 1,401 children. The parents survey was discontinued in Wave 9. In its place: a new survey targeted at respondents' relationships to their adolescent and young adult children (in addition to, and as a continuation of, the parenting survey). This survey (termed PAYA for „Parenting of Adolescents and Young Adults“) focuses on the topics of relationship quality and management between parents and their children, as well as items concerning parents' roles. The anchor survey now includes new items regarding children moving out of the parental home (age norms and specific reasons), the beginning of relationships, siblings of the anchor's partner, sexual orientation, and personality traits (The Dark Triad and risk taking). The alteri surveys now include the following new items: the children's survey incorporates answers to the question “What do you want to be when you grow up?” (classified according to the ISCO-08 table) as well as variables concerning discipline, rules, and parental control. The parenting survey has been supplemented with items concerning parents' school commitment as well as handling rules and wielding control. Anchor persons' partners are now asked about their own risk-taking behavior. An overview of the survey content for each individual wave can be found in the respective [Codebooks](#) and [Variable Lists](#).

New data from **step-up respondents** and their partners are again available. Step-ups 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: 320 step-up respondents and 37 step-up partners are available as part of Wave 9. For step-up respondents, questions regarding

the “fear of missing out” as part of the module leisure/social media have been included. Also for the first time, additional questions for step-ups who previously received a drop-off questionnaire were included into the CAPI interview. As a result, the separate transition questionnaire and data set for new step-ups are no longer necessary. 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 step-up respondents is available in the [Data Manual](#).

The [Data Manual](#) (including a new section regarding the PAYA survey) and the [Scales and Instruments Manual](#) have both been updated and modified for Release 9.0. The latter provides information on key item groups that are part of the various pairfam surveys. In addition, this manual contains guidelines regarding the creation of index variables and scales (including reliability scores) based on 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, all 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 also provide data sets for Stata 13 in a separate directory.

In order to **obtain data from Release 9.0**, please proceed as follows:

After the [application form](#) has been completed, signed, and sent to our [user support](#) team via post, fax, or e-mail, the Scientific Use File will be made available directly from the GESIS Data Service. Registered users of Release 8.0 data are able to receive data from Release 9.0 free of charge if the application form is sent to our user support office by August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. 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 parties, you are permitted to provide data from the next release to these specific persons without completing a new distribution form.

Release 9.0 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. .

Several [Quick Start do-files](#) that have been adjusted for working with data from Release 9.0 are available on our homepage. These syntax files have been made available to ease the introduction to analyses with pairfam data.

## **Application for continued funding and replenishment sample approved**

We are very happy to announce that the German Research Foundation (DFG) approved our application for continued funding for two additional waves at the end of 2017. Consequently, we will be able to carry out both Wave 11 and 12. We are particularly excited that in addition to the original sample, a refreshment sample of the two youngest cohorts as well as a new cohort of respondents born between 2001 and 2003 will be launched in Wave 11. As a result of the 6,000 new anchor respondents, the total number of cases will remain stable and we will be able to, in part, compensate for sample selection bias. This is an ideal moment to introduce a new cohort, as respondents of this cohort are now exactly the same age as the original youngest cohort in Wave 1. The analysis potential of the pairfam data will be expanded with the inclusion of 6,000 more anchor respondents, so that comparisons between cohorts, as well as comparisons of the same cohort over time, will now be improved.

## **International pairfam conference “Innovations in Panel Data Methods“**

The 6<sup>th</sup> Interdisciplinary International pairfam conference titled “Innovations in Panel Data Methods” will take place on June 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> in Munich. The focus of this conference includes both the collection and analysis of panel data as well as innovative research designs in the family research field. Beforehand, on June 27<sup>th</sup>, we will offer a pre-conference workshop „Introduction into pairfam Data and Fixed Effects Regressions.“ The conference program and further information are available on the [conference homepage](#). We are looking forward to welcoming you in Munich!

## **pairfam Workshop in Hamburg**

A pairfam workshop will take place at the University of Hamburg from the 28<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> of August. After an introduction to the design, sample, and data structure of pairfam, we will be giving participants tips and tricks for cross-sectional data management, weighting options, and multi-actor links in the data. In addition, longitudinal data management as well as fixed effects regression techniques and event data analysis will be demonstrated with a practical orientation.

As this workshop has been designed as an [in-house course](#), external participants are also welcome, provided spaces are still available. Please contact our user support if interested in participating.

If you would like to organize an in-house course at your institute, please get in touch with our [user support](#) team.

## **Fellowship, grants, and award for contributions utilizing pairfam data**

[Prof. Matthew D. Johnson, PhD](#) (Associate Professor an der University of Alberta, Canada) will be spending one year with the pairfam team at the Friedrich-Schiller-University in Jena, from July 2018 to June 2019, on a Mercator Fellowship. We are very glad to welcome him in his preparation of a long-term international cooperation between family and relationship researchers in Canada and Germany as part of the continuation application approved by the DFG. Prof. Johnson, who has already published several pertinent articles based on pairfam data, will be conducting his research

in cooperation with the pairfam team.

In addition, we would like to congratulate Prof. Johnson on the approval of a grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (“Modern family ties”; March 2018-March 2023). Prof. Sabine Walper and Prof. Franz J. Neyer from the pairfam team are also involved in this project. This is the second grant Prof. Johnson has received from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada for projects using pairfam data. We are pleased that analyses of pairfam data are considered valuable and are encouraged even outside of Germany!

Furthermore, we congratulate [Dr. Sandra Krapf](#) (Mannheim Center for European Social Research, MZES) on receiving this year’s Best Paper Award from the German Demographic Society e.V. at the annual conference in Cologne for her article based on pairfam data: “Moving in or breaking up? The role of distance in the development of romantic relationships” (European Journal of Population, 2017). Congratulations!

## Personnel changes in the pairfam team

As we begin the new funding period, we would like to officially welcome our new project leader at the University of Bremen: [Prof. Sonja Drobnič, PhD](#). Over the course of the past year, she has been taking over responsibility for several official functions from [Prof. Dr. Johannes Huinink](#), one of the pairfam project initiators. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Prof. Huinink for his great accomplishments as part of the pairfam team and wish him all the best for his new projects!

As of January 2018 [Bernadette Huyer-May](#) is back from parental leave and again part of the survey management team at the LMU Munich. Welcome back!

## Introduction to pairfam at conferences

The German Family Panel will be introduced as part of two conferences in the upcoming months. There will be a collective information booth for German panel studies (supported by the DFG and RatSWD) at the [ISA World Congress of Sociology](#) in Toronto (July 15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>). Prof. Bernhard Nauck will be available for further information and questions regarding the pairfam project. In addition, at the [51<sup>st</sup> DGPs Congress](#) in Frankfurt (September 15<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>), a presentation introducing pairfam will be held. Several pairfam colleagues will also be presenting their own research based on pairfam data, and will be available to answer any questions regarding the project and/or data.

## Recent Publications

The following contributions using pairfam data have been published since the last newsletter in December of 2017:

Castiglioni, Laura & Claudia Schmiedeberg. 2018. Joint effect of education and age at child-birth on the risk of caesarean delivery: findings from Germany 2008–2015. Public Health 155: 1-7. DOI: 10.1016/j.puhe.2017.10.020

Geisler, Esther, Katja Köppen, Michaela Kreyenfeld, Heike Trappe & Matthias Pollmann-Schult (Hrsg.). 2018. Familien nach Trennung und Scheidung in Deutschland. Hertie School

of Governance Berlin, Universität Rostock, Otto-von-Guericke-Universität Magdeburg. DOI: 10.24352/UB.OVGU-2018-096

Gniewosz, Burkhard & Gabriela Gniewosz. 2018. How to model intraindividual change in cohort data using Mplus' multi-group approach. *International Journal of Behavioral Development* 42: 373-380. DOI: 10.1177/0165025417750282

Gniewosz, Gabriela, Sabine Walper, Ann-Katrin Meyrose & Ulrike Ravens-Sieberer. 2018. Nicht-monetäre Erträge von Bildung auf das Wohlbefinden in Kindheit, Jugend und (jungem) Erwachsenenalter. *Zeitschrift für Soziologie der Erziehung und Sozialisation* 38: 41-62

Horne, Rebecca M. & Matthew D. Johnson. 2018. A labor of love? Emotion work in intimate relationships. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships (OnlineFirst)*. DOI: 10.1177/0265407518756779

Johnson, Matthew D., Rebecca M. Horne & Franz J. Neyer. 2018. The development of willingness to sacrifice and unmitigated communion in intimate partnerships. *Journal of Marriage and Family* 80: 637-652. DOI: 10.1111/jomf.12455

Kley, Stefanie A. & Michael Feldhaus. 2018. Effects of female commuting on partnership stability in suburban and other residential regions. *Population, Space and Place* 24: e2093. DOI: 10.1002/psp.2093

Morosow, Sabrina & Heike Trappe. 2018. Intergenerational transmission of fertility timing in Germany. *Demographic Research* 38: 1389-1422. DOI: 10.4054/DemRes.2018.38.46

Sommer, Sabrina & Heike M. Buhl. 2018. Intergenerational transfers: Associations with adult children's emotional support of their parents. *Journal of Adult Development (OnlineFirst)*. DOI: 10.1007/s10804-018-9296-y

Steinbach, Anja & Karsten Hank. 2018. Full-, half-, and step-sibling relations in young and middle adulthood. *Journal of Family Issues* 39: 2639-2658. DOI: 10.1177/0192513X18757829

Zemp, Martina, Matthew D. Johnson & Guy Bodenmann. 2018. Within-family processes: Interparental and coparenting conflict and child Adjustment. *Journal of Family Psychology* 32: 299-309. DOI: 10.1037/fam0000368

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 pairfam data on our website. Please inform our [user support](#) of 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! For further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely on behalf of the entire pairfam team,

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