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Call for Papers

The “Lucky Few”? How Shrinking Cohort Size Affects Life-Course Chances

Cohort sizes around the world have been shrinking for several decades as a result of dramatic declines in period fertility rates. Today, these smaller generations are just coming of age, raising the question of whether they will, as Richard Easterlin has suggested, fare better simply because of their smaller size. Will small cohort size lead to improved conditions on the labor market and enhance the job prospects of the younger generation? Will this experience seep into the other domains of the life course and lead to earlier transitions to adulthood? How does cohort size affect home leaving behavior, the partner market, partnership and family formation?

This workshop aims to bring together demographers, economists and sociologists who are interested in the consequences of shrinking cohort size. The focus will be on the education, employment and partnership domains of the life course. Geographically, we are particularly interested in studies that deal with countries that have experienced rapid decline in their cohort sizes recently, such as the countries of Southern and Eastern Europe. Particular attention is devoted to East Germany, where cohort size declined radically after the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Deadline:

The deadline for submission of a one-page proposal is July, 31 2011.

Contact:

Proposals can be sent to Prof. Joshua R. Goldstein (goldstein@demogr.mpg.de).

Time and Venue:

The workshop will be held October, 4-5 2011 at the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock, Germany.

Financial Support:

Travel expenses and hotel accommodation will be paid by the workshop organizers.

Scientific Committee:

Joshua Goldstein (Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research), Michaela Kreyenfeld (Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research), and Carsten Ochsen (University of Applied Labour Studies and Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research).