5th ISSP User Conference – Family and Changing Gender Roles

Online, 30 November 2026, 12:30-16:30 (CET)

Organised by the ISSP Secretariat and the Editors of the International Journal of Sociology (IJS) on the ISSP "Family and Changing Gender Roles" module.

Program:

12:30 – 12:40: Short welcome and introduction to the ISSP
Stephanie Steinmetz (University of Lausanne)

12:40 – 13:40: Session 1: Practices and outcomes: How are gender roles reflected in work, domestic responsibilities, and family decisions?
Chair: tbd

1) Does Greater Gender Equality Reduce Work–Family Conflict? A Cross-National Analysis of Gender Differences
Sigrún Ólafsdóttir, Ásdís Arnalds & Kári Kristinsson (University of Iceland, Iceland)

2) Educational Attainment and the Gendered Division of Domestic Labour: How Employment Status Conditions the Education–Housework Relationship across ISSP Family Modules
Qinlei Wang (King's College London, UK)

3) Marital Selectivity, Gender Values and Work-family conflict in comparative perspective
Maira Covre Sussai & Felícia Picanço (*Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)*

4) More Expectations, Fewer Children? Ideal Family Size in the Nordic Countries, 2012 and 2022
Ásdís Arnalds (University of Iceland, Iceland)

Break 15 min

13:55 – 14:55: Session 2: Attitudes: What do people think about gender roles?
Chair: tbd

5) Gender Role Attitudes in Suriname in Cross-National and Historical Perspective
Tamira E Sno, Nancy Gooding (both ADEK University of Suriname, Suriname) & Harry BG Ganzeboom (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Netherlands)

6) Cross-national variations in gender ideology over time – mapping attitudes towards women's employment and consequences thereof on family relations 1988-2022
Jonas Edlund & Ida Öun (Umeå University, Sweden)

7) Whose Job Is It? Father-Specific Leave and Gender-Role Attitudes
Karen Staniscia (Stockholm University, Sweden)

8) Gender and Gender Role Attitudes: Do Men and Women Ever Agree?
Harry BG Ganzeboom (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Netherlands)

Break 15 min

15:10 – 16:10: Session 3: Values and ideology: How are gender and family norms changing, and how are they connected to broader political and ideological divisions?

Chair: tbd

9) The New Gender Contract?: Family, Work and Changing Conceptions of Masculinity
Akanksha Yadav & Pratibha Agrawal (Amity University Jharkhand, India)

10) Gender, Parenthood and Family Diversity: A Cross-National Perspective
Elitsa Dimitrova (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Bulgaria)

11) Changing Attitudes Towards Non-Traditional Families: Longitudinal Trends and Political Ideology Using ISSP Data, 1994-2022
Ioannis Andreadis, Alexandros Kioupkiolis & Nikoletta Sivenou (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece)

12) Exploring the Link between Gender Traditionalism and Populism: Evidence from Lithuanian ISSP Data
Eglė Butkevičienė, Vaidas Morkevičius & Vytautas Valentinavičius (Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania)

16:10 – 16:30: Closure of the conference