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“Couple-level gender attitudes and family transitions”

Gender attitudes have been the object of intensive research in recent years. Multiple works have investigated whether the attitudes people hold towards men and women’s responsibilities and expected behaviors in society have influence on their family dynamics. There is broad agreement that gender attitudes indeed affect outcomes such as union formation, union dissolution, fertility, and gendered work divisions both at the individual and country level. However, how those relationships develop at the couple level still remains under-investigated.

Our DFG-funded project “Ideological pairings in couples: rethinking the relevance of inner drivers for family formation and work division” focuses on the couple-level interplay of gender attitudes, specifically, the pairing of attitudes between partners, how gender ideologies are distributed across Germany, and how such pairings are connected to various facets of family life. This presentation will cover our most recent results and present results from three different studies. It will focus on the distribution of gender ideologies in Germany, and on the connection between couples’ gender attitudinal pairings and their family formation trajectories in Germany, investigating the timing and likelihood of marriage and first childbirth.

First, descriptive results on the distribution of gender ideologies among different social groups in Germany highlight both the multidimensionality and universality of shared gender ideologies. Second, our analyses show that different gender attitudinal dimensions relate to the likelihood and timing of marriage, dissolution of the relationship and first births in significant but complex ways. Our results implications on how gender ideologies may be a component in current fertility decline and the postponement of first births are discussed.

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