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

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8:00-9:00 Registration

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

Joshua Goldstein (MPIfR)
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 MPIfR)

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 MPIfR)

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

Joshua Goldstein & Michaela Kreyenfeld (MPIfR)
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 MPIfR)

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