

Divorce Conference 2025

9th & 10th of October, Bellaterra, Spain

Organized by: Center for Demographic Studies (CED)



Program

9th of October

- 9h00-9h15:** Registration
- 9h15-9h30:** Welcome
- 9h30-11h00:** ***Session 1: Post-separation family arrangements and trajectories I***
- Stepfamily formation and children's school achievement: effect heterogeneity by parental education; *Sandra Krapf and Pauline Kleinschlömer*
- Shared custody or sole custody? An exploration of parenting time sharing based on the Longitudinal Study of Separated Parents and Stepfamilies in Quebec; *Elisabeth Godbout; Caroline Robitaille; Amandine Baude; Marie-Christine Saint-Jacques, Hans Ivers; Karl Larouche*
- Residential calendars in joint physical custody arrangements: Examining frequent alternating schedules and day times with parents in Italy; *Sarah Murru and Laura Merla*
- Gender differences in relationships between divorced parents and their adult children: The role of past physical custody arrangements; *Weverthon Machado & Anne-Rigt Poortman*
- Unequal Diffusion? A Trend Analysis of the Socioeconomic Gradient in Joint Physical Custody in the Netherlands; *Anne Brons, Anne-Rigt Poortman & Matthijs Kalmijn*
- 11h30-13h00** **Keynote Speaker:** Andrew Cherlin "Why Are Divorce Rates Going Down for the Young and Up for the Old?"
- 14h15-15h45** ***Session 2: Adult outcomes***
- The Limits of Solidarity: Old-Age Public Pension Claims of Mother Divorcees; *Antonia Birkeneder, Christina Boll, Simone Schüller*
- Men's Employment Trajectories after Union Dissolution in Germany; *Sarah Schmauk, Michaela Kreyenfeld*

Post-separation custody arrangements and parental loneliness; *Jani Turunen & Wooseong Kim*

Regional Discrepancies in Child Support Amounts in Belgium: A Quantitative Exploration of Unequal Practices; *Elke Claessens, Dimitri Mortelmans & Gert Thielemans*

16h15-17h30

Session 3: Dynamics of separation and divorce I

Interpreting the Divorce Decline in the United States; *Christine R. Schwartz and Pamela J. Smock*

Union Stability after Children Move Out: Lower Barriers to Separation or Greater Partnership Rewards? *Barbora Hubatkova, Martin Kreidl*

Education and Divorce in a Patriarchal Society: A Study of Palestinian-Arabs in Israel; *Maha Sabbah Karkabi, Maria Stanfors*

20h onward

Conference Dinner in Barcelona (Marina Bay; more info below)

10th of October

9h15-10h45

Session 4: Group differences in union dissolution experiences

Postdivorce cooperative coparenting after repartnering: The role of child physical custody arrangements; *Anne-Rigt Poortman*

Coparenting with a stepparent: the role of gender; *Bieke Maes & Jan Van Bavel*

The Practice of Stepmothering in Spain; *Elvira Mondragón-García; Carles X. Simó-Noguera*

Repartnering, migration and labour market outcomes for single mothers; *Roselinde van der Wiel*

I am Pro Divorce but Wouldn't Marry a Divorced Person: Education and Attitudes toward Divorce in South Korea; *Sangsoo Lee & Hyunjoon Park*

10h45-11h45

Session 5: Posters!

Silver splitters in Italy: determinants of divorce risk in later life; *Romina Fraboni, Antonella Guarneri, Francesca Rinesi*

Does Internet Expansion Impact Divorce Risks? Evidence from Norway; *Erlend Nordrum, Torkild Hovde Lyngstad & Pablo Gracia*

Grandparents care and financial support to separated children; *Gerardo Meil*

Legal Professionals' Perspectives on Transnational Families in Child Custody Conflicts after Divorce and Separation; *Viktoria Parisot, Ulrike Zartler*

Individual Poverty Risk Before and After Separation among Different-Sex Parents: Unpacking the Dissolution Process by Gender and Union Type in the Netherlands; *Flavia Mazzeo, Nicole Hiekel, Agnese Vitali*

Latent classes of family vulnerability: Differences across family cohabitation status and associations with parental distal outcomes; *Linda Larsen, Aurora Oftedal, Tonje Holt, Silje Baardstu and Heather Prime*

Stepparents who Stand in the Place of Parents: Scope, Stability and Associated Factors; *Marie-Christine Saint-Jacques, Elisabeth Godbout, Hans Ivers*

Childhood Family Structure and Children's Educational Attainment: Exploring the Influence of Financial and Social Family Resources; *Emely Ullrich & Sandra Krapf*

Children's Reactions to Destructive Interparental Conflict: Similarities and Differences Across Cohabiting vs. Separated Families; *Baardstu, S., Larsen., L., & Holt, T.*

Requests for help of children during a parental divorce; *Kimberly Jacobs, Sarah Van de Velde, Dimitri Mortelmans*

Developing indicators on the effects of couple dissolution and family restructuring on children with PISA 2022 data; *Elisabet Valdueza, Josep Lluís Condom-Bosch and Anna Escobedo*

Digital Health Technology and Long-Term Health Outcomes Following Juridical Divorce: Evidence from a Five-Year Observational Post-Trial Study in Denmark; *Andreas Nielsen Hald, Søren Sander, Frank Eriksson, Peter Fallesen, Gert Martin Hald*

Gender differences in bidirectional association between ending a union and health in Spain; *Jordi Gumà-Lao*

Divorced-induced health decline and impact on mortality risk: The case of Germany; *Pavel Grigoriev; Kar Man Tan*

Nonresident fathers' financial contributions to their children and fathers' economic wellbeing; *Anneli Miettinen; Mia Hakovirta*

11h45-13h15

Session 6: Child outcomes

Measures of Joint Physical Custody Arrangements and Their Implications for Empirical Results; *Anja Steinbach*

Parental conflict in the presence of children by the type of care in the Czech Republic; *Sylva Höhne, Jana Paloncyová*

Parent-child discrepancies about children's well-being in nuclear and separated families; *Sven Alexander Brocker*

Effective and Scalable Help to Children of Divorce: The Effect of the SES NXT Digital Intervention on Children's Mental Health and Well-Being; *Daniel Bach Johnsen, Gert Martin Hald, Camilla Øverup, Søren Sander, Theis Lange*

Attitudes toward the Consequences of Parental Separation for Children's Outcomes: A Vignette Study; *Raffaele Guetto, Alessandro Gallo, Valentina Tocchioni, Daniele Vignoli*

14h15-15h45

Session 7: Dynamics of separation and divorce II

Age heterogamy and divorce. Evidence from Sweden, 1905–2015;
Maria Stanfors

Domestic violence, divorce, and well-being: A new look at diverging
destinies in Japan; *James Raymo, Anqi Ye, Shohei Yoda*

Women Empowerment and Divorce in India: Evidence from a recent
National Family Health Survey; *Sunandita Das*

Educational Inequalities in Conjugal Trajectories: A Life Course
Analysis Using GGS Data from Uruguay; *Gabriela Pedetti, Mariana
Fernández Soto*

Disagreements Over Household Chores and Men's and Women's
Intention to Break Up; *Liat Raz-Yurovich*

16h00-16h45

Session 8: Flash session!

The Dynamic Interplay of Divorce Initiation and the Social
Environment; *Ephrat Almog, Anat Herbst-Debby*

Exit marriage, exit work: Who aligns divorce and retirement in
Sweden?; *Linda Kridahl & Sarah Schmauk*

Attitude about alternative families in Europe: the role of life-course
experiences; *Laura Bernardi, Dimitri Mortelmans, Anne-Rigt
Poortman, Anne Solaz, Anja Steinbach*

Does a child of a de facto separated couple have it harder than a
child of a divorce?; *Martina Gel*

16h45-18h15

Session 9: Post-separation family arrangements and trajectories II

Does the Experience of Parental Separation Matter? Differentials by
Separation and Parent Absence in Norway; *Pauline Kleinschlömer,
Lara Bister*

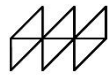
Intergenerational Living Arrangements among Single Mothers in
Latin America; *Federica Becca, Diego Alburez-Gutierrez, Albert
Esteve*

Generation and Polarization: Perceptions of Single-Parenthood
among Three Generations of Young Adults; *Amit Kaplan & Noa
Lavie*

Residential Mobility After Union Dissolution: A Study of Austrian Couples; *Melanie Wagner, Anna Karmann, Caroline Berghammer, Valeria Bordone*

Enduring links: Mental health effects of ex-partner's life events among separated parents; *Philipp Dierker, Mine Kühn, Sanna Kailaheimo-Lönnqvist, Mikko Myrskylä*

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Practical info

Conference Venue

The conference will be held at the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB), which is a 40-minute train ride from the city center. <https://maps.app.goo.gl/nNigF4d493aGo6D6A>
The sessions will take place at the Faculty “Filosofia i lletres”, Sala de Juntas, which is a 5-minute walk from our institute. We will have colleagues ready to help you guide to the right room.

We recommend staying in Barcelona close to the trainline that takes you to the university (S2 FGC trainline). These stations are:

Plaça Catalunya; <https://maps.app.goo.gl/pe2T4v289ig7LEXFA>

Provença; <https://maps.app.goo.gl/gThY33d2TTjTdaJC6>

Gracia; <https://maps.app.goo.gl/P9LAUyUQdT5prLsy9>

It is also possible to stay in these more quiet neighborhoods, a bit further removed from the center:

Sant Gervasi; <https://maps.app.goo.gl/1T49GiS4ZPnim1EF6>

Muntaner; <https://maps.app.goo.gl/4DnK7jVmAJX1PRyr8>

Sarria; <https://maps.app.goo.gl/NPmucoK88iANFAsW8>

If you want the perfect location, you can stay close to a yellow metro line which will take you to the dinner venue.

Dinner & Coffee Breaks

The conference dinner on Thursday will be held in Restaurant Marina Bay at 20h. The dinner is paid for by the conference. Address: Carrer de la Marina, 19-21, 08005 Barcelona. You can take the yellow metro line and get off at Ciutadella Vila Olímpica

We provide coffee and some pastries during the coffee breaks but not the lunch. However, there are several canteens close by.

Posters & Pitch

Please prepare a 1-minute pitch for your poster and do not exceed the following sizes:

We will provide poster boards that can accommodate A1 posters in landscape format (59.4 cm high × 84.1 cm wide) and A0 posters in portrait format (84.1 cm high × 118.9 cm wide). You are free to choose the size of your poster, as long as it fits within the board dimensions (174.0 cm high × 85.0 cm wide).

Flash Sessions

Flash sessions feature presenters giving concise 5-7 minutes presentations followed by 3-4 minutes of discussion.

Oral Presentations

Regular sessions feature 5 presenters giving 11-13 minutes presentations followed by 4-6 minutes of discussion.

Contact Us

For any questions, please contact divorceconference2025@ced.uab.es. While we will try to respond as promptly as possible, there may be occasional delays.

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