

## Research Network 13: Sociology of Families and Intimate lives

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#### Activities of the research network

**March 2007** the research network organizes an Interim Meeting in Lausanne: “Beyond the nuclear family: families as webs of relationships”. Convenor: Eric Widmer and Ritta Jallinoja (Universities of Lausanne and Helsinki). Funding institutions: University of Lausanne, University of Helsinki, ESA.

**2007 ESA Congress in Glasgow** with sessions organized by the RN Sociology of Families and Intimate Lives. Convenor: Karin Wall. 13 sessions with 75 presentations by researchers from 23 different countries (Switzerland, France, Belgium, Sweden, Finland, Norway, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Germany, Cyprus, Denmark, Netherlands, Estonia, Slovenia, UK, Ireland, Israel, Luxembourg, Poland, Romania, Russia, Czech Republic). 44 papers presented.

**September 2008** the research network organizes an Interim Meeting in Helsinki: “Family in the making. Theorizing family in the contemporary European context”. Convenor: Ritta Jallinoja and Eric Widmer (Universities of Helsinki and Geneva). Funding institutions: University of Helsinki, ESA. 33 papers presented.

**2009 ESA Congress in Lisbon** with sessions organized by the RN Sociology of Families and Intimate Lives. Convenor: Eric Widmer 19 sessions with 90 presentations by researchers.

**September 2010.** the research network organizes an Interim Meeting in Wiesbaden: “Geographical mobility and family life: How to (re-)think family in a mobile world?”. Convenor: Norbert Schneider and Eric Widmer (Federal Institute for Population Research, Germany and Geneva). Funding institutions: , ESA.

## **Decision of the business meeting of the ESA conference of Lisbon.**

Eric D. Widmer was reelected for a new term as a chair. Claude Martin, from France, and Giovanna Rossi, from Italy joined the board of the research network, providing a direct link with two countries in which researchers on families and intimate lives are very active. It was decided during the board meeting to promote international collaborations on empirical projects. The Portuguese project lead by Dr Karin Wall on family networks and life trajectories is calling for further international collaborations. Switzerland (Jacques-Antoine Gauthier, Dominique Joye and Eric Widmer), Finland (Riitta Jallinoja) and Lithuania (Vida Cesnūtyte) are willing to join the project pending national funding. Other national teams are invited to participate to the project. Further information on the project can be asked to Karin Wall or Eric Widmer.