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Personal

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

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Positions

- VID Research group leader, “Comparative European Demography”
- 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 25 countries:

- 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)
- European Population Conference, Vienna, September 2010 (Invited talk, plenary session, “Future of Population Studies”)

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 over 40 journals, three publishing houses and grant proposals for five foundations/organisations.

- Reviews of manuscripts submitted to Science (March 2011), American Sociological Review (August 2006), BMJ Open (June 2016), Demography (10 papers reviewed between November 2008 and December 2015), Human Reproduction (4 papers, October 2014 to December 2016), Human Reproduction Update (April 2010, March 2011)
- Oxford University Press (book proposals);
- Project proposals evaluation for European Research Council (ERC))

Editorships, functions and memberships in academic organisations

- Council Member, European Association of Population 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

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 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: 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-)

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)

- 20 scientific papers in impacted international journals
- 588 citations on Web of Science (WOS) (573 without self-citations) as of May 2016;
4495 citations in Google scholar as of February 2017
- h-index: 11 (31 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.co.uk/citations?user=teHEocoAAAAJ&hl=en>

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." *Demographic Research* 19(6): 85-138.
10. Wilson, C., T. Sobotka, L. Williamson, and P. Boyle. 2013. "Migration and intergenerational replacement in Europe." *Population and Development Review* 39(1): 131-157.

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;