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4TH INTERNATIONAL USER CONFERENCE OF THE GERMAN FAMILY DEMOGRAPHY PANEL STUDY - FReDA 2026

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ABOUT FReDA

Understanding individual life courses and families requires rich data that capture individuals and their relationships over time and across institutional contexts. The **German Family Demography Panel Study - FReDA** is a large interdisciplinary data infrastructure launched in 2020 and permanently funded since 2025, opening new avenues for family research. It integrates the German Generations and Gender Survey (GGS) and the German Family Panel (pairfam), enabling longitudinal, dyadic, and cross-national analyses. As a FReDA-related study, it also continues selected components of the IAB-BiB/FReDA-BAMF-SOEP survey "Refugees from Ukraine in Germany" on a long-term basis.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The **fourth international FReDA User Conference** will be held in Cologne, Germany, on 26 and 27 November 2026. We invite submissions from national and international researchers from all disciplines using data from the **German Family Demography Panel Study FReDA** and/or the adjunct **German Family Panel (pairfam)**, the **Generations and Gender Survey (GGS)**, and the study "**Refugees from Ukraine in Germany**". The conference language is English. The conference aims to provide early-career and experienced researchers with a forum to present preliminary results, receive feedback from experienced data users and staff, and foster future collaborations.

Researchers are invited to submit an abstract by email to freda.conference@gesis.org. Abstracts must not exceed one DIN-A4 page and should include the presentation title as well as the names, email addresses, and institutional affiliations of all authors. Please specify the data used, research question(s), theoretical background, methods, and first results.

The **submission deadline is 10 May 2026**. Acceptance will be communicated by 22 May 2026. Depending on the number of submissions, some contributions may be assigned to a poster session. The conference will take place in person. There is no conference fee; lunch and coffee breaks will be provided. Travel costs cannot be reimbursed. Further information about the conference is available [here](#). The best presentation will be selected by a jury and receive an award. For more details about FReDA, please visit www.freda-panel.de.