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Conferences and Training

Introduction

As a kind of end-of-project event an FFS Flagship Conference was organised in 2000. Outputs of the FFS project were also prominently available at other conferences. During the early 1990s the PAU co-organised training on the data-entry facilities and on data-analysis facilities.

Conferences

FFS Flagship Conference, May 2000, Brussels, Belgium

In November 1998 an Advance Notice and Call for Papers for an FFS Flagship Conference was announced (see Newsletter 15). The Conference took place on 29-31 May 2000 in Brussels. Information on the programme, the participants, the facilities and accommodation, guidelines and deadlines can be found on this web site. Moreover, all submitted documents for this conference - keynote addresses and other addresses, solicited papers and contributed papers - are available.

All keynote addresses, all solicited papers and a selection of the contributed papers will be published in the autumn of 2001 in two volumes of an UN-CBGS publication. The editorial board of these volumes consists of M. Macura, G. Beets, E. Klijzing and M. Corijn.

EAPS Conference, August-September 2000, The Hague, The Netherlands

At the European Population Conference in The Hague, no special session was devoted to the FFS surveys. However, about twenty papers spread about different sessions presented at that conference used FFS data.

Fertility trends in Europe: general and comparative studies

- Difference in fertility behaviour between married and cohabiting unions in 17 European countries (M. Cernic Istenic)
- Describing and explaining differences in fertility among the European countries: a multilevel approach in 13 European countries (A. De Rose and F. Racioppi)
- European perspectives on non-marital childbearing (K. Kiernan)

Fertility trends in Europe: country-specific studies

- Third births in Europe: a multilevel approach in 16 European countries (M. Callens)

- Timing patterns of post-transitional fertility in Estonia (K. Katus)
- Recent trends in fertility in Portugal (G. Magalhaes et al.)
- Third-child intentions in Finland (A. Ruokolainen and I. Notkola)

The timing of European fertility

- The impact of education on childlessness in 15 European countries: FFS evidence (G. Beets and E. Dourleijn)
- Fertility in Europe: the role of the between-country variation in life strategies in 4 European countries (W. Bosveld)

Reproductive health issues:

- The exposure to reproductive health risks among adolescents in Poland (W. Wroblewska).

Contraception and abortion

- Planned and unplanned births and conceptions in Italy, 1970-1995 (M. Castiglioni, G. Dalla Zuanna and M. Loghi)
- A comparative analysis of entry into first sexual intercourse and the use of contraceptive methods in selected countries in family and fertility surveys (D. Obersnel Kveder, B. Rojnik and A. Kveder)
- Risk factors of an abortion in Austria (M.I.M. Tazi-Preve)

Households and families in Europe

- Diversity among young and middle-aged single people in the Netherlands (W.D. van Hoorn)

Population issues: perceptions and policies

- Impact on fertility and female employment of parental leave programs. Evidence from three Nordic countries (M. Ronsen)

Demography and (socio-)economic issues

- The impact of family formation on higher education in Sweden (Ursula Henz)

Second demographic transition: general and comparative study

- Transitions to adulthood in Europe for the 1950s and 1960s cohort (M. Corijn)
- Central and Eastern European countries: evidence from Bulgaria, the Czech Republic and Hungary (D. Philipov and H.-P. Kohler)

Explaining populations dynamics: the use of theories

- Becoming adult and its macro-demographic impact: multistate stable population theory and an application to Italy (F. Billari, P. Manfredi, A. Valentini)

Demographic analysis and methodology

Modelling parallel careers and causal analysis in demography (E. Fratczak)

IUSSP Conference, October 1997, Beijing, China

At the Conference of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population in Beijing, Ms. E. Bernhardt was the organizer of a session 'A fresh look at the new forms of reproductive and family behaviour, findings from the European Fertility and Family Survey'. Eight papers were presented at this session.

EAPS Conference, September 1995, Milan, Italy

One of the sessions of the European Population Conference was on Family and Fertility Surveys: National findings and cross-national comparisons, organised by Mr. Macura, head of the PAU. The discussant for this session was Mr. Cliquet.

Training

International Training Seminar on Event History Analysis, August 1994, Geneva

This seminar was jointly organised by the PAU and the Laboratoire de Démographie Économique et Sociale of the University of Geneva, which provided a seminar room and computer facilities at no cost to the UNECE. Prof. Hans-Peter Blossfeld and his research assistant Mr. Götz Rohwer of the University of Bremen provided the training. Morning sessions were dedicated to classroom training in the various methodological aspects of event history analysis, whereas afternoon sessions were used for computer-based exercises with Transition Data Analysis (TDA) software. During those sessions the focus was on fertility and family formation and dissolution as inter-dependent processes, with a few selected FFS SRF variables as explanatory factors. Representative sample data for 1000 men and women were used during these exercises. Twenty-three participants attended the training, 11 of them from Central or Eastern Europe.

(see for more information on this training in the FFS Newsletter 5)

Training workshop on the Integrated System for Survey Analysis (ISSA), February 1995, Warsaw, Poland

The Institute for Resource Development (IRD), Columbia, Maryland (USA) provided training in the use of ISSA at a training workshop, which took place during 10-28 February 1992 at the Institute of Statistics and Demography (ISD) in Warsaw. The training provided by Mrs. Jeanne Cushing of IRD focused on the use of ISSA for creating national FFS dictionaries, data files, Standard Recode Files, and tabulations. The three-weeks training workshop was attended by 15 participants from 11 countries (Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Estonia, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Romania, Spain, Turkey, and Yugoslavia)

(see more information on this training in the FFS Newsletter 2)