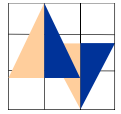




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Workshop Program  
October 4 and 5, 2011

# The “Lucky Few”? How Shrinking Cohort Size Affects Life-Course Chances

Organized by  
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**Venue:**

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Tuesday, October 4

8:00-9:00 Registration

**9:00-10:30**    **Session 1:**    **Keynote Lecture I**  
Chair: Joshua Goldstein  
Room: Johann Peter Süßmilch Auditorium

*Joshua Goldstein (MPIDR)*  
Welcome

*Elwood Carlson (Florida State University)*  
Generation size and household headship in comparative perspective  
Discussant: Carl Schmertmann (Florida State University)

10:30 Coffee break (cafeteria MPIDR)

**11:00-12:30**    **Session 2:**    **Keynote Lecture II**  
Chair: Joshua Goldstein  
Room: Johann Peter Süßmilch Auditorium

*Diane Macunovich (University of Redlands)*  
The all-encompassing effects of relative cohort size  
Discussant: Johannes Huinink (University of Bremen)

12:30-14:00 Lunch (cafeteria MPIDR)

**14:00-15:30**    **Session 3:**    **The Early Life-Course of the Shrinking Cohorts**  
Chair: Carsten Ochsén  
Room: Wilhelm Lexis Conference Room

*Joshua Goldstein & Michaela Kreyenfeld (MPIDR)*  
The life trajectories of the East German Unification Cohorts

*Holger Seibert (IAB)*  
Sudden upturn in vocational education and training (VET) market: The effects of post re-unification decline in birth rates on today's East German VET-sector

*Steffen Hillmert (University of Tübingen)*  
Cohort situation and educational attainment: A Long-term perspective

15:30 Coffee break (cafeteria MPIDR)

**16:00-18:00**    **Public debate:**    **How firms and local authorities respond to shrinking cohort sizes (in German)**  
Room: Johann Peter Süßmilch Auditorium

19:00 Dinner at Carlo 615

Wednesday, October 5

9:00-11:00     **Session 4:     What Can We Learn From the Baby-Boom and Bust?**  
Chair:             Johannes Huinink  
Room:             Wilhelm Lexis Conference Room

*Reinhold Sackmann (University of Halle-Wittenberg)*  
How life course regimes cope with demographic change

*Volker Lang (University of Tübingen)*  
Relative cohort size, wage setting and retirement behavior in a rigid institutional setup: The case of Germany after the Second World War

*Henriette Engelhardt & Christopher Schmidt (University of Bamberg)*  
Late careers and social structures in Europe

*Constanta Mihaescu, Ileana Niculescu-Aron & Raluca Caplescu (Bucharest Academy of Economic Studies)*  
Romanian procreative behaviour throughout the 20th century: Natural versus policy driven variation in cohort size

11:00             Coffee break (cafeteria MPIDR)

11:30-13:00     **Session 5:     Demographic Change and Labor Markets**  
Chair:             Michaela Kreyenfeld  
Room:             Wilhelm Lexis Conference Room

*Michaela Fuchs & Antje Weyh (IAB)*  
Challenges of the future demographic change for the regional labor markets in Eastern Germany

*Alfred Garloff, Carsten Pohl & Norbert Schanne (IAB)*  
Do small labor market entry cohorts reduce unemployment?

*Carsten Ochsen (University of Applied Labour Studies, University of Rostock, MPIDR)*  
Relative cohort size and unemployment in the United States

13:00             **Farewell & Snacks**  
Speaker:          Joshua Goldstein  
Room:             Cafeteria MPIDR

14:00             End of workshop

# City Map Rostock

