

CALL FOR PAPERS European Network for the Sociological and Demographic Study of Divorce

18th Annual Meeting
October 14-16, 2020
Cologne, Germany

Since 2002, the members of the European Network for the Sociological and Demographic Study of Divorce have organized annual conferences to discuss papers on relationship dissolution and its causes and consequences.

The conference is planned to take place this year in Cologne, Germany. Local organizers are the Institute of Sociology and Social Psychology (University of Cologne) and the HaSpaD¹-Project (GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences). *Should it not be possible to hold the conference in Cologne due to a situation resulting from the current spread of the coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2), the format will be changed to an online event.*

We especially invite papers on:

- Quantitative and qualitative reviews in the field of divorce research
- Micro-level dynamics of separation processes
- Divorce from a comparative, historical, or life-course perspective
- Methodological challenges of combining data on partnership histories from different sources.

We also welcome papers on new theoretical developments and on the determinants and consequences of relationship dissolutions from a sociological and interdisciplinary perspective.

Keynote speakers: Thomas Leopold (University of Cologne)
 Brienna Perelli-Harris (University of Southampton)

¹ Harmonizing and synthesizing partnership histories from different research data infrastructures. A model project for linking research data from various infrastructures. Funded by German Science Foundation (DFG).

Please submit an extended abstract (2-3 pages with max. 2000 words). The submission deadline is **May 10, 2020**. All submissions will be reviewed by a selection committee; authors will be notified until June 7, 2020. Abstracts that are not accepted for oral presentation might be included in the poster session.

Please submit your extended abstract via the link on our conference website

<https://www.divcon2020.uni-koeln.de/>.

The conference will take place at GESIS, Cologne. The venue is located in the city center of Cologne, near the main station, the cathedral and the river Rhine. Hotel rooms have been reserved in a limited number until the beginning of September 2020.

Address of the conference venue:

GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences
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<https://infoeudiv.wixsite.com/eudiv>

For more information on the HaSpaD-Project:

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