

New and Emerging Family Forms around the Globe

Workshop: March 21-23, 2018, Centre d'Estudis Demografics, Barcelona.

The International Union for the Scientific Study of Population has established a new panel on “New and Emerging Family Forms around the Globe.” This panel will bring together researchers from around the world to discuss changes in family behaviors and their consequences. The panel follows up on the IUSSP nuptiality panel (2011-2015), which emphasized changes in the tempo and quantum of more conventional behaviors (e.g. marriage and divorce). We will focus on more flexible forms of partnerships, such as cohabitation, living-apart-together relationships, and repartnering. The panel’s main goal is to address theoretical explanations for changes in family formation in cross-national perspective, and to assess the consequences for populations and societies. Overall, we aim to gain a better understanding of which explanations are universal and which tend to be context-specific.

For more information, please see: <https://iussp.org/en/panel/new-and-emerging-family-forms-around-globe>

The first workshop in Barcelona will focus on theories and explanations for the emergence of new family formation behaviors. Although studies should be underpinned by demographic data and analysis, we encourage novel explanations, cross-cultural comparisons, and theory-building. We also invite submissions that assess the consequences of family change for population and societies. The workshop will be unconventional in that it will have relatively few presentations and instead plenty of time for discussion and debate. We may also reserve time for small-group discussions. Overall participation will be small – around 30 – and we will select approximately 15 presentations. We aim to have wide global representation as well as regional expertise. We are applying for funding to help pay for travel and accommodation, particularly for participants from low-income countries, but we will not know the outcome of our application for some time.

Please submit an extended abstract of 2-4 pages or a full paper, including a 250-word short abstract, to Brienna Perelli-Harris at B.G.Perelli-Harris@soton.ac.uk

Deadline for submissions: November 15, 2017; Notification December 1, 2017.