



Call for abstracts for papers

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**The 6th congress of the European Society on Family Relations
26-29. September 2012, in Lillehammer, Norway**

Families in a changing Europe: Challenges, Conflicts and Intervention

The congress is organised by the Institute for Social Research (ISF) and the Norwegian Social Research (NOVA), Oslo, in cooperation with the European Society on Family Relations (ESFR).

We invite symposiums and papers on the implications of contemporary social, cultural and economic changes for family relations, family practices, relatedness and intervention.

Since the late 1980's, the cultural, socio-economic and political landscape of European societies have altered considerably. Many of these changes may have profound implications for the institution of the family, the internal dynamics of family relations and for policy intervention. Demographic changes, along with the current economic crisis and increased migration, raise new questions about relatedness and the balance between family obligations and those of the welfare state. New forms of gender relations, new reproductive technologies and a larger variety in family formations challenge traditional views about what a family is and should be. Different family norms and practices due to greater ethnic and cultural variation give rise to legal problems as well as negotiations of values and belonging. These changes have led to new research interests concerning family practices, family policy, relatedness, family crisis and intervention which the Congress seeks to approach from a wide range of thematic domains in psychology, sociology, anthropology, political science, legal studies and history.

- Increased varieties in family forms
- Migration and transnational families
- New care regimes for children and for elderly people
- Family transitions
- Family and working life
- Gender equality and family policy
- Families under economic recession
- Varieties in fertility rates across Europe
- Rapid population ageing
- Fatherhood
- Challenges and dilemmas concerning use of new fertility technology
- Family intervention
- Family support offered by private agencies and the civil society

See extended congress abstract and the list of open symposia:

<http://www.congex.no/esfr2012/programme/theme/>

The congress programme consists of keynote lectures, invited symposia, open symposia, free paper sessions and poster sessions. Confirmed key note speakers:

- Prof. Hans Bertram, Humboldt University, Berlin
- Prof. Claudine Attias-Donfut, Centre Edgar-Morin, L' Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris
- Prof. Chiara Saraceno, Wissenschaftszentrum für Sozialforschung, Berlin
- Prof. Susan Golombok, Director, Centre for Family Research, Cambridge University
- Dr. Olga Tkach, Sociological Institute Russian Academy of Science, St. Petersburg
- Dr. Ian Curry-Sumner, Utrecht Centre for European Research into Family Law (UCERF), University of Utrecht
- Dr. Albert Kraller, International Centre for Migration, Wien
- Prof. Edward Melhuish, Director, Institute for the Study of Children, Families & Social issues. Birkbeck, University of London
- Prof. Rosa Rosnati Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan
- Prof. Lieselotte Ahnert, Institut für Entwicklungspsychologie und Psychologische Diagnostik, Wien
- Prof. Jennifer Mason, Morgan Centre for Study of Relationship and Personal Life, University of Manchester
- Prof. Meinrad Perrez, Department of Psychology, University of Fribourg
- Prof. Karin Wall, The Institute for Social Sciences, University of Lisbon

IMPORTANT DATES:

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| - Submission of Paper Abstracts | 15 March 2012 |
| - Submission of Poster Abstracts | 15 March 2012 |
| - Notification to Authors | 1 May 2012 |
| - Early Bird Registration | 1 June 2012 |
| - Final Registration | 15 September 2012 |

For more information about the congress, scientific program and online submission of paper abstract, please visit the official website: <http://www.congrex.no/esfr2012>

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