



Fertility in Flux: Childbearing Intentions and Behaviour in the Nordic Countries

Final conference of the research project “Fertility intentions and behaviour in Iceland: The role of policies and parenting culture (FIBI)”



18 – 19 September 2025

Nordic House, Reykjavik



Day 1 – September 18

9:30-10:00 – Registration and coffee

10:00-10:20 – Welcome and introduction to the FIBI project

Ari Klængur Jónsson, University of Iceland, Ásdís A. Arnalds, University of Iceland, & Sunna Símonardóttir, University of Akureyri

10:20-11:10 – Keynote

Chair: Ari Klængur Jónsson

Gunnar Andersson, Stockholm University: Swedish Fertility Decline in Motion: Research Progress

11:10-12:10 – Session 1: Declining Fertility in the Nordic Countries

Chair: Ásdís A. Arnalds

Ari Klængur Jónsson, University of Iceland: Fertility Developments in Iceland During the 21st Century: Is childbearing becoming a privilege of the better off?

Lydia Palumbo, University of Turku: Young Adults' Fertility Intentions and Self-reported Rationales in Low-Fertility Finland

Axel Peter Kristensen, University of Oslo: Disentangling the Relative Importance of Subjective Economic Uncertainty for Fertility Intentions and the Transition to Parenthood in Norway

12:10-13:10 – Lunch at the Nordic House

13:10-14:10 – Session 2: The Changing Landscape of Fertility

Chair: Sunna Símonardóttir

Gerda Neyer, Stockholm University: Climate Change and Fertility Decline: Fertility Research in Times of Uncertainty

Ann-Zofie Duvander, Stockholm University: Late First Childbearing in a Changing Landscape: The Role of Education and Work Across Cohorts in Sweden

Sigrún Ólafsdóttir, University of Iceland: Parenting Under Pressure: Economic and Cultural Dimensions of Intensive Parenting in Iceland

14:10-15:00 – Keynote

Chair: Gunnar Andersson

Daniele Vignoli, University of Florence: Can We Afford a Child? Income Prerequisites for Parenthood in Western Europe

15:00-16:00 – Session 3: Migration and Fertility

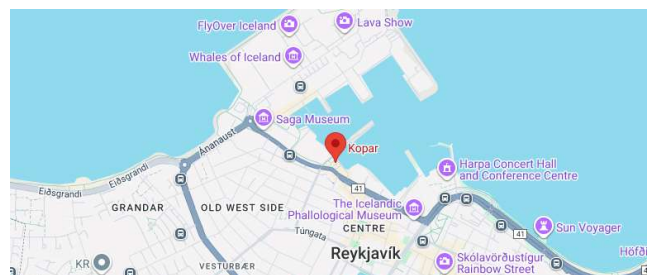
Chair: Ásdís A. Arnalds

Guðbjörg Ottósdóttir & Unnur Dís Skaptadóttir, University of Iceland: Displaced Decisions: The Impact of Forced Migration on Fertility and Fatherhood

Solveig Björk Sveinbjörnsdóttir, University of Iceland: Childbearing Decisions Among Polish Migrants in Iceland: Gender, Welfare and Security

Ólöf Garðarsdóttir, University of Iceland: Fertility Behaviour and International Migration: The case of Iceland

19:00 – Dinner at Kopar Restaurant by the old harbor



Day 2 – September 19

9:30-10:00 – Coffee

10:00-10:50 – Keynote

Chair: Sunna Símonardóttir

Charlotte Faircloth & Zeynep Gurtin, University College London: Fertile Connections in a Time of Fertility Decline: Thinking Across Assisted Reproductive Technologies and Parenting Culture Studies

10:50-11:50 – Session 4: Resisting or Redefining Parenthood

Chair: Ari Klængur Jónsson

Karen Ástu Kristjánsdóttir, University of Iceland: Making The Right Choice: Parents' Reflections on Donor Selection and the Social Norms at Play in Iceland

Sunna Símonardóttir, University of Akureyri & Ásdís Arnalds, University of Iceland: Parenting Ideals and Voluntary Childlessness in Iceland

Íris Ellenberger, University of Iceland: Queering Kinship, Reinforcing Norms: Foster Families as Disruptive Interventions in Family Formation Discourses

11:50-13:00 – Lunch at the Nordic House

13:00-14:20 – Session 5: Economic Dimensions of Fertility and Family Life

Chair: Ásdís A. Arnalds

Gylfi Magnússon, University of Iceland: Demographic Change in Iceland: The Role of Fertility and Immigration in Economic Development

Martin Kolk, Stockholm University: Wealth and Fertility – Evidence from Swedish Taxation Registers for Men and Women Born 1940 to 1970

Trude Lappegård, University of Oslo: The Changing Relationship of Employment and Women's Fertility in the Post-Recession Years

Anna Thoresson, Reykjavik University: Climbing the Professional Ladder: How are Families Affected by Parental Promotions?

14:20-14:50 – Coffee

14:50-16:10 – Session 6: Policies and Parenthood

Chair: Ari Klængur Jónsson

Ásdís Arnalds, University of Iceland & Sunna Símonardóttir, University of Akureyri:

How Parenting Norms and Childcare Policies Shape Fertility in Iceland

Aleksandra S. Dragin, University of Novi Sad, Serbia: Socio-Demographic Factors and Paid Parental Leave: Shaping Men's Childbearing Intentions and Involvement in Parenting

Emma Gilland, University of Birmingham: To What Extent Does Childcare Policy Impact Generation Z Women's Fertility Intentions?

Sarah K. Cowan, New York University: A Universal Cash Transfer Increases Fertility: The Case of the Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend

16:10-18:00 – Closing Reception at the Nordic House