

Call for Sessions: 10th International Community, Work and Family Conference – 25-28 March 2025 in Bielefeld, Germany

The 10th International Community, Work and Family Conference will take place on 25-28 March 2025 in Bielefeld, Germany with the theme: **Community, Work, and Family in Flux: Exploring changing structures, policies, and practices in a global perspective.**

The conference will bring together our global multidisciplinary community of scholars and practitioners to contribute to debates on changing structures, policies and practices of community, work and family (CWF) and to stimulate further research in this regard. We are currently witnessing simultaneous and ongoing dynamics of change at the global level. Prime examples are the COVID-19 pandemic, digitalization, climate change, migration, and ongoing armed conflicts. We invite sessions focusing on the meaning of these global change dynamics for Community, Work and Family and their intersections. This includes sessions on long-term implications of the COVID 19 pandemic, digitalization and involved opportunities and risks for CWF, CWF in the eco-social transformation, or CWF in a context of ongoing conflict and war. Moreover, calls for sessions are especially welcome which address public policies, inequality structures, and organizations as filters of global change, for example sessions on organizational attenuation and acceleration of change. We also invite sessions on the politics of community, work, and family, including consequences for policy feedback or the structuring by and of patterns of social inequality. Sessions on agency in CWF would help to shed light on individual strategies in managing the risks and opportunities involved in different dynamics of global change. We especially welcome sessions which integrate global perspectives of the global south and north.

There will be several opportunities for networking during the conference, including a pre-doctoral workshop on 25 March.

Submission of session proposals

Submission instructions: Please email your session proposal or any questions to icwf2025@uni-bielefeld.de by **31 January 2023**. The subject line of the email should indicate the topic of the session proposal. Proposals are expected to include a description of the session's focus and how it relates to the theme of the conference (maximum of 1,000 words). Optionally, a session proposal can already include authors and topics of planned presentations within the session. Otherwise the call for abstracts will include the accepted sessions. Note that session organizers will be contacted to help with the selection of abstracts for their session. Further, at least one session organizer will need to be present at the conference to chair their session(s).

Important dates

- 31 January 2024: Submission deadline for stream proposals
- 29. February 2024: Notification of stream acceptance
- 1 March 2024: Call for abstracts disseminated
- 30 June 2024: Submission deadline for abstracts
- 1 September 2024: Notification of abstract acceptance
- 20 February 2025: Paper deadline for the pre-conference distribution within sessions

We are looking forward to receiving your session proposals.

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