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Personal

Date of birth 17 November 1974
Citizenship Czech Republic
Languages English (fluent), Czech (mother tongue), German (passive), Russian (basic)

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Positions

- Deputy director (interim), Vienna Institute of Demography at the Austrian Academy of Sciences (since January 2023)
- Research group leader (Research Group *Fertility and Family*), Vienna Institute of Demography, Austrian Academy of Sciences (2012-)
- Editor in Chief, *Vienna Yearbook of Population Research* (since January 2021) (www.viennayearbook.org)
- Co-director, Human Fertility Database (www.humanfertility.org)
- Guest lecturer, Faculty of Science, Charles University in Prague (since 2019)

Research interest

Fertility in low-fertility settings; Fertility methods and measurement; Fertility timing; Delayed childbearing; Fertility intentions and ideals; Demography of Central and Eastern Europe; Childlessness; Assisted reproduction; Migration and population change; Fertility projections; Education and Fertility; Demographic data; COVID-19

Educational Attainment

2005-2006 (winter)	International Max Planck Research School for Demography, Rostock, Germany
2000-2004	Ph.D. research, Demography, Population Research Centre, University of Groningen; doctorate degree in Demography (25 November 2004)
1996-1998	M.A. study of Demography at the Charles University, Prague, completed in September 1998 (Masters exam)

Previous Positions and Functions

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

Publications (summary)

- *Web of Science* summary (February 2023): 43 publications, 2913 citations, H Index = 24
- *Google scholar* summary (February 2023): 11192 citations, H index = 46

List of publications

- Tomas Sobotka's publications are listed on Google scholar:
<https://scholar.google.at/citations?user=teHEocoAAAAJ&hl=en&oi=ao>
- 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

Top 10 publications

Sobotka, T., V. Skirbekk and Dimiter Philipov. 2011. "Economic recession and fertility in the developed world." *Population and Development Review* 37(2): 267-306.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1728-4457.2011.00411.x>

Sobotka, T., Zeman, K., Jasiloniene, A., Winkler-Dworak, M., Brzozowska, Z., Alustiza-Galarza, A., Németh, L., and Jdanov, D. 2023. "Pandemic Roller-Coaster? Birth Trends in Higher-Income Countries During the COVID-19 Pandemic. *Population and Development Review*, forthcoming (March 2023).

Sobotka, T. 2004. "Is lowest-low fertility in Europe explained by the postponement of childbearing?" *Population and Development Review* 30 (2), 195-220.
https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1728-4457.2004.010_1.x

Bongaarts, J. and T. Sobotka. 2012. "A demographic explanation for the recent rise in European fertility." *Population and Development Review* 38(1): 83-120.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1728-4457.2012.00473.x>

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.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1728-4457.2014.00691.x>

- Goldstein, J.R., T. Sobotka and A. Jasilioniene. 2009. "The end of lowest-low fertility?" *Population and Development Review* 35(4): 663-699. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1728-4457.2009.00304.x>
- Sobotka, T. 2004. *Postponement of childbearing and low fertility in Europe*. Ph.D. dissertation. Dutch Academic Press, Amsterdam
- 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. <https://doi.org/10.1093/humupd/dmr040>
- Matysiak, A., Sobotka, T. & Vignoli, D. 2020. The Great Recession and Fertility in Europe: A Sub-national Analysis. *European Journal of Population*, doi.org/10.1007/s10680-020-09556-y
- Sobotka, T. 2017. "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. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0021932017000323>

Additional research achievements

Projects (principal investigator):

- European Research Council (ERC) Starting Grant: *Fertility, reproduction and population change in 21st century Europe* (EURREP) (www.eurrep.org). Principal Investigator. Awarded 2011, research 2012-2017.
- FWF (Austrian Science Fund): Plan S compliance for Vienna Yearbook of Population Research. Boosting the journal's international visibility (2022-2023)

Keynote addresses, invited talks and invited presentations: conferences and seminars on population issues, policies, medical research and social trends in over 30 countries in Europe and Asia, and in Brazil, Mexico, United States and Australia

Data projects that are (were) either coordinated or initiated by T. Sobotka:

- *Human Fertility Database* (co-director): 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 2016, 2018, 2020, 2022*: www.populationeurope.org
- *Birth Barometer Austria*: www.birthbarometer.at/en

Conference organisation: Scientific organization of conferences and symposia (selected): *The Wittgenstein Centre Conference 2018* (main organiser); *The Second Human Fertility Database Symposium*, Berlin, June 2016 (co-organiser with MPIDR colleagues); *International conference Education and reproduction in low-fertility settings* (EDUREP) Vienna, 2–4 December 2015 (conference co-organiser)

Editorship: Editorship of monographs and special issues: Guest editor, Vienna Yearbook of Population Research 2011 (Vol. 9, *Reproductive decision-making*); Vienna Yearbook of Population Research 2017 (Vol. 15, *Education and Fertility in low-fertility settings*); Vienna Yearbook of Population research 2020 (Vol. 18, *Fertility across time and space*) and co-editor of *Childbearing Trends and Policies in Europe* (*Demographic Research*, Special Collection 7, 2008)

Awards: *Best Paper Award*, Demographic Research (2004), *Allianz European Demographer Award* (2017), *Dirk J. van de Kaa Award for Social Demography* 2022 (EAPS), *Top Peer Reviewer* (Web of Science, current)

Reviews: Peer reviews of manuscripts for over 60 journals (including Science, American Journal of Sociology, Demography, Human Reproduction) of grant proposals (7 organisations including European Research Council) and of book proposals for different publishing houses (including Oxford University Press). Reviews since 2015 verified on Web of Science (100 verified reviews since 2015 as of February 2023; *Top Peer Reviewer* status).

Boards & committees: Member of doctoral research committees: Charles University in Prague, University of Evora (Portugal), University of Helsinki. Member, Departmental Council for doctoral study of Demography, Faculty of Science, Charles University in Prague (current position). International Advisory Board of the Institute of Sociology of the Czech Academy of Sciences (since 2019). Editorial board member: *European Journal of Population*, *Comparative Population Studies*, *Czech Sociological Review*, *Demographic Review*

Lecturing: Since Spring 2019: Annual Course for MA & PhD students, *Global Population Challenges* (in English) and individual seminars Faculty of Science, Charles University, Prague

Council Member, European Association of Pop. Studies (2016-2020, elected function)

Institutional collaborations: Long-term collaboration with United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) (Istanbul, Moldova, New York and other branches). Consultancies, presentations and assignments for World Bank, UN Population Division, government of Portugal (*Portugal 2030* agenda), Resources For the Future (RFF), Korean Institute for Health and Social Affairs (KIHASA), London Economics and other organizations