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Personal

Date of birth 17 November 1974

Citizenship Czech Republic

Family status Married, one child

Languages English (fluent), Czech (mother tongue), German (passive), Russian (basic)

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Positions

- VID Research group leader, “Fertility and Family”
- Co-director, Human Fertility Database

Areas of interest

Fertility in low-fertility settings; Fertility measurement and methodology; Fertility timing; Delayed childbearing; Fertility intentions and ideals; Demography of Central and Eastern Europe; Childlessness; Assisted reproduction; Migration, fertility, and population change; Fertility projections; Education and Fertility; Demographic data

Educational Attainment

2005-2006 (winter semester)	International Max Planck Research School for Demography, Rostock, Germany
2000-2004	Ph.D. research, Demography, Population Research Centre, University of Groningen; doctorate degree in November 2004
1996-1998	M.A. study of Demography at the Charles University, Prague, completed in September 1998 (Masters exam)

Previous Positions

- February 2000 – Ph.D. research, Demography, Population Research Centre, Faculty of
May 2004 Spatial Sciences, University of Groningen; conferral of the doctorate in
November 2004
- 2005-2010 Managing editor, Vienna Yearbook of Population Research

Important invitations to present at scientific conferences

Keynote Addresses, invited talks and invited presentations in 27 countries:

- Plenary session; 8th International Conference of Latin American Association for Population Studies, Puebla, Mexico, October 2018 (Invited speaker)
- International Conference on Population Dynamics in Sustainable Development Era: Fertility Transition and Social Policy Responses, Beijing, December 2017 (Invited speaker)
- 50th Anniversary of the Department of Demography / NEE, Hacettepe University, Ankara, 19 October 2017 (Invited Keynote)
- Suessmilch Lecture, Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock, 18 February 2016 (Invited speaker)
- Dutch Demography Day, Utrecht, 25 November 2015 (Keynote speaker)
- Joint Programming Initiative (JPI More Years, Better Lives) Conference “Demographic Change in Central and Eastern Europe”, Vienna 24 March 2015 (Keynote speaker)
- British Society for Population Studies (BSPS), annual conference, Exeter, 13-15 September 2010 (Plenary speaker)

Academic prizes, awards

- 2017 Allianz European Demographer Award
- 2011 European Research Council (ERC) Starting Grant for the proposal *Fertility, reproduction and population change in 21st century Europe (EURREP)*.
- 2004 Demographic Research Online Journal Award for the best paper in Volume 8 (2003) of Demographic Research.

Most important peer review activities

Peer reviews of manuscripts for around 45 journals, three publishing houses and grant proposals for five foundations/organisations. Reviews since 2015 verified on Publons (total of 30 reviews, merit = 87).

- Reviews of manuscripts submitted to Science, American Sociological Review, BMJ Open, Demography, Human Reproduction, Human Reproduction Update, Health Policy, Social Forces, Population Studies, Population and Development Review
- Oxford University Press, Springer (book proposals);
- Project proposals evaluation for European Research Council (ERC) and diverse national research organisations

Editorships, consultancies, functions and memberships in academic organisations

- Council Member, European Association of Pop. Studies (2016-2018, elected function)
- Editorial board member: Vienna Yearbook of Population Research, European Journal of Population, Comparative Population Studies
- International Advisory Board for Population and Development (UNFPA), Moldova
- Council of Advisors, Population Europe, Berlin
- Associate Member, the ESRC Centre for Population Change, UK
- Consultancies, presentations and assignments for World Bank, UN Population Division, UNFPA (Belarus, Moldova, New York), government of Portugal (Portugal 2030 agenda)

Most important research projects funded in the past

- February 2012-
January 2017 *EURREP. Fertility, reproduction and population change in 21st century Europe*. Principal investigator; project funded by the European Research Council / ERC Grant agreement n° 284238.
- 2011-2012 *Past, present, and future religious prospects in Vienna, 1950-2050. (WIREL)*. Project participant. Proposal SSH 10-040, *Diversity-Identity Call*, WWTF - Vienna Science and Technology Fund.
- January 2009 –
July 2011 *Fertility and social development [Fertilität und gesellschaftliche Entwicklung]*. Coordinated by the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities and German Academy of Sciences Leopoldina.
- February 2008-
January 2011 *REPRO - Reproductive decision-making in a macro-micro perspective*; Work Package leader. Funded by the EC, 7th framework programme.

Conferences, symposia

- The Wittgenstein Centre Conference 2018 / Fertility Across Time and Space - Data and Research Advances, Vienna, December 2018 (main organiser)
- The Second Human Fertility Database Symposium, Berlin, June 2016 symposium (co-organiser with MPIDR colleagues)
- International conference Education and reproduction in low-fertility settings (EDUREP) Vienna, 2–4 December 2015 (conference co-organiser, together with E. Beaujouan, M. Rita Testa, Z. Brzozowska, P. Schmutz, W. Lutz)
- Session Convenor, “Low Fertility”, 2017 Population Association of America, Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 27-29, 2017
- Session Convenor, “Socioeconomic differentials in later stages of the fertility transition”, IUSSP Population Conference, Cape Town, October-November 2017

Lecturing, supervision

- Winter Semester
2008-2009 Course *Fertility Analysis and Modelling* (together with Prof. Joshua Goldstein), Max Planck Institute for Dem. Research, Rostock
- 2013-16 Member of doctoral committees: Charles University in Prague, University of Evora (Portugal), University of Helsinki
- 2013-17 Supervision of PhD students and guest researchers: Zuzanna Brzozowska (non-formalised supervision, Warsaw School of Economics 2013-17); Siyu Tian, Beijing University (2015-16), Mathias Nathan (not formalised, University of Montevideo, 2015-); Cuiling Zhang, China Population and Development Research Centre (2017-18)

Data projects:

- *Human Fertility Database* (director, together with Vladimir Shkolnikov, MPIDR): www.humanfertility.org
- *Human Fertility Collection*: <http://www.fertilitydata.org>
- *CFE database (Cohort Fertility and Education)*: <http://videurrep.oeaw.ac.at/database/>
- *European Fertility Data Sheet 2015*: www.fertilitydatasheet.org
- *European Demographic Data Sheet 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016*: www.populationeurope.org
- *Geburtenbarometer Austria, Gebrutenbarometer Vienna* (Monitoring and analysis of fertility in Austria and Vienna): <http://www.oeaw.ac.at/vid/barometer/index.html>

Publications (summary)

- 24 scientific papers in impacted international journals
- 588 citations on Web of Science (WOS) (573 without self-citations) as of May 2016; 5579 citations in Google scholar as of March 2018
- h-index: 11 (33 in google scholar)

Complete list of publications until 2014, with URLs when available:

http://www.wittgensteincentre.org/Jacomo/upload/team/pubs_sobotka_publications-list_complete_12-2014_with-weblinks.pdf

Publications since 2013 are listed on the EURREP project website:

www.eurrep.org/publications

Most of Sobotka's publications are listed at Google scholar:

<https://scholar.google.at/citations?user=teHEocoAAAAJ&hl=en&oi=ao>

Top 10 publications

1. Sobotka, T., V. Skirbekk and Dimiter Philipov. 2011. "Economic recession and fertility in the developed world." *Population and Development Review* 37(2): 267-306.
2. Sobotka, T. 2004. "Is lowest-low fertility in Europe explained by the postponement of childbearing?" *Population and Development Review* 30 (2), 195-220.
3. Bongaarts, J. and T. Sobotka. 2012. "A demographic explanation for the recent rise in European fertility." *Population and Development Review* 38(1): 83-120.
4. Sobotka, T. and É. Beaujouan. 2014. "Two is best? The persistence of a two-child family ideal in Europe." *Population and Development Review* 40(3), 391-419.
5. Goldstein, J.R., T. Sobotka and A. Jasilioniene. 2009. "The end of lowest-low fertility?" *Population and Development Review* 35(4): 663-699.
6. Sobotka, T. 2004. Postponement of childbearing and low fertility in Europe. Ph.D. dissertation. Dutch Academic Press, Amsterdam

7. Sobotka, T. 2008. "The diverse faces of the second demographic transition in Europe." *Demographic Research* 19(Article 8): 171-224.
8. Schmidt, L., T. Sobotka, J.G. Bentzen, and A. Nyboe Andersen. 2012. "Demographic and medical consequences of the postponement of parenthood." *Human Reproduction Update* 18(1): 29-43.
9. Sobotka, T. and L. Toulemon. 2008. "Changing family and partnership behaviour: Common trends and persistent diversity across Europe." *Dem. Research* 19(6): 85-138.
10. Sobotka, T. 2018. "Post-transitional fertility: the role of childbearing postponement in fuelling the shift to low and unstable fertility levels." *Journal of Biosocial Science* 49(S1): S20-S45.

Names and institutions of key international cooperation partners

Dr. Vladimir Shkolnikov, Dr. Aiva Jasilioniene, and colleagues from the MPIDR datalab; Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock, Germany;
Dr. Everton Emanuel C. de Lima, University of Campinas, Brazil;
Prof. Karel Neels, University of Antwerp, Belgium;
Prof. Melinda Mills, University of Oxford;
Dr. Stuart Gietel-Basten, University of Hong Kong;
Prof. John Bongaarts, Population Council, New York;
Prof. FC Billari, University of Oxford;
Prof. Jan van Bavel, University of Leuven, Belgium;
Dr. Tomas Frejka, Sanibel, US
Prof. Martin Kreidl, Masaryk University, Brno, Czechia;
Prof. RR Rindfuss and Dr. Minja Kim Choe, University of Honolulu, US
Dr. Egbert te Velde, Erasmus MC, Rotterdam, the Netherlands;