Country Presentation: Germany

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Current Situation

- Two waves of the German GGS are already published at ggp-i.org – also the supplemental survey of Turkish immigrants.

- No third wave has been conducted in Germany.

- „Fertility-ProBLEM“ in German-Dataset has been documented for all users on our website; also scientifically discussed in a forthcoming publication.
Outlook: Importance of international GGS data in BiB

Medium-term project: Childlessness and Large Families

- Overarching question: Why have Germans less children on average compared to other countries considering the edges childlessness on the one side and families with three and more children on the other side?

- Project from 10/2013 until at least spring 2017

- Analysing systematically the GGS data (and other sources) from all countries and waves available
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Research questions (for example):
- Which structural and cultural circumstance foster large families or childlessness?
- Which individual resources, restrictions and attitudes have impact?
- How can the processes of decisions and developments towards childlessness versus large families be described?
- To what extent is final childlessness desired or not?
- What timing of births is typical for large families?
Future of German GGS

- Restarting (new sample) GGS in Germany (depending on finances)

- We are doing our best to get funding for these new waves. Because of the importance for different research topics (not only fertility) it has a high priority.

- It is not likely that the next wave can be started before 2017 or 2018.