Call for submissions

The life course in turbulent times

As our society faces global crises in short succession in the 21st century, the interest for longitudinal studies has heightened. Cutting-edge data, methods and research are crucially needed to investigate the impact of crises and other adverse events on life course transitions and trajectories.

What role do material, motivational, cognitive and non-cognitive resources (such as resistance to stress) play in bolstering individuals’ resilience over time – and how do they interact with social inequalities? How do governments, markets and families reduce or increase the vulnerability of different social groups in the aftermath of crises?

The LIVES Centre looks for answers to these questions and warmly welcomes submissions on other domains of life course research, such as childhood, youth, education, family, employment, gender, migration, health, old age or innovative longitudinal methods.

We are interested in theoretically-based empirical research from disciplines such as sociology, demography, psychology, economics, political science, epidemiology or statistics.

Confirmed keynote speakers:

- Fabrizio Bernardi - UNED Madrid
- Wiebke Bleidorn - University of Zurich
- Aart C. Liefbroer - University of Groningen & NIDI The Hague

Submissions through the conference website
(more information on the next page).
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Please submit your proposal through the conference website: https://www.centre-lives.ch/en/call-lives-international-conference-2023

The submission must include a short abstract of 100 words as well as an extended abstract of 500 words.

The abstract must be sufficiently detailed to allow the organizers to judge the merits of the paper. It should include a clear research question and information about the data and method.

Please also provide 3 to 6 keywords and choose the preferred format (oral/poster) during the submission process, but do not submit more than one paper per first author/presenter.

Abstracts that are not accepted for oral presentation might be included in the poster session; in that case, authors will be asked about their willingness to give a poster presentation.

The deadline for submission is 18 June 2023

Authors will be informed about the decision by 30 June 2023.

Provisional programme

Day 1 – Thursday, 9 November 2023
- 11:15-12:15 - Opening and keynote 1
- 12:15-13:15 - Lunch
- 13:15-14:45 - Parallel sessions 1
- 14:45-15:15 - Coffee break
- 15:15-16:45 - Parallel sessions 2
- 17:00-17:45 - Keynote 2
- 18:00 - Drinks and food

Day 2 – Friday, 10 November 2023
- 8:45-10:15 - Parallel sessions 3
- 10:15-10:45 - Coffee break
- 10:45-12:15 - Parallel sessions 4
- 12:30-13:15 - Keynote 3 & closing words
- 13:15-14:15 - Lunch

Keynote speakers

Fabrizio Bernardi is full professor of sociology at the National Distance Education University (UNED) in Madrid.

His research focuses on educational inequalities, social mobility, compensatory advantage and family dynamics.

Wiebke Bleidorn is a professor of individual differences and assessment at the University of Zurich.

Her research examines the effects of everyday experiences, life events, and the broader sociocultural context on the manifestation and development of personality characteristics across the lifespan.

Aart Liefbroer is a professor of life course demography at the University of Groningen and also works at NIDI, The Hague.

He studies leaving home, union formation and dissolution and fertility. He is interested in trends in these demographic behaviours, as well as their cross-national patterns, their determinants and their consequences.