



International workshop on kin relations

On March 02-03, Lisa Jessee (together with her colleagues Julia Sauter and Beyda Cineli) organized an ECSR-funded workshop on 'Understanding Kin Relations'. 22 researchers from 8 countries presented and discussed their current work on this increasingly prominent topic in family research and social demography.

Horizon Europe project selected for funding

Alexia Katsanidou coordinates the multi-partner project 'Enhancing Democratic Support under Conditions of Geographic and Intersectional Inequalities in Europe', which the European Commission selected for a €3,5 Million funding over a three-year period under Horizon Europe. Congratulations, Alexia!

Selected new publications by DSS researchers

- Aczel, B., Szaszi, B., ..., Trinidad, A., ..., & Nosek, B.A. (2026). Investigating the analytical robustness of the social and behavioural sciences. *Nature*.
- Diffené, L., Leopold, T., Raab, M., & Buyukkececi, Z. (2026). Click, collect, compare: Evaluating a nonprobability web survey for family demography. *Demographic Research*.
- Ellwardt, L. & Van Tilburg, T.G. (2026). The ties that bother: Difficult relationships in the personal networks of older adults. *Social Networks*.
- Jessee, L. & Stokes, J. (2025). Mental health following gray divorce: A dyadic approach to depressive symptoms. *Journal of Marriage and Family*.
- Kroneberg, C., Ernst, A., & Nägel, C. (2026). When does a provocation demand a violent response? A randomized scenario study of the Code of the Street. *Theory and Society*.
- Sytkina, K., & Leopold, T. (2026). Parental separation and the quality of ties to extended kin. *Demography*.
- Taflinger, S. & Sattler, S. (2026). From contextual risk to preventive health behavior in a pandemic: A serial mediation analysis. *Sociological Spectrum*.
- Tobler, L. & Leesch, J. (2026). Workers, jobs, and how they are matched: A decomposition of US labor market trends in educational mismatch. *Social Science Research*.
- Wicht, A., Protsch, P., Menze, L., & Weßling, K. (2026). Spatial mobility and occupational status attainment in the transition from school to work in Germany. *Advances in Life Course Research*.

DSS on the road ...

This spring, Ansgar Hudde is a Visiting Scholar at the Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies at Harvard University. He spends his time attending talks by Nobel laureates and Pulitzer Prize winners – and dives deep into an ocean of data barely imaginable in Germany, consisting of millions of LinkedIn profiles linked to information on whether people are registered as Republicans or Democrats. *Wow!*

The DSS wishes everybody a good start into the summer term!

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