

Liebe Kolleginnen und Kollegen, liebe Mitglieder der Sektion,

im Juni hat der Oberste Gerichtshof in Russland die renommierte Deutsche Gesellschaft für Osteuropakunde (DGO) gemeinsam mit 54 anderen Organisationen als extremistische Organisation eingestuft. Es handelt sich um die erste deutsche Institution mit diesem Status. Die Einstufung einer Forschungsorganisation als "extremistisch" ist vollkommen ungerechtfertigt und dennoch folgenreich für alle Personen, die in Verbindung mit der DGO stehen. Auch die Sektion Europasozio­logie, die aus der Sektion für Osteuropaforschung hervorgegangen ist, verurteilt diesen Schritt als Angriff auf die Wissenschaftsfreiheit aufs Schärfste. Ost- und Südosteuropaforschung sowie kritische Forschung sind und bleiben wichtig für das Selbstverständnis der Europaforschung und der Sozialwissenschaften insgesamt. Der Vorstand der DGS hat hierzu eine Stellungnahme auf der Homepage veröffentlicht, die Sie [hier](#) nachlesen können. Die DGO prüft derzeit weitere Schritte.

### Calls

- Call for Papers für das *Social Inclusion* Special Issue **Gender Equality Plans in European Research Performing Organisations**, Deadline: 15 August, Näheres [hier](#),
- Call for Contributions für ein Research Lab am EUI und Special Issue zum Thema **FEMETRICS (Visible Women: gender, data, social Europe)**, Deadline: 15. August (vollständiger Call anbei),
- die DGS-Sektionen "Sozialpolitik" und "Soziale Ungleichheit" veranstalten vom 24. - 26. März 2025 eine englisch-deutschsprachige Frühjahrstagung in Bamberg zum Thema "Social Policy and Inequality in the Polycrisis", Call ist anbei und geöffnet bis 1. November,
- bei der Regional Studies Association vergibt **Research Network Grant Schemes**, Deadline: 24. Oktober, mehr dazu [hier](#)

### Stellenausschreibungen

- die **Europa-Universität Viadrina** schreibt eine Stelle zur Akademischen Mitarbeit (100%, befristet) im **Masterstudiengang „European Studies“** aus, Deadline: 16. August (anbei),
- an der IMC Krems ist die Stelle eines **Programme Director for Transnational Programmes** zu besetzen (flexibel), [hier](#) geht's zur Ausschreibung,
- an der Autonomous University of Barcelona sind vier Post-Doc-Stellen (100%, befristet) im Projekt **Who Counts? Incorporating a 'missing minority' to re-examine the profile, drivers and depth of poverty across Europe** mit Frist zum 13. September ausgeschrieben (zwei [Senior](#) Post-Doc-Stellen, zwei [Junior](#) Post-Doc-Stellen),

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## Visible Women: Gender | Data | Social Europe

### FEMETRICS LAB

#### Call for contributions

10 July 2024

[FEMETRICS](#) is a project funded under the European University Institute's *Widening Europe* programme. It addresses gender data gaps by assessing official statistics providers, highlighting the non-economic aspect of gender-data availability, capturing the broader wellbeing of women and girls, and analysing policy and legal frameworks. It combines policy analysis with data science and focuses on intra- and inter-generational equity by analysing the state of affairs of sex-/gender-disaggregated data and pathways to such data at EU level and in the 15 EUI *Widening Europe* programme EU member states<sup>1</sup>. The project is led by Jaromír Harmáček<sup>2</sup>, Bogna Kietlinska<sup>3</sup> and Gaby Umbach<sup>4</sup>.

#### Rationale

Data are the oxygen of evidence-informed policy-making. By virtue of the different functions they perform, they “have become instruments of collective political action”<sup>5</sup>, without which contemporary politics are unthinkable.

In light of the exponential growth in the use and influence of data, and the ecosystem of data sources, understanding and analysing data and statistics have become essential challenges for both policy-making and academia. To understand the quality of, and gaps in, data at the foundations of policy design

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<sup>4</sup> Part-time Professor and Director, Research Area ‘Knowledge, Governance, Transformations’, Global Governance Programme, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute.

<sup>5</sup> Umbach, Gaby (2022): Statistical and Data Literacy in Policy-Making, Special Stream on ‘Statistical and Data Literacy in Policy-making’ of the Statistical Journal of the International Association of Official Statistics (SJIAOS), 38(2), p. 445-452, p. 445.

is therefore a future-oriented skill and task, essential to democratic accountability.

Flawed data, data inequalities<sup>6</sup> and distorted data analysis breed policy interventions set to fail, with real world implications. Few areas reflect the interlinkages between the data knowledge base of political interventions and democratic policy outcomes<sup>7</sup> as much as social policy, for which a reliable factual basis is indispensable to targeting regulation.

It has been well documented that gender bias in data, i.e., data where men are the norm, fail to adequately reflect women's lived experiences<sup>8</sup>. In 2022, UN Women estimated that it would take 22 years to close the gender data gap to adequately assess the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and concluded that no one country had all the necessary sex-/gender-disaggregated data (GDD) available<sup>9</sup>.

Data accessibility is crucial to facilitate social policy analysis and design. Improving data pathways facilitates access to GDD across different levels of political and governance systems. Analysing data pathways to GDD assesses existing institutions, processes, networks, and initiatives of data collection, curation, and use to inform policy-making on women's wellbeing and gender equality in social policy. The optimisation of existing data collection patterns and management is as much of interest here as are the quality of data used to assess women's well-being, the structure and governance of data, the contribution of data communities, open data infrastructure, and data sharing by policy-making bodies for the public good. The analysis of data pathways creates common knowledge of European and country-specific practice.

The present FEMETRICS call for contributions focuses on gender-data related deep dives into social policy research. These can have the form of data analysis, reports, explorative academic reflections or research papers. Thematically, they focus on intra- and inter-generational equity by inviting research on the impact of sex-/gender-disaggregated data and pathways to such data in the field of EU social policy to harness research and analyses to improve existing approaches, policies, and institutions. Proposed contributions shall focus on the quality of data used to assess women's well-being, the structure and

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<sup>6</sup> Fisher, A., Streinz, T. (2022). Confronting data inequality. *Columbia Journal of International Law* 60, 829–955.

<sup>7</sup> See De Luca, S. (2022). Data revolution e democrazia: un rapporto problematico. *Storia del pensiero politico*, pp. 431–448. <https://doi.org/10.4479/106361>.

<sup>8</sup> See Criado Perez, C. (2019). *Invisible women: Exposing data bias in a world designed for men*. Random House, and D'Ignazio, C., & Klein, L. F. (2020). *Data feminism*. MIT press.

<sup>9</sup> UN Women (2022). It will take 22 years to close SDG gender data gaps. Available at <https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/feature-story/2022/09/it-will-take-22-years-to-close-sdg-gender-data-gaps>.

governance of data, open access to data, and data sharing by policy-making bodies for the public good. Proposed contributions can combine policy and/or social science analysis with data science.

## Application guidelines

Statistical data collection most commonly applies a disaggregation by biological sex (i.e., a binary definition of sex). However, gender-disaggregated data (i.e., reflecting social identities) play an important role in framing social policies. Submissions can focus either on sex-disaggregated or on gender-disaggregated data and/or apply a comparative perspective to both types of data to allow for a broad perspective on the subject area. The project does not apply any type of judgement whatsoever on a broader definition of gender, and it does not advocate for any limitations in defining gender. Rather, it acknowledges that GDD provide deeper insights into a broad range of social and gender-related realities.

Following the geographical focus of the EUI's *Widening Europe* programme, the FEMETRICS call for contributions targets the following 15 EU member states: **Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia.**

Early-stage Researchers<sup>10</sup> are invited to submit proposals. The applicant (i.e., the author submitting the contribution to the present call) must be hosted by an institution located in one of the above 15 EUI *Widening Europe* programme countries to be eligible to apply. The proposals shall focus on gender data and social policy with a preferred focus on one of the following strands, or a combination thereof:

- 1) GDD in the social policy sphere, including but not limited to the a) impact of (missing) GDD on policy design and human wellbeing, and b) social data analysis under a GDD lens;
- 2) Data pathways to GDD in the social policy sphere.

Authors are invited to assess existing institutions, processes, networks, and data collection patterns to identify best practices and relevant GDD gaps in the above-mentioned fifteen countries. These fifteen countries shall also feature as

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<sup>10</sup> **The submitting author, i.e., the author submitting the proposal to this call and applying for participation in the FEMETRICS Lab at the EUI in Florence, must be an Early-Stage Researcher (ESR) located in an institution within one of the above-listed EU member states of the EUI Widening Programme. ESR can range from the start of their PhD, up to 3 years following the completion of their PhD. Co-authors can be of any level of experience.**

case studies for proposed contributions (either individually or in a comparative perspective). Case studies from other countries are also welcome.

Contributions can be prepared by a single author or a group of authors. The submitting author must be **located in an institution within one of the above-listed EU member states of the EUI Widening Europe Programme**. One contribution per country (of host institution) will be selected for the final project conference. After the initial selection of proposals and before the full submission of the contributions for the final conference, two online workshops, one for each of the above strands, will inform the finalisation of the contributions. The final conference will take the form of a FEMETRICS Lab, designed to share, and challenge ideas and findings, and build proposals that culminate in two outputs: (1) Concrete recommendations for improving the gender data infrastructure in the selected countries and beyond, and (2) identification of key future research areas in the field. The submitting author (i.e., an ESR) of the selected contribution will be invited to participate in person in the FEMETRICS Lab. FEMETRICS will cover travel and accommodation costs for the participation of submitting authors. Other authors of both selected and non-selected contributions are invited to participate online.

The best final contributions will be invited for publication in a special journal issue on gender disaggregated data and data pathways. The journal will be in the field of gender and social policy (such as the European Journal of Politics and Gender).

## Key dates

- **15 August 2024:** Deadline for submitting the contribution proposals (up to 5-pages).
- **2 September 2024:** Successful candidates are notified. They will receive a research input paper from FEMETRICS, including the state of the art on the two strands, as a common analytical reference point for discussion and the finalisation of their contributions to the conference.
  - Selected submitting authors will be invited to participate in the final conference.
  - Co-authors and interested non-selected authors will be invited to participate in the final conference online.
- **01 October-01 November 2024:** Two online input workshops for selected authors with experts in the field.

- **11-12 November 2024:** Final FEMETRICS Lab at the EUI in Florence (participation of the submitting author – an ESR – from each of the 15 *Widening Europe* programme countries (host institution criteria) and online option for co-authors and interested non-selected authors).
- **December 2024:** Preparation of journal special issue and reflections on future collaboration.

Contribution proposals should be submitted in a **single email addressed to both** Part-time Prof Dr Gaby Umbach ([gaby.umbach@eui.eu](mailto:gaby.umbach@eui.eu)) and Mira Tiwari ([miramanini.tiwari@eui.eu](mailto:miramanini.tiwari@eui.eu)) with the subject line '**FEMETRICS Proposal**'.

In case of questions related to this call, please contact Part-time Prof Dr Gaby Umbach and Mira Tiwari at the European University Institute's Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies.

## Social Policy and Inequality in the Polycrisis

Developed welfare states are currently affected by multiple crises that are not only related to social inequalities but are also likely to shape the social structure of modern societies in the long run. These include developments such as international conflicts and wars, the climate crisis, pandemics, demographic ageing, the heterogeneous perception of (refugee) migration and how to deal with it, and the increasing popularity of extremist parties. Although modern welfare states have the means to respond to crisis-induced inequalities in the short term and provide to compensatory mechanisms (e.g., short-time work benefits during the Covid-19 pandemic), the current confluence of crises poses greater challenges for social policy and may at the same time call into question the basis of its political legitimacy. While some argue that these challenges can only be met with welfare state compensation that addresses citizens’ urgent problems and reduces inequalities, others claim that overly generous spending and social benefits that seem to be used by only a few pose a threat to the welfare state and its support among citizens. Still others argue that in times of multiple crisis social policy should re-focus on the welfare and living conditions of future generations, investing more in education or measures to mitigate global warming to avoid future increases in social inequality.

At the joint conference we want to reflect these current developments from an inequality and a social policy perspective, asking (1) which consequences current crises as well as their policy responses have for social inequality and individuals’ socio-economic well-being, behaviour, and attitudes, and (2) how today’s social inequalities as well as their individual-level perceptions and consequences are reflected in policy and politics. Do crises and reforms alter citizens’ attitudes towards inequality and related policies, and if yes, why is this so? Are current reforms a consequence of crises, or do these rather serve as rationale for reforms with other purposes?

Submissions may cover a broad scope of topics such as income and wealth, family, housing, attitudes, political discourse, social policy design, and apply both quantitative and qualitative methods. Comparative and theoretical perspectives are welcome as well. **Please submit an abstract in German or English language not longer than 500 words until 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024** to [conference.sfa@uni-bamberg.de](mailto:conference.sfa@uni-bamberg.de). Notification of the selection will be made by 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024. Presentations may be in English or German. The conference fee is 30 Euro.

Both sections would like to draw attention of young researchers to the possibility to apply for travel allowances for accepted abstracts, should no other funding be possible. The Section “Social Inequality and Social Stratification” awards an allowance of up to 400 euros for travel and accommodation (see [homepage of the Section](#)). The Section “Social Policy” likewise invites PhD researchers who are members of the Section to apply for travel subsidy (contact see [homepage of the Section](#)).

### The organisers:

[Katja Möhring](#) (Section “Social Policy” and University of Bamberg),

[Corinna Kleinert](#) (Section “Social Inequality and Social Stratification,” University of Bamberg and Leibniz Institute for Educational Trajectories, LfBi)

[Andreas Weiland](#) (University of Bamberg)





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## **Stellenausschreibung**

An der Stiftung Europa-Universität Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder) ist im [Masterstudiengang „European Studies“](#) ist zum **01.10.2024** die Stelle als

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  - im Wintersemester: „Einführung in die Soziologie Europas und der europäischen Integration“,
  - im Sommersemester: ein Kurs in sozialwissenschaftlichen Methoden (mit Anwendung),
  - weitere Themen im Rahmen des Studiengangs frei wählbar und in Absprache möglich
- Ihre eigene Forschungsarbeit im Umfang von 50% der Arbeitszeit zur eigenen Qualifikation
- Betreuung und Erst- sowie Zweitbegutachtung von MA-Abschlussarbeiten (auf deutsch und englisch),
- Mitarbeit am Master Europa-Studien, z.B. durch Organisation und Begleitung öffentlicher Veranstaltungen

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- Sie verfügen über ein ausgeprägtes Profil in der universitären Lehre, nach Möglichkeit haben Sie Erfahrungen mit innovativen Lehrformaten
- wissenschaftliche Forschungstätigkeit zu europäischen Themen (insbesondere Mittel- und Osteuropa) mit entsprechenden Publikationen



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- ausgeprägte Teamfähigkeit und interdisziplinäre Auffassungsgabe
- hohe Einsatzbereitschaft, Flexibilität, Reisebereitschaft
- Erfahrung in der Veranstaltungs-/ Projektorganisation
- fundierte PC-Kenntnisse (Microsoft Office, Internet, CMS)
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- Arbeiten an einer lebendigen Universität mit internationalem Profil im Herzen Europas
- flexibles Arbeiten mit Homeoffice und mobiles Arbeiten
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- ein breites [Fort- und Weiterbildungsangebot](#)

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