



CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

WITTGENSTEIN CENTRE CONFERENCE 2024

21-22 November 2024, Vienna/Austria

Delayed Reproduction: Challenges and Prospects

Deadline for submission: 15 May 2024

Family formation is occurring at ever later ages around the world. Delayed reproduction brings new challenges for individuals and couples. They are confronted with higher risks of infertility and other constraints as they navigate their parenthood plans. The trend to later reproduction is likely to continue and to have far-reaching societal consequences in the future, potentially contributing to lower fertility rates and higher prevalence of infertility in societies already experiencing low fertility.

This conference will focus on shifting trends, drivers and consequences of delayed reproduction, paying special attention to biological constraints as well as to the impact of assisted reproduction technologies and their potential role in shaping future fertility trends. We especially invite contributions on the following themes:

- Adapting to new parenthood timing: Fertility plans in contexts of delayed fertility, intentions and their (non)realisation at higher reproductive ages
- Changing reproductive trajectories: Individual factors of childbearing associated with later birth schedules, shifting family paths
- Social inequalities: Socio-economic disparities in late fertility, access to assisted reproduction
- Societal consequences: Impact on childlessness and family size, changing norms related to reproduction and parenthood at later ages
- Broken age limits to fertility? Biological limits and constraints to late reproduction, infertility
- Reproductive techno-futures: Contribution of assisted reproductive technologies to late fertility, their potential and limits for the future
- Policy responses: which policies can prevent or adapt to shifts to later reproduction

We are pleased to announce our keynote speakers:

Jackie Boivin (Cardiff University)

Anna Rotkirch (Population Research Institute)

Lucy van de Wiel (King's College)

The conference will also feature a panel discussion exploring the following questions: *Reproductive futures: Shifting the limits of late fertility? How will technology change reproduction? Should we be worried about the consequences of very late and increasingly medicalised reproduction?* (Participants to be announced.)

Paper submissions online:

<https://www.oeaw.ac.at/vid/events/calendar/conferences/delayed-reproduction-challenges-and-prospects/submission-upload-wic-2024>

including

- short abstract (250–300 words) and
- extended abstract (2–5 pages) or the full paper.

The short abstracts will appear on the conference website if accepted.

Please make sure your extended abstract includes the title, full name(s), affiliation and e-mail addresses of each author.

The **submission deadline is May 15, 2024**, and notifications of acceptance will be sent out in early July 2024. All presentations are expected to be held in person.

A special issue of the [Vienna Yearbook of Population Research](#) will be dedicated to the topic of this conference. Conference participants and other researchers will be invited to submit their papers on the conference theme to this platinum open-access journal.

Side event for GGS users:

Before the conference, the pre-gathering “Fertility and family trends: Insights from GGS Austria and beyond” will take place on November 20. This event aims to facilitate connections among professionals and students engaged in family and fertility research who utilize data from the Generations and Gender Survey (GGS). The side event is funded by the GGP-5D project.

Conference Organisers:

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