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Dear colleagues,

Dear users of the German Family Panel data,

after careful preparation we are glad to inform you about the new release including data of the third survey wave of the German Family Panel pairfam. Part of these preparatory processes was the recently agreed cooperation with the GESIS - Leibniz-Institute for the Social Sciences which is the largest infrastructure institution for the social sciences in Germany. This cooperation ensures the long-lasting storage and delivery of the pairfam data. It also includes the entry of the German Family Panel study in the [data catalogue](#) of GESIS and the registration of the current release 3.0 under an own DOI number. Finally, the distribution of the pairfam scientific use file is now organized by the GESIS Data Archive.

Data

Release 3.0 with data of the third wave published

The well-prepared and fully documented data of the first three survey waves of the German Family Panel are available from now on as **release 3.0**. The third wave comprises information from 7,901 repeatedly interviewed anchor respondents of the three birth cohorts plus 2,362 partners, 3,946 (step)parents and 987 children. In-depth instruments covering issues in the current partnership, leisure activities, commuting, parenting, residential history, educational and professional history were used in the third wave in addition to the annual core modules. Detailed information about all utilized [instruments](#) is provided in the codebooks and in several overviews. As in previous waves the release 3.0 offers a number of additionally generated variables and datasets for biographical events. Updated instructions and syntax files, e.g. for computing scales or matching datasets, further facilitate working with the pairfam data; for full particulars please consult the [data manual](#) and the [scales manual](#). The study [documentation](#) is complemented by method reports, technical papers, the concept paper and so-called Quick Start syntax files for getting started with analyzing the data. In order to strengthen the potential for East-West Germany comparisons the current scientific use file also includes the compatible data of an additional sample of Eastern German anchor respondents and their partners. These data come from the project [DemoDiff](#) of the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research in Rostock, Germany.

Access to the data via GESIS Data Archive for the Social Sciences

With the new release 3.0 the distribution procedure has changed. The scientific use file of the German Family Panel can now be obtained from the GESIS Data Archive. Due to reasons of data security the data have been classified as Category C, i.e. dissemination requires a written approval by pairfam. As before access to the German Family Panel data is bound to a **user contract** with pairfam. Ordering the scientific use file is accomplished in three steps:

1. Download the [order form](#) directly from the GESIS data catalogue („Data & Documents“) or put the pairfam study in your shopping cart. In the latter case the order form will be sent to you automatically via email.

2. Fill and sign the order form and send it by mail or fax to the pairfam [user support](#).
3. As soon as the application for use of research data from the German Family Panel is approved by pairfam, the GESIS Data Archive delivers the scientific use file according to its [usage regulations](#) either as CD-ROM or as download with an individual password. Access via ‚CryptShare‘ download is free of charge. Ordering a CD-ROM is charged with € 25,- for handling and shipping. All relevant information will be given to the applicant via separate email.

The data may only be used for scientific purposes in the stated research project by the person(s) listed in the order form. Transfer of the data to a third party is permitted solely to persons who work in the same project context. The pairfam user support has to be informed about any internal data distribution promptly and without further request.

DOI registration of pairfam data

The entry of the pairfam study in the GESIS data catalogue was accompanied by the registration of the data at the Registration agency for social science data da|ra. Each pairfam release is linked to a persistent identifier. This so-called DOI (Digital Object Identifier) ensures that the datasets are permanently marked and can be found anytime on the Internet. The current pairfam release is registered under the [DOI: 10.4232/pairfam.5678.3.0.0](https://doi.org/10.4232/pairfam.5678.3.0.0). This DOI needs to be mentioned when citing the utilized data file version of the German Family Panel.

Instructions for citing the German Family Panel

Receiving credit from data users is of crucial interest to the pairfam project since bibliographic references prove the scientific value of the German Family Panel. Therefore, we kindly request you to cite the concept paper (Huinink et al. 2011) and to indicate the respective data file version (Nauck et al. 2012) in all publications that are based on pairfam data.

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Announcements

Conference on ‚Fertility over the Life Course‘ in September 12-13, 2012 in Bremen, Germany

The aim of this year’s International pairfam Conference is to assess and discuss the progress in contemporary longitudinal fertility research. The complete program with numerous presentations by renowned experts plus a poster session can be downloaded from the project [website](#) as well as the registration form. Participants are kindly requested to register for the conference by completing the form and submitting it before **August 1, 2012**.

Data workshop at the DGS congress in October 4, 2012 in Bochum, Germany

The German Family Panel hosts an applied workshop on the 36th Congress of the German Sociological Association (DGS). The focus of this three-hour event (11 a.m. - 2 p.m.) will be on both an introduction to the current pairfam data and an exemplary demonstration of its rich potentials. Participation in this workshop is free of charge, registration is not necessary. Workshop language will be German.

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**Please keep us informed about your publications based on data of the German Family Panel.
Thank you very much.**

The pairfam team wishes you much success in your work with the data. The user support will be happy to help you at any time by answering your questions or by providing further information about data access and the German Family Panel.

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