Programme “Interrogating the Fertility Decline in Europe…”

„Interrogating the Fertility Decline in Europe: Politics, Practices and Representations of Changing Gender Orders“

International Workshop
of the Chair of Sociology/Social Inequality and Gender
with the Marie Jahoda Visiting Professor Program in International Gender Studies

Ruhr University Bochum, 18–20 January 2017

Programme/ Schedule

Wednesday, 18 January 2017

19:00 – 21:00 Get-together and Welcome
Restaurant Q-West, Campus Ruhr University Bochum, Universitätsstr. 150, 44801 Bochum

Thursday, 19 January 2017

08:30 – 08:45 Coffee and registration
08:45 – 09:00 Welcome Note
Axel Schölmerich (Rector of the Ruhr University Bochum)
09:00 – 09:30 Welcome and Introduction
Heike Kahlert (Ruhr University Bochum)
09:30 – 11:00 Plenary session 1: Population politics and gender equality in ageing Europe
Gender equality as biopolitical governmentality in the EU
Jemima Repo (Newcastle University)
Delineating population politics amidst troubled European liberalism: stagnant European populations, migrant “men”, and European homosexuals
Umut Korkut (Glasgow Caledonian University)
11:00 – 11:30 Coffee and tea
11:30 – 12:00 Workshop groups A, B & C (parallel): Introductions
12:00 – 13:00 Lunch
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13:00 – 15:00  **Workshop groups A1, B1 & C1 (parallel):** paper presentations and discussions

15:00 – 15:30  Coffee and tea

15:30 – 17:00  **Plenary session 2: Political strategies against the fertility decline under (post)socialist conditions**

‘Fertility crisis’ and the introduction of paid child care leave in Hungary in 1967
**Dorottya Szikra** (Hungarian Academy of Sciences & Eötvös Loránd University of Science)

Family benefits policy in Bulgaria in a context of serious demographic concern: a qualitative analysis of online forums and focus groups discussions
**Tatyana Kotzeva** (Burgas Free University & Institute for Population and Human Studies at Bulgarian Academy of Sciences) and **Elitsa Dimitrova** (Institute for Population and Human Studies at Bulgarian Academy of Sciences)

17:00 – 17:30  Wrap up discussion

19:00  **Conference dinner**
Restaurant **Le Clochard**, Buscheyplatz 2, 44801 Bochum

Friday, 20 January 2017

08:30 – 09:00  Coffee and tea

09:00 – 09.45  **Plenary session 3: Gender studies meets demography – critical reflections on scientific concepts**

Critical thoughts about gender as a demographic variable
**Daniela Heitzmann** (University of Kiel)

09.45 – 10.15  Coffee and tea

10:15 – 12:15  **Workshop groups A2, B2 & C2 (Parallel):** paper presentations and discussions

12.15 – 12:45  **Plenary session 4: Feedback from the groups**

12:45 – 13.45  Lunch

13:45 – 15:15  **Plenary session 5: Childlessness in times of pronatalism**

The private is political. Population policies and pronatalistic pressure in Sweden, Europe and Worldwide
**Helen Peterson** (University of Gothenburg)
Childlessness and postponement of childbearing in a post-socialist context
Hana Hašková (Czech Academy of Science)

15:15 – 15:45 Plenary session 6: Final panel on the future
15:45 – 17:00 Farewell mingle

Workshop groups

Workshop group A: Recent demographic politics and policies

A1: Paper presentations

Ezgi Pehlivanh-Kadayifci (Middle East Technical University), Hande Eslen-Ziya (University of Brighton) and Umut Korkut (Glasgow Caledonian University): Discursive governance over pro-population politics from a gender perspective: case of Turkey

Hande Eslen-Ziya (University of Brighton): How do Turkish national politics and policies problematize the causes and consequences of the fertility decline? An analysis of Parliamentary debates

A2: Paper presentations

Susanne Schultz (Goethe University Frankfurt): Demographic policies in Germany and the research on ‘migrant's fertility behaviour’

Johanna Özogul (Ruhr University Bochum): The ‘demography argument’ in the German anti-choice movement – an exemplary refutation

Workshop group B: Fertility desires and childlessness

B1: Paper presentations

Vaida Tretjakova (Lithuanian Social Research Center): Fertility desires of young heterosexual men in Lithuania: qualitative insights

Shelley Grant (University of Washington Seattle): Revisiting ‘Don’t ask, don’t tell’: assessing the impact of silences in European rules on infertility care on family growth

B2: Paper presentations

Ezgi Pehlivanh-Kadayifci (Middle East Technical University) and Esra Gedik (Middle East Technical University): Intervention to bodily autonomy? Prenatal experiences and the choice of c-section of women in Turkey
Alexandra Gruian (University of Leeds): Ova provision in Romania: a paradox of supply and demand

**Workshop group C: Gender(ed) norms, cultures and politics**

**C1: Paper presentations**

**Yuliya Hilevych** (Radboud University) and **Caroline Rusterholz** (Cambridge University): The appearance of the two-child family norm in Europe: a comparative study of Switzerland and Ukraine (1955-1975)

**Irina Gewinner** (Leibniz University of Hanover): Gender culture, fertility, and early career in academia: a German-Russian comparison

**C2: Paper presentations**

**Yuliya Hilevych** (Radboud University) and **Chizu Sato** (Wageningen University): Shifting responsibilities over reproductive bodies: Birth control in the Soviet Union after the Second World War (1950-1980)

**Krystyna Dzwonkowska-Godula** (University of Lodz): Pronatalism and gender politics in Polish society
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Venues:

Beckmannshof, Universitätsstraße 150, D-44801 Bochum:*  
The Beckmannshof, a protected monument, has reopened in 2012 as the International Convention Centre of the Ruhr University Bochum. It is located next to the Botanical Garden of the RUB. The historical building was modernized and expanded and is now handicapped accessible.

Restaurant Q-West, Campus Ruhr University Bochum:**

** http://q-west/
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Permission to include e-mail address in the participant list (in print only)
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I would like to participate in the workshop group:
☐ A: Recent demographic politics and policies
☐ B: Fertility desires and childlessness
☐ C: Gender(ed) norms, cultures and politics

I agree to pay the workshop fee of 100 €. After having registered I will get an invoice.

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