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## CALL FOR PAPERS

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# MULTIDISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES ON GENDER GAPS IN HEALTH

**Gender inequality in health and survival** continues to be one of the most important research areas of our times. Biology, lifestyle behaviors, and social characteristics have all been shown to play important roles in explaining gender gaps in survival and health. However, gender differences in health and longevity are more complex than this simple statement suggests. To what extent is the male-female health-survival paradox generalizable to various measures of health, at different stages of the life course and across cohorts, geographic settings, and subgroups? How much does the relative importance of biology, lifestyle behaviors, and social characteristics differ across periods and populations? What is the role of women's longer lives in explaining their worse health across?

**The Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research (MPIDR)** cordially invites submissions to a conference guided by these and other questions about gender differences in health. The purpose of this conference is to bring together experts on sex and gender differences in survival and health from a range of disciplines, including biology, medicine, epidemiology, sociology, economics, demography, and psychology. Our goal is to enhance each other's understanding of the emerging research frontiers in our respective areas and facilitate collaborative relationships as we continue addressing these important inequalities.

The conference will feature keynote speeches, oral presentations, and poster sessions, as well as formal and informal opportunities for group discussion and exchange. **The keynote speakers** are Dr. Robin Simon, Wake Forest University, Dr. Kaare Christensen, University of Southern Denmark, Dr. Chloe Bird, Pardee RAND Graduate School, Dr. Sabine Oertelt-Prigione, Radboud University Medical Center, and Dr. Arthur Arnold, University of California, Los Angeles.

**Financial Support.** Participants are expected to seek their own funding for travel to the conference venue. Accommodation for up to three nights and some meals will be provided. Financial support for travel may be available for junior scientists and scientists from low-income countries, but this will be assessed on a competitive basis and the request for such funding must be indicated at the time of abstract submission.

We invite you to submit extended abstracts of original research papers (up to 800 words) or full papers. Please submit your abstract online via <https://www.demogr.mpg.de/go/gendergaps> by **February 24th 2019**. Submitters will be notified about selection decisions by **mid April 2019**.

We look forward to receiving your submissions!

### ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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