

BIOGRAPHY

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PROJECT

European Research Council Advanced Grant

Project acronym: FAMILY POLARIZATION

Project full title: Stratified family dynamics: Polarizing trends in couple behavior and parenting.

Overview

A multiple equilibrium approach to ongoing transformation of family behaviour in advanced societies. The key issue is to explain the recent reversal in fertility, divorce, and marriage, both at the macro level (why are marriage rates and fertility rising again in a number of countries?) and at the micro level (why is the social gradient of fertility and divorce turning upside down?). The core thesis of the project is that the demographic reversal requires the diffusion of gender egalitarian norms among couples.