

# THE INTERGENERATIONAL TRANSMISSION OF REPRODUCTIVE BEHAVIOR: COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES

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## Aim of the seminar

The aim of this international seminar is to examine the intergenerational transmission of reproductive behavior from new perspectives: comparing social-environmental and genetic factors (and their interplay), and comparing the familial transmission of reproductive behavior across subgroups and contexts. Over the last few decades, several scholars have argued that integration of biological and genetic factors into theories and models of population processes and demographic behavior is crucial to the production of innovative research. In the intergenerational transmission of reproductive behavior, both genetic and social-environmental mechanisms play a role. Genetic inheritance may work through the ability to have children, i.e. the fecundity and fecundability of women, and/or through the desire for children or childbearing motivations. Fertility behavior may also be transmitted through socialization, meaning that preferences and attitudes regarding family formation are instilled in the younger generation when growing up in the parental home.

## Seminar Program

**June 9, 2011 (Thursday)**

9:00- 9:30 *Coffee and cake*

9:30-9:45 Welcome by Koen Matthijs (K.U.Leuven)

### **Session 1: Social versus Genetic Determinants**

Chair: Jan Kok (K.U.Leuven & Radboud University Nijmegen)

9:45-10:15 Unraveling the intergenerational transmission of fertility in a historical population

*Hilde Bras (Radboud University Nijmegen), Jan van Bavel (Free University Brussels) and Kees Mandemakers (International Institute for Social History)*

10:15-10:45 Intergenerational continuities in fertility. Multigenerational transmission of fertility in contemporary Sweden

*Martin Kolk (Stockholm University)*

10:45- 11:15 Kin patterns and the clustering of infant mortality

*Mattijs Vandezande, Sarah Moreels and Koen Matthijs (K.U.Leuven)*

11:15-12:30 General discussion

12:30-14:00 *Lunch*

### **Session 2: Social backgrounds, Norms and Values**

Chair: Gray Swicegood (University of Illinois)

14:00-14:30 Social background and becoming a parent in Sweden

*Johan Dahlberg (Stockholm University)*

14:30-15:00 From mothers to daughters: the social meaning of children and the value of parenthood.

*Laura Bernardi (University of Lausanne)*

15:00-15:30 General discussion

15:30-15:45 *Coffee break*

### **Session 3: Socio-Environmental and Demographic Factors**

Chair: Theo Engelen (Radboud University Nijmegen)

15:45-16:15 The Intergenerational transmission of reproductive behaviour in Romania and Russia: a comparative perspective

*Raluca Caplescu (Bucharest Academy of Economic Studies)*

16:15-16:45 Demographic socialization and reproductive behavior in a transitional context: a macro-micro perspective

*Reto Schumacher (K.U.Leuven and University of Geneva)*

16:45-17:15 General discussion

19:00-21:00 *Dinner at the Faculty Club*

### **June 10, 2011 (Friday)**

9:30-10:00 *Coffee and cake*

### **Session 4: Comparisons Between Migrants and Natives**

Chair: Kees Mandemakers (IISG, Amsterdam)

10:15-10:45 Intergenerational transmission of fertility behavior. A longitudinal study of age at first birth among native-born Swedes and second generation immigrants, 1990-2010.

*Maria Stanfors and Kirk Scott (Lund University)*

10:45-11:15 'What's in a Name?' - The selection of baby names among migrants and natives in Antwerp, 1850-1920

*Paul Puschmann (K.U.Leuven), Koen Matthijs (K.U.Leuven), Doreen Gerritzen (the Meertens Institute, Amsterdam) and Maira Coore (K.U.Leuven)*

11:15-11:45 Intergenerational discrepancies in fertility preferences among immigrant and Dutch families

*Helga de Valk (Free University Brussels)*

11:45-12:30 General discussion

12:30-13:00 Epilogue by Jan van Bavel (Free University Brussels)

13.00-14:00 *Lunch*

## **Paper submission and presentations**

Please submit your paper to Paul Puschmann ([Paul.Puschmann@soc.kuleuven.be](mailto:Paul.Puschmann@soc.kuleuven.be)) before June, 2. In order to enable us to assess the best possibilities for the publication of the papers, this is important.

The seminar room is equipped with a laptop, beamer and an internet connection. We will collect all PowerPoint presentations. To make sure that nothing goes wrong, we strongly recommend you to take a copy of your presentation with you on a usb-stick.

## **Guidelines for the presentations and discussions**

Every participant is expected to give a presentation of twenty minutes. Subsequently there is a short round for specific questions of a clarifying or informative nature. Every session will be closed by a plenary discussion in which everybody is invited to take part.

## **Registration and Fees**

Everybody who likes to take part in the seminar (even the speakers) is expected to fill in the participation sheet and send it as soon as possible to [Paul.Puschmann@soc.kuleuven.be](mailto:Paul.Puschmann@soc.kuleuven.be). In this way we will be able to provide you with sufficient food, drinks and a decent accommodation. We will not charge any registration fees, but everybody has to bear its own travel expenses. Lunch and dinner will be freely available for everybody, but we will only cover the costs for hotel rooms for our international speakers.

Finally if somebody may encounter difficulties with registration, submission of the paper, or anything related to your stay in Leuven he or she may always contact Paul Puschmann (Phone: 0032474203471/ E-mail: [Paul.Puschmann@soc.kuleuven.be](mailto:Paul.Puschmann@soc.kuleuven.be)).

## Practical information

### *How to reach Leuven?*

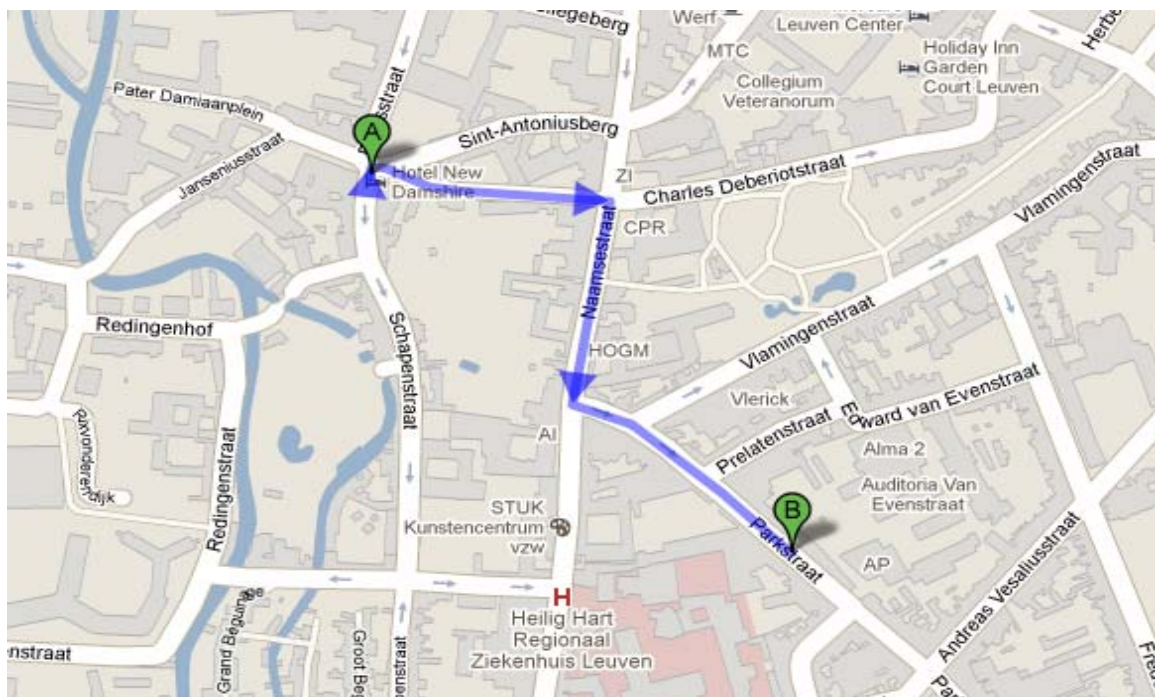
Leuven is located in the centre of Belgium, about 20 kilometres east of the capital of Brussels. From Brussels airport, Leuven is easily to reach by train within 20 minutes. From the train station, busses and taxis will bring you to every corner of the city.

### *Hotel New Damshire*

For our international speakers we have made a reservation for a single bedroom in hotel New Damshire, which is located in the hearth of the city of Leuven. The rooms are equipped with a single bed, a toilet, a bath or a shower, air-conditioning, television, radio, an alarm clock, a minibar, a safe, a telephone and an internet connections. The hotel has an indoor private parking, which is not for free (12 Euros a day). From the train station you can take the bus line 1 and 2 in the direction of Heverlee. Alight at the bus station Sint-Michielskerk and walk down the Sint-Antonijsberg (only about 200 meters). You will find the hotel New Damshire on your left.

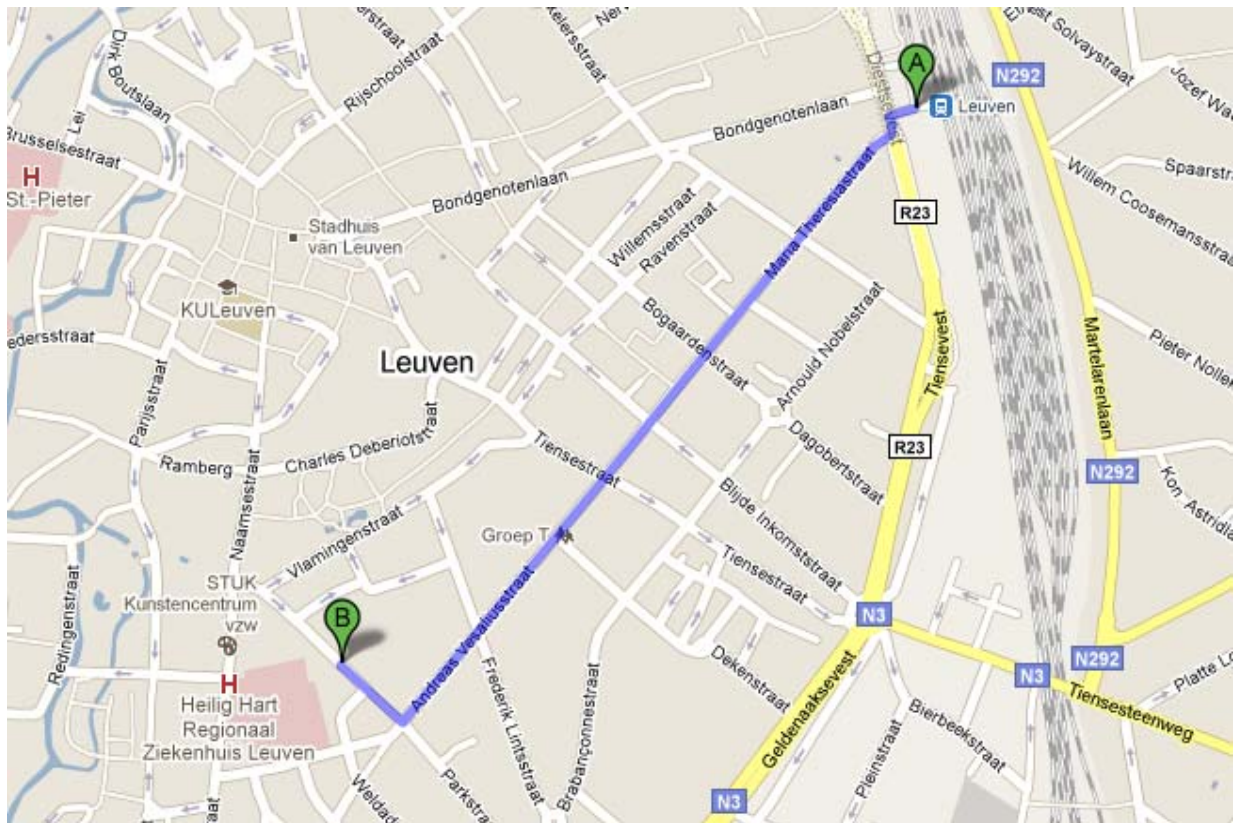
### *How to reach the seminar room?*

Our seminar will take place in the council chamber ("Raadzaal"; SW00.13) of the Faculty of Social Sciences of the K.U.Leuven. The room is located left from the main entrance of the building. Signs will indicate the right direction. From the hotel New Damshire the Faculty of Social Sciences is reachable by a ten minutes walk. You go up the Ramberg, turn right into the Naamsestraat. Subsequently, turn left into the Parkstraat. You will find the faculty at you left (number 45).



**Map 1: From the hotel to the Faculty of Social Sciences**

From Leuven's railway station, you can reach the Faculty of Social Sciences within a walk of about twenty to twenty-five minutes. From the Martelarenplein (square in front of the railway station) you take the Maria Theresiastraat, which leads in South-western direction. Keep on going straight ahead and turn after about 1,6 kilometres right into the Parkstraat. You will find the Faculty of Social Sciences on your right side. You can also take bus lines 1 and 2 (get out at 'Sint Michielskerk' and continue the route indicated in *Map 1*) or line 4 (get out at Rustoord Remy and continue the route indicated in *Map 2*).



**Map 2: From the railway station to the Faculty of Social Sciences**

### *Lunch and dinner*

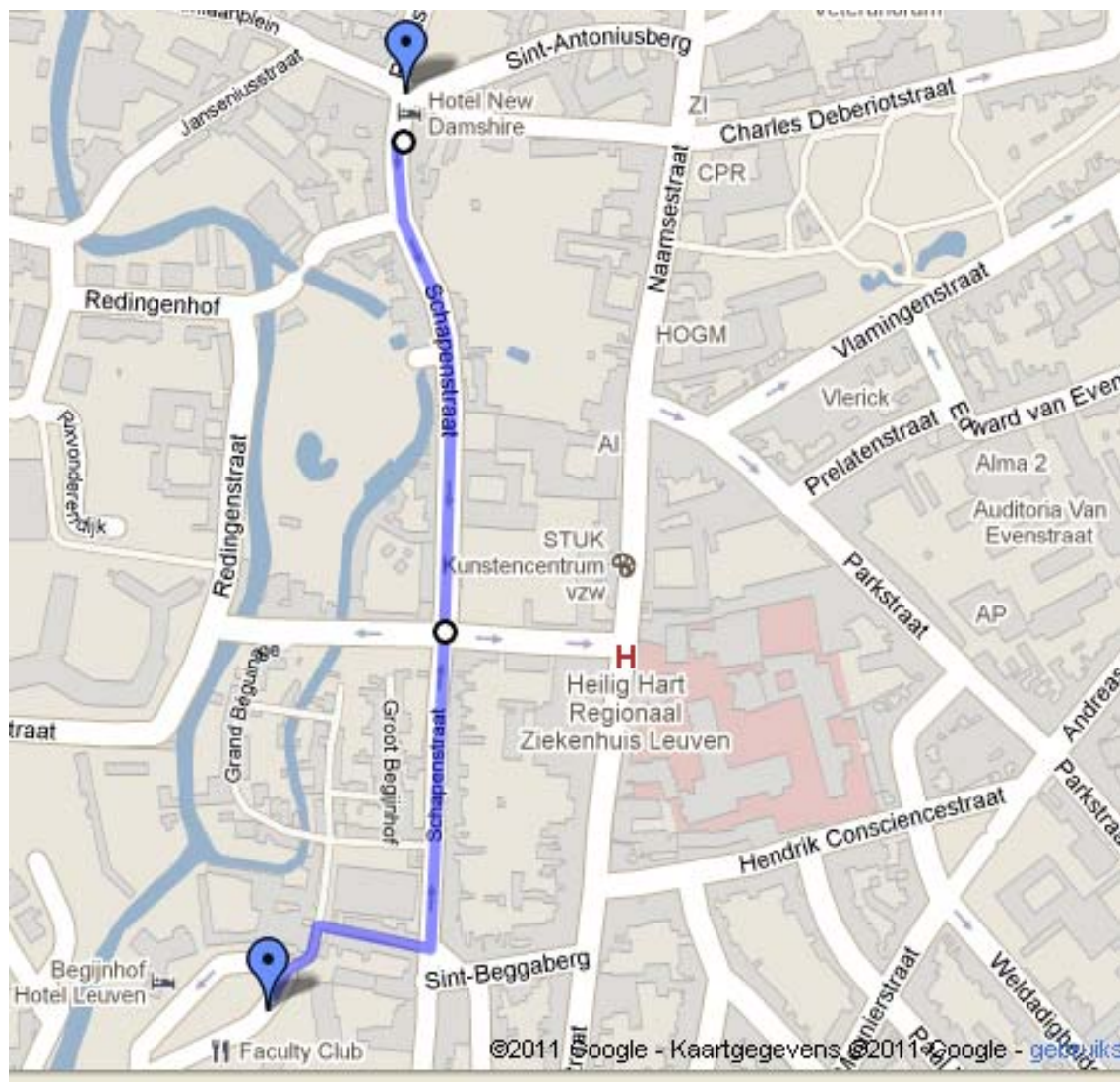
On Thursday and Friday we will provide you with a lunch. We will have this lunch together in the seminar room. During the seminar, coffee, tea, orange juice and fizzy and still mineral water will be continuously available.

On Thursday evening we will take you out for dinner in the Faculty Club of the K.U.Leuven. The Faculty club is a fine restaurant at an historically interesting location. The so-called Grand-Beguinage (Groot Begijnhof) was constructed during the 13<sup>th</sup> century and is today included in the UNESCO World Heritage List.

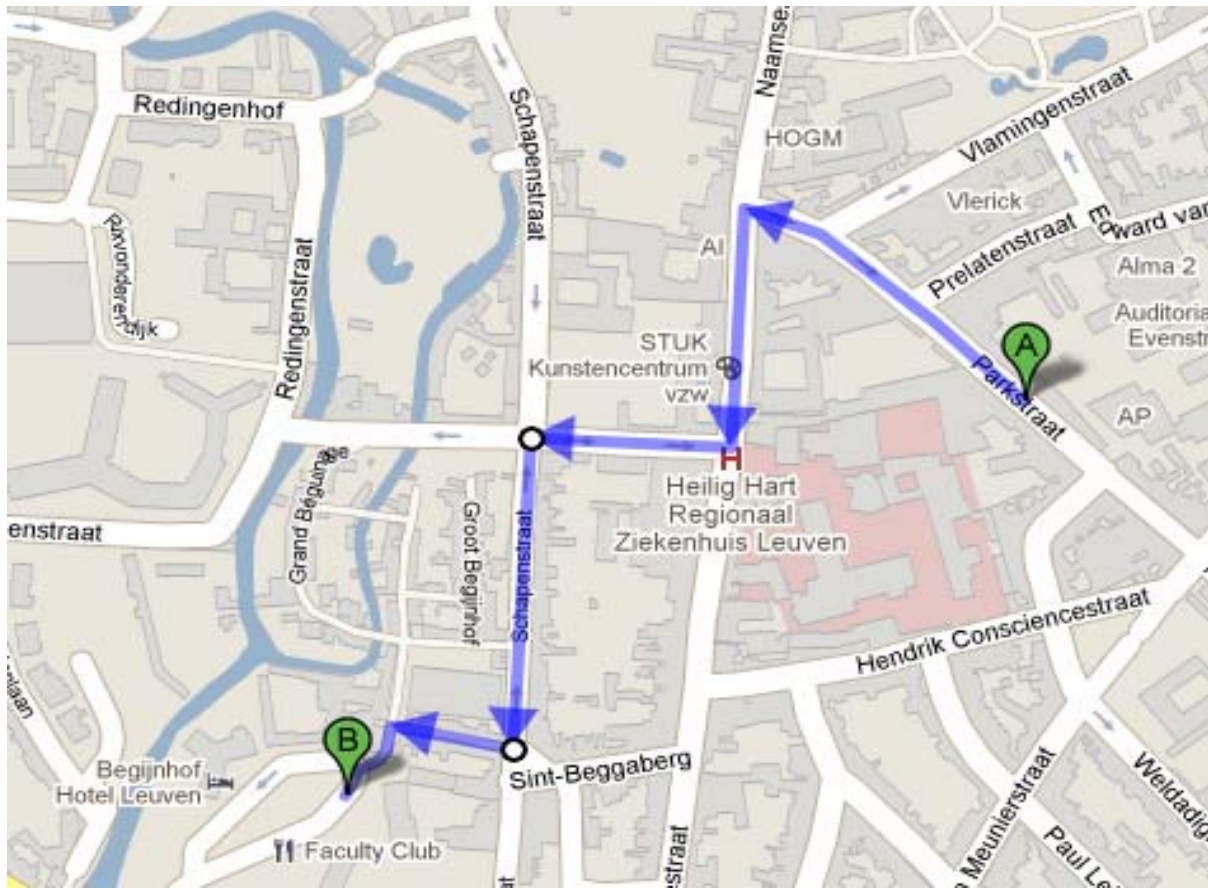
### *How to reach the Faculty Club?*

The Faculty Club is located in the southern part of Leuven, only a few minutes walking from the hotel New Damshire and the Faculty of Social Sciences. From the hotel New Damshire you take the Schapenstraat to the south until you reach a small triangular square (in front of the bar del Sol). Then, you turn right and you will enter immediately the Grand-Beguinage. If you go left at the end of the alley, you will find the Faculty Club on your right hand.

From the Faculty of Social Sciences you take the Parkstraat to the northwest. Subsequently you turn left into the Naamsestraat. Go down the first street on your right (Karmelietenberg). Turn left into the Schapenstraat, until you reach a small triangular square (in front of the bar del Sol). Then, you turn right and you will enter immediately the Grand-Beguinage. If you go left at the end of the alley, you will find the Faculty Club on your right hand.



**Map 3: From the hotel to the Faculty Club**



Map 4: From the seminar room to the Faculty Club