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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



Dear RC06 Colleagues,

I hope things are going well with you.

You will see on later pages of this Newsletter that the next ISA World Congress in Korea has been launched. I encourage you to make plans to attend. Please note the deadline for session proposals is only about a month away (June 25th).

One matter that we have been thinking about and discussing as a board relates to events and activities to undertake in the intervening period before the ISA World Congress. We are in the process of organising a series of keynote lectures on major themes in relation to researching families and family-related issues and transformations. These will be online lectures and are planned for September to December this year. We will announce details soon.

You might also note that the Vietnam Sociological Association together with the ISA and other organisations is hosting a relevant conference entitled 'Asian families in the Context of International Integration and Digital Transformation'. The conference will take place at Dalat University on November 26th and 27th next. The call for proposals closes on May 31st.

Finally, remember also that we are welcoming of new members and if you come across people whose work is relevant, please feel free to point them to the details of the Research Committee at <https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/research-networks/research-committees/rc06-family-research/>.

I wish you well,

May, 2026

Mary Daly
President, RC06

FROM THE SECRETARY



Dear RC06 Family Research Members,

I hope this message finds you well.

Our RC06 community will gather in South Korea in 2027 as part of the ISA World Congress (4–10 July, Gwangju).

I am pleased to be working alongside our Vice President Laura as programme coordinator.

The World Congress is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with fellow family scholars, strengthen our collective identity as RC06 members, and renew the focus of our Research Committee in the field of family studies. We warmly encourage all members to submit session proposals. Your participation is what makes our programme vibrant and meaningful.

We are open to proposals on all topics within family research. We particularly welcome contributions from scholars based in the Asia-Pacific region and look forward to building new connections with Korean-based researchers and institutions.

For any questions about the RC06 programme in Gwangju, please do not hesitate to reach out to Laura or me.

Best regards,

May, 2026

Pei-Chun Ko
Secretary & Treasurer, RC06

CALL FOR PAPERS

XXI ISA World Congress of Sociology

Dear RC06 colleagues,

We are pleased to announce that the Call for Sessions for the XXI ISA World Congress of Sociology — Global Sociology in Turbulent Times (#ISAWCS27) — is now open.

We encourage all members to consider submitting a session proposal to our RC.

The process is simple: please submit a session title and a brief description (maximum 250 words) outlining the content and format. This description will be used by the Programme Coordinators during review and, if accepted, will be published on the ISA website as part of the Call for Papers.

Important eligibility requirement: ISA membership is not required at the time of submission. For accepted sessions, at least one Session Organiser must be an ISA member and a member of RC06 by the end of the membership grace period (July, 29th); otherwise, the session will be removed from the programme, so please ensure your membership is current before submitting. There is a limit of three (3) co-organizers per session.

Submission deadline: 25 June 2026

Submission portal: <https://isaconf.confex.com/isaconf/wc2027/cfs.cqi>

World Congress details: <https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/world-congress/gwangju-2027/xxi-isa-congress-global-sociology-in-turbulent-times>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Best wishes,

Pei-Chun Ko (pei-chun.ko@monash.edu) & Laura Merla (laura.merla@uclouvain.be) (RC06 Programme Coordinators)



CALL FOR PAPERS

International conference on Asian Families in the Context of International Integration and Digital Transformation (AFIT 2026)

In recent decades, rapid international integration and extensive digital transformation have significantly reshaped the structural foundations and functions of family life across Asia. Emerging family forms, evolving intergenerational relationships, and shifts in cultural values are presenting both new challenges and opportunities for sustainable development. To foster an international academic forum for sharing research findings and policy experiences, Dalat University—in collaboration with the Vietnam Sociological Association (VSA); the Institute of Human, Family and Gender Studies (IHFGS); the Committee on Family Research of the International Sociological Association (CFR-ISA); and the Faculty of Social Work - Anthropology - Sociology (VNUHCM-University of Social Sciences and Humanities)—is pleased to host the 2026 International Conference on: **Asian Families in the Context of International Integration and Digital Transformation (AFIT 2026)**.

The Organizing Committee cordially invites domestic and international organizations, educational institutions, experts, lecturers, researchers, and students to submit papers and contribute to the conference according to the following guidelines

1. CONFERENCE TOPICS

The conference themes include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Theoretical and methodological approaches to the study of family transformation;
- Transformations in family structures and emerging family forms in Asia;
- Globalization and transnational migration: Impacts on family relationships;
- Gender equality, intergenerational relations, and evolving care models;
- Digital transformation: Impacts on parenting, child education, elderly care, and intra-family communication;
- Family policy, social protection, and welfare systems in the digital era;
- National and international comparative studies on family change within the Asian context;
- Work-life balance challenges and strategies in the global age;
- Ethnic minority families under the influence of international integration and digital transformation.

2. LANGUAGE AND PRESENTATION FORMAT

- Language: The conference will be conducted in both Vietnamese and English.
- Format: Oral presentations will be held during plenary and parallel sessions. Each presentation is allotted 15 minutes, followed by 10 minutes for Q&A and discussion.

3. DATE AND VENUE

- Date: November 26, 2026 – November 27, 2026 (Starting at 8:00 AM).
- Venue: Dalat University, 01 Phu Dong Thien Vuong St., Lam Vien-Da Lat Ward, Lam Dong Province, Vietnam.

4. IMPORTANT DATES

- Deadline for abstract submission: May 31, 2026.
- Deadline for full paper submission: August 31, 2026.
- Notification of peer review results: September 25, 2026.
- Deadline for final revised paper: October 10, 2026.
- Deadline for registration: October 15, 2026.
- Conference Dates: November 26 – 27, 2026.

5. SUBMISSION GUIDELINES (attached appendix)

- Abstract: 200–300 words, comprising the title, research questions, methodology, and key findings. Please include 5–7 keywords.
- Full Paper: Maximum of 15 A4 pages, including references and appendices.
- Formatting: Submissions must be in MS Word format, using Times New Roman font, size 12, with 1.5 line spacing. Citations and references must strictly adhere to APA 7th edition standards.
- Originality & Copyright: Submitted papers must be original research that has not been previously published or is currently under review by any other proceedings, journals, or conferences.
- Peer Review: To ensure high academic quality, all submissions will undergo a double-blind peer review process.

6. SUBMISSION LINK (Abstracts and Full Papers)

<https://forms.gle/xAM8MZJA5FvEYcUIY6>

7. PUBLICATION AND PROCEEDINGS

Accepted papers will be published in the Conference Proceedings with an registered ISBN. Furthermore, outstanding papers will be nominated for consideration in special issues of prestigious, peer-reviewed domestic and international scientific journals.

8. REGISTRATION FEE

- **Conference Fee:**

- o Vietnamese authors: 1,500,000 VND.
- o International authors: 80 USD.

- **Important Note:**

- o The fee does **NOT** cover accommodation, airport transfers, or local transportation.
- o All registration fees are **NON-REFUNDABLE** and must be paid in full by October 15, 2026.

- **Payment Details:**

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9. CONTACT INFORMATION

For all conference-related inquiries, please contact the following focal points:

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The Organizing Committee looks forward to the participation of educational institutions, experts, faculty members, scientists, and students.

APPENDIX:

DETAILED GUIDELINES FOR MANUSCRIPT FORMATTING AND REVIEW PROCESS

1. General Requirements and Submission Process

- Originality: Authors are invited to submit original, unpublished research papers.

Full-text manuscripts should not exceed 15 A4 pages, including the abstract, references, and appendices.

- Types of Contributions: The conference accepts two categories of submissions:

Research Papers (Type 1A): Empirical studies including Introduction, Literature Review, Theoretical Framework, Objectives and Methodology, Findings/Results, Discussion, and Conclusion.

Review Papers (Type 1B): Critical reviews or scientific commentaries. These do not necessarily require original empirical data but must demonstrate high academic value and rigor.

- Language: Manuscripts may be submitted in either Vietnamese or English.
- Copyright: Authors are responsible for ensuring copyright compliance and certifying that the manuscript has not been previously published elsewhere.

2. Manuscript Structure

1. Title: Sentence case, bold, Times New Roman (TNR), size 16, single-spaced.
2. Author Information: Full name(s) including academic titles/degrees, bold, centered, size 14.
3. Abstract: A concise summary of the research problem and key findings (200–300 words). Font: TNR, size 12, 1.5 line spacing.
4. Keywords: 5 to 7 keywords, listed in alphabetical order, size 12.
5. Main Body: Typically organized into: Introduction, Literature Review (including analytical framework or research questions/hypotheses), Research Methodology, Results and Discussion, and Conclusion.
6. Declarations: Conflict of Interest statement and Acknowledgments (if applicable).
7. References: Complete list of cited works.
8. Contact Information: Full name, academic title/degree, institutional affiliation, mailing address, email, and telephone number.

3. Technical Formatting Standards

- Page Layout: A4 size, with 2.5 cm (1 inch) margins on all sides.
- Body Text: Times New Roman, size 12, left-aligned, 1.5 line spacing.
- Headings: A maximum of three levels should be used:
 - o Level 1: Sentence case, bold, size 14.
 - o Level 2: Capitalize first letter, bold, size 12.

o Level 3: Capitalize first letter, *bold & italic*, size 12.

- Tables and Figures: Labeled as Tab. 1 and Fig. 1 with source citations. In addition to being embedded in the text, high-resolution images (JPEG or clear screenshots) should be provided as separate files.
- Citations and References: Must strictly adhere to the APA 7th Edition style. The reference list must be alphabetized and include DOI numbers where available.

4. Peer Review Process

1. Stage 1 (Editorial Desk Review): Initial assessment regarding the scope of the conference, formatting compliance, language quality, and the validity of references.
2. Stage 2 (Double-Blind Peer Review): Manuscripts that pass Stage 1 will be assigned to at least two independent reviewers. Evaluation criteria include:
 - o The significance and relevance of the topic to the specialized audience.
 - o The alignment between the title, abstract, and core content.
 - o Clarity of research objectives, theoretical arguments, and the appropriateness of the methodology.

European Summer School Invitation

Dear colleagues,

We are excited to announce that registration for the GESIS Summer School 2026 is now open! The program takes place from **22 July to 14 August 2026** – most courses will be held onsite at GESIS Cologne, and some online via Zoom, or in a hybrid format, where onsite or online participation is possible. Join lecturers and participants from diverse fields and all over the world at one of Europe's leading summer schools in survey methodology, research design, and data collection and analysis.

Go to www.gesis.org/summerschool or read on below for an overview of this year's courses as well as information on ECTS credits.

Program

Week 1 (22–24 July) – Short Courses

[Introduction to R for Data Analysis](#) [22–23 July]

Jan Schwalbach (GESIS), Dennis Abel (GESIS)

[Introduction to Stata for Data Management and Analysis](#) [22–23 July]

Lynn-Malou Lutz (GESIS), Sophia Hamdorf (GESIS)

[Pretesting Survey Questions](#) [22–24 July]

Timo Lenzner (GESIS), Patricia Hadler (GESIS)

[Collecting and Aggregating Evidence Across Multiple Studies](#) [22–24 July]

Rebecca Kuiper (Utrecht University), Jessica Daikeler (GESIS)

Week 2 (27–31 July)

[Factorial Survey Design](#)

Katrin Auspurg (LMU Munich), Alisia Bauer (LMU Munich), Carsten Sauer (University of Bielefeld)

[Advanced Questionnaire Design](#)

Marek Fuchs (Darmstadt University of Technology)

[AI-Assisted Surveys: Using AI Tools at Each Step of the Survey Research Process](#)

Mario Callegaro (Callegaro Research Limited)

Week 3 (03–07 August)

[Data Science Techniques for Survey Researchers](#)

Fiona Draxler (University of Mannheim), Anna Steinberg Schulten (LMU Munich)

[Latent Variable Modeling in Survey Research: Classical and New Approaches](#)

David Goretzko (Goethe University Frankfurt), Melanie Viola Partsch (Utrecht University)

[Advanced Survey Design](#)

Bella Struminskaya (Utrecht University), Camilla Salvatore (Utrecht University)

Week 4 (10–14 August)

[Causal Inference Using Survey Data](#)

Heinz Leitgöb (University of Leipzig), Tobias Wolbring (Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen–Nuremberg)

[Applied Introduction to Bots in Web-based Studies](#)

Jan Karem Höhne (DZHW, Leibniz University Hannover), Joshua Claassen (DZHW, Leibniz University Hannover)

[Sampling and Weighting in Survey Statistics](#)

Anne Konrad (Leibniz Institute for Educational Trajectories | LIfBi)

[Applied Causal Inference Using Directed Acyclic Graphs \(DAGs\)](#) [12–14 August]

Beyers Louw (Erasmus University Rotterdam)

Scholarships, ECTS Credits & More

[4 Scholarships](#) are available to Summer School participants for one-week courses. Grants are disbursed by the [European Survey Research Association](#) (ESRA). Thanks to our cooperation with the [Center for Doctoral Studies in Social and Behavioral Sciences](#) at the University of Mannheim, participants can obtain a certificate acknowledging a workload worth 4 ECTS credit points per one-week course. More information is available [here](#).

You will find the full program, detailed course descriptions, and more information [here](#).

There is no registration deadline, but places are limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. You will find the full program, detailed course descriptions, and more information [here](#).

Never miss a GESIS Training course by subscribing to our [newsletter](#).

Check out these additional workshops on survey methods and data analysis:

16–17 & 23–24/04/26 [Bayesian Modeling: From Foundations to Custom Solutions](#)

06–07/05/26 [Introduction to Conjoint Survey Experiments](#)

18–20/11/26 [Survey Data Integration](#)

Thank you for forwarding this announcement to other interested parties.

Best wishes,

Your GESIS Summer School team

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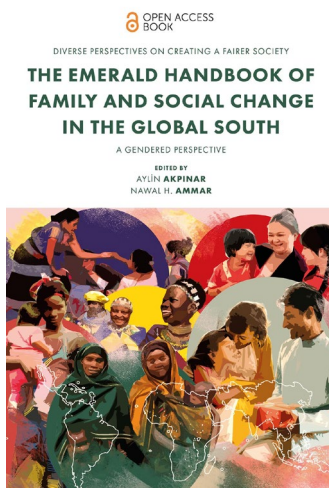
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PUBLICATIONS

Books

- ❖ Akpınar, A. & Ammar, N.H. (eds.) (2026). *The Emerald Handbook of Family and Social Change in the Global South. A Gendered Perspective*. Leeds: Emerald Publishing. <https://bookstore.emerald.com/the-emerald-handbook-of-family-and-social-change-in-the-global-south-hb-9781835498033.html>



There is a gap in research on families in the Global South and those that address the issue with a gendered and critical perspective. Considering the Global South and its articulations of power and resistance, this handbook presents chapters on the family in the Global South, acknowledging gender differences and their impact on individuals and societies in those nations and cultures.

Exploring the complex intersection among three significant social dynamics – families, the forces of societal transformation, and gender-related matters

within the framework of the Global South and acknowledging the ongoing debate surrounding the Global South concept – the chapters illuminate and critically examine some of the debated matters pertaining to shifts in family dynamics from a gendered perspective. Demonstrating that examining changes in living arrangements and family dynamics through a gendered lens is indispensable not only to understand the ongoing socio-cultural processes in the Global South but also to develop social policies and service delivery practices, authors present case studies from the Middle East, Asia, Africa, and Latin America. To what extent do structural and cultural contexts influence gendered family dynamics and living arrangements in various societies of the Global South? In diverse societies of the Global South, how do individuals from intersectional backgrounds navigate the challenges posed by economic and social instabilities? What role does the family play in regulating these transformations?

Compelling reading for students, researchers and policymakers from various disciplines, chapters address a rich diversity of the issues relating to the family, social change and gender relations with a critical focus on the countries/cultures/communities that have been significantly underrepresented in the literature.

Articles

- ❖ Villanueva, A., & Aragão, C. (2026). On the reproduction of gendered and classed inequalities: Understanding children's family labor in Brazil. *Social Science Research*, 136. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2026.103328>

Abstract:

The growing scholarship investigating children's use of time consistently shows a gender gap, with boys allocating less time than girls to family labor. Despite important progress in this literature, few studies investigate potential class heterogeneities for understanding gendered patterns of children's time in household tasks. Yet, we know that gender inequalities are often intertwined with class disparities. Moreover, contributions have largely concentrated on high-income settings. This study examines children's family labor in Brazil, a middle-income country with the largest population in Latin America, focusing on class disparities. We address three goals. First, we investigate how mothers' education is related to the gender gap in family labor among Brazilian children. Second, we examine whether fathers' and mothers' distribution of domestic work affects boys' and girls' time in household activities. Third, we explore whether the association between parents' distribution of family labor and children's gendered allocation to these tasks varies across mothers' educational attainment levels. We find that while girls conduct more family labor than boys overall, this disparity is larger among children with lower maternal education. This suggests that, among Brazilian children, family needs significantly impact girls, as their involvement in family labor is negatively associated with their mothers' educational level. Conversely, for boys, socialization may play a more substantial role, as fathers' higher involvement in family labor is linked with increases in boys' time in these tasks, regardless of social class. Our results highlight the need to include intersecting gender and class disparities in the study of children's family labor.

- ❖ Ko, P. C., Neves, B. B., & Freak-Poli, R. (2026). Family Ties, Kinlessness, and Loneliness Among Older Australians. *Archives of Gerontology and Geriatrics*, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.archger.2026.106192>

Abstract

Spouses and children are central to caregiving and social support in later life. Yet, changing family relationships, and the rising trend of kinlessness – defined as lacking a partner and living children – can impact health in later life. However, how the absence of family ties relates to loneliness among older adults in varying care settings remains unclear. This study uses two national samples of older Australians (aged 65+): i) four waves of the Household Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia (HILDA) (2019-2022, N = 11,074 person-wave observations) comprising community-dwelling individuals, and ii) the Australian Survey on Social Isolation and Loneliness in Empowering Care in Later Life (AUSSIE) (2023–2024, N = 479), capturing people receiving long-term care support (in a care facility or in their homes). Family ties were categorized as: (1) having partner and children (reference), (2) partner only, (3) child(ren) only, or (4) kinless. Loneliness was measured using logged scores (HILDA) and the UCLA scale (≥ 6 as severe). Fixed effects models revealed that transitions to limited family ties increased loneliness among community-dwelling adults, with partner only status showing the strongest association. Logistic regressions showed that kinless and child(ren)-only status were associated with heightened likelihood of severe loneliness among long-term care recipients. Care setting did not moderate these associations; formal care does not buffer loneliness from limited family ties. Limited family ties consistently increase loneliness risk across care contexts, though patterns vary by setting. Results underscore the need for interventions addressing loneliness with limited family ties across care settings.

Book Chapters

- ❖ McDaniel, S.A. (2026). Gender and Generational Scarring: What COVID-19 Reveals and Entrenches. In C.L. Peterson (Ed.), *After the Pandemic. Lasting Effects of COVID-19 on Work and Unpaid Domestic Labour*. London: Routledge. (Chapter 7) <https://www.taylorfrancis.com/books/edit/10.4324/9781003734055/pandemic-chris-peterson>

The COVID-19 pandemic has revealed complex societal layers of inequalities, exacerbated by the pandemic and extending after it. Among the deepest and perhaps least apparent are systemic inequalities by gender and age. More than ageism or sexism per se, gender and age are relations of ruling, both embodied and foundational to society and policy. Gender and age relations of ruling transcend individual or collective actions or consciousness and become objectified means by which individuals are defined, shaped and distinguished from other categories. Age and gender relations of ruling become sharply apparent in care work during and after the pandemic.

Generational scarring occurs as older adults isolate themselves or are forced into isolation more than evidence indicates is necessary. Gender scarring similarly occurs when societal power structures cast women into low paid carer roles. Both existed prior to the pandemic but COVID revealed the deadly dynamics. The example of long-term care precarity during COVID is revelatory given that the majority of care worker for older adults in Canada are younger women, mostly foreign-born, some temporary foreign workers, who often work two or three jobs to support their families abroad. In striving to make ends meet, paid care workers inadvertently became COVID carriers. This is age and gender relations of ruling intersecting, multiplying and creating the erroneous conclusion that older people were at higher risk of dying from COVID than evidence suggested. And that paid care workers were in need of monitoring.

Unpacking the effects of COVID on the work of care through a relations of ruling lens shows how these scarring effects are not only made visible during the pandemic but become entrenched post-pandemic. As a result, older adults have become even more isolated, contributing to a spiralling generational scarring. And women as carers, particularly foreign-born women, or temporary foreign care workers are now more often scarred with labels as problematic.

NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS

Welcome to new or returning members who joined at the end of 2025 or the beginning of 2026:

1. Mieko TAKAHASHI Japan	8. Patrizia KOKOT-BLAMEY KOKOT-BLAMEY United Kingdom
2. Adrienne ATTERBERRY United States	9. Abrar ALSHAMMARI United States
3. Cheng CHENG Singapore	10. Minh Huu NGUYEN Vietnam
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