



Call for Abstracts

5th ISSP User Conference: Family and Changing Gender Roles

Online | 30 November 2026 | 12:30–16:30 CET

The International Social Survey Programme (ISSP) Secretariat invites researchers to submit abstracts for the **5th ISSP User Conference**, dedicated to the theme **Family and Changing Gender Roles**. The conference will provide an international forum for presenting and discussing new research on family life, gender norms, household labour, work–family balance, and related social transformations across countries and over time. It offers an opportunity to engage with ISSP researchers and users from a wide range of disciplines and methodological traditions.

Conference Theme

Since 1988, the ISSP has fielded five rounds of its **Family and Changing Gender Roles** module, creating a [rich cumulative dataset](#) for cross-national and longitudinal research on social attitudes and behaviours related to family life, gender relations, and the division of labour within households.

We invite abstract submissions from researchers across disciplines, including sociology, political science, demography, economics, gender studies, and related fields. Submissions using ISSP data are particularly encouraged, especially those drawing on the *Family and Changing Gender Roles* modules. Papers may focus on one or multiple countries and employ cross-sectional, comparative, or longitudinal approaches.

Submission Guidelines

Abstracts should be no longer than **500 words** and should clearly outline:

- The research question and theoretical motivation
- Hypotheses
- Data sources and methodology
- Countries or regions analysed
- Key findings or preliminary results

Please include **3–5 keywords** describing the topic of your study.

Important Dates

- **Abstract submission deadline:** 18 October 2026
- **Notification of acceptance:** Final week of October 2026
- **Conference date:** 30 November 2026

Submission Process and Registration

Please submit your abstract by email to issp.sec@gmail.com with the subject line: **“Abstract Submission – 5th ISSP User Conference”**

Registration for the conference will open at the **end of September 2026** via the ISSP website. Participation is **free of charge** and open to all interested researchers. Registration is required.

We look forward to receiving your submissions and to welcoming researchers from around the world to discuss new insights into family life and changing gender roles in comparative and longitudinal perspective.