

Curriculum Vitae

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Current position (since 2015)

Academic Coordinator

Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy

Munich Research Institute for the Economics of Aging and SHARE Analysis (MEA-SHARE)

Previous positions

- 2014–2015 **SHARE Assistant Coordinator & Head of Unit SHARE Research**
Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy / MEA
Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE)
- 2011–2014 **Senior Researcher**
Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy / MEA
Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE)
- 2009–2011 **Researcher**
Mannheim Research Institute for the Economics of Aging, University of Mannheim
Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE)
- 2008–2009 **Lecturer**
University of Mannheim, Faculty of Social Sciences
- 2003–2009 **Researcher**
Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES), University of Mannheim

Education

- 2013 **Dr. rer. soc.**, University of Mannheim
- 2002 **Diploma** in Social Sciences, University of Mannheim

Areas of research

Sociology/economics/demography of the family (in particular related to intra-family bargaining, divorce, fertility, well-being, life-course & ageing, social inequality, long-term care);
Quantitative methods of empirical social research (in particular related to panel data methods, causal inference, mediation analysis, policy evaluation)

Awards

- 2013 Pairfam Best Paper Award (with Gerrit Bauer)

Publications

Articles in Refereed Journals

Bauer, Gerrit, Martina Brandt & Thorsten Kneip (2023): **The Role of Parenthood for Life Satisfaction of Older Women and Men in Europe.** *Journal of Happiness Studies*, 24, 275-307.

Kneip, Thorsten; Börsch-Supan, Axel; Andersen-Ranberg, Karen (2022): **Social, Health and Economic Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic from a European Perspective.** *European Journal of Ageing*, 19, 789–792.

Kronsnabl, Judith, Thorsten Kneip, Luzia Weiss & Michael Bergmann (2021): **Bodyweight Change and Cognitive Performance in the Older Population.** *PLOS ONE* 16(4): e0249651.

Best, Henning & Thorsten Kneip (2019): **Assessing the Causal Effect of Curbside Collection on Recycling Behavior in a Non-randomized Experiment with Self-reported Outcome.** *Environmental and Resource Economics*, 72: 1203-1223.

Kneip, Thorsten, Gerrit Bauer & Steffen Reinhold (2014): **Direct and Indirect Effects of Unilateral Divorce Law on Marital Stability.** *Demography*, 51(6): 2103-2126.

Bauer, Gerrit & Thorsten Kneip (2014): **Dyadic Fertility Decisions in a Life Course Perspective.** *Advances in Life Course Research*, 21, 87-100.

Bauer, Gerrit & Thorsten Kneip (2013): **Fertility From a Couple Perspective: A Test of Competing Decision Rules on Proceptive Behaviour.** *European Sociological Review*, 29, 535-548.

Reinhold, Steffen, Thorsten Kneip and Gerrit Bauer (2013): **The Long Run Consequences of Unilateral Divorce Laws on Children – Evidence from SHARELIFE.** *Journal of Population Economics*, 26, 1035-1056.

Börsch-Supan, Axel, Martina Brandt, Christian Hunkler, Thorsten Kneip, Julie Korbmacher, Frederic Malter, Barbara Schaan, Stephanie Stuck & Sabrina Zuber (2013): **Data Resource Profile: The Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE).** *International Journal of Epidemiology*, 42, 992-1001.

Best, Henning & Thorsten Kneip (2011): **The Impact of Attitudes and Behavioral Costs on Environmental Behavior: A Natural Experiment on Household Waste Recycling.** *Social Science Research*, 40, 917-930.

Kneip, Thorsten & Gerrit Bauer (2009): **Did Unilateral Divorce Laws Raise Divorce Rates in Western Europe?** *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 71, 592-607.

Edited Volumes

Kneip, Thorsten; Börsch-Supan, Axel; Andersen-Ranberg, Karen (2022): **Social, Health and Economic Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic from a European Perspective.** Special Section in the European Journal of Ageing, 19.

Börsch-Supan, Axel, Thorsten Kneip, Howard Litwin, Michał Myck & Guglielmo Weber (2015): **Ageing in Europe—Supporting Policies for an Inclusive Society.** De Gruyter, Berlin.

Articles in Edited Volumes

Weiss, Luzia, Judith Kronschnabl, Thorsten Kneip & Michael Bergmann (2019): **Changes in body mass and cognitive decline - Disentangling a seeming paradox**, In: Börsch-Supan, Axel, Johanna Bristle, Karen Andersen-Ranberg, Agar Brugiavini, Florence Jusot, Howard Litwin & Guglielmo Weber (eds.) Health and socio-economic status over the life course: First results from SHARE Waves 6 and 7, de Gruyter, Oldenbourg, pp. 311 - 318.

Börsch-Supan, Axel, Thorsten Kneip, Howard Litwin, Michał Myck & Guglielmo Weber (2015): **SHARE: A European Policy Device for Inclusive Ageing Societies**. In: Börsch-Supan, Axel, Thorsten Kneip, Howard Litwin, Michał Myck & Guglielmo Weber (eds.) Ageing in Europe—Supporting Policies for an Inclusive Society, De Gruyter, Berlin 1-22.

Hunkler, Christian, Thorsten Kneip, Gregor Sand & Morten Schuth (2015): **Growing Old Abroad: Social and Material Deprivation Among First- and Second Generation Migrants in Europe**. In: Börsch-Supan, Axel, Thorsten Kneip, Howard Litwin, Michał Myck & Guglielmo Weber (eds.) Ageing in Europe—Supporting Policies for an Inclusive Society, De Gruyter, Berlin 199-208.

Hunkler, Christian, Thorsten Kneip, Gregor Sand & Morten Schuth (2015): **Identifying Second-generation Migrants and Naturalized Respondents in SHARE**. In Malter, Frederic & Axel Börsch-Supan (eds.) SHARE Wave 5: Innovations & Methodology, MEA, München 40-44.

Kneip, Thorsten, Frederic Malter & Gregor Sand (2015): **Fieldwork Monitoring and Survey Participation in the Fifth Wave of SHARE**. In Malter, Frederic & Axel Börsch-Supan (eds.) SHARE Wave 5: Innovations & Methodology, MEA, München 101-157.

Kneip, Thorsten (2013): **Survey Participation in the Fourth Wave of SHARE**. In Malter, Frederic & Axel Börsch-Supan (eds.) SHARE Wave 4: Innovations & Methodology, MEA, München 140-155.

Bauer, Gerrit and Thorsten Kneip (2011): **Familiengründung und -erweiterung als partnerschaftliche Entscheidung. Ein Test konkurrierender Entscheidungsregeln**. In Josef Brüderl, Laura Castiglioni & Nina Schumann (eds.) Partnerschaft, Fertilität und intergenerationale Beziehungen, Ergon, Würzburg 227-255.

Hunkler, Christian & Thorsten Kneip (2010): **Die Stabilität von Ehen und nichtehelichen Lebensgemeinschaften. Ein Test des Modells der Frame-Selektion**. In Sabine Walper & Eva-Verena Wendt (eds.) Partnerschaften und die Beziehungen zu Eltern und Kindern: Befunde zur Beziehungs- und Familienentwicklung in Deutschland, Ergon, Würzburg 181-212.

Hunkler, Christian, Thorsten Kneip, Julie Korbmacher, Stephanie Stuck and Sabrina Zuber (2010): **Glimpsing into the Blackbox: Data Managing and Cleaning Processes**. In Schröder, Mathis (ed.) Retrospective Data Collection in the Survey of Health Ageing and Retirement in Europe, MEA, Mannheim 44-54.

Kneip, Thorsten (2008): **Soziale Einbettung und partnerschaftliche Stabilität. Der Einfluss partnerschaftsspezifischen Sozialkapitals**. In Michael Feldhaus & Johannes Huinink (eds.) Neuere Entwicklungen in der Beziehungs- und Familienforschung, Ergon, Würzburg 431-457.

Research Reports and Working Papers

Bergmann, Michael, Thorsten Kneip, Giuseppe de Luca & Annette Scherpenzeel, (2022): **Survey Participation in the Eight Wave of the Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE)**, SHARE Working Paper 81-2022 , SHARE-ERIC.

Bergmann, Michael, Thorsten Kneip, Giuseppe de Luca & Annette Scherpenzeel, (2019): **Survey Participation in the Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE), Wave 1-7**, SHARE Working Paper 41-2019 , SHARE-ERIC.

Bergmann, Michael, Thorsten Kneip, Giuseppe de Luca & Annette Scherpenzeel, (2017): **Survey Participation in the Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE), Wave 1-6**, SHARE Working Paper 31-2017 , SHARE-ERIC.

Best, Henning & Thorsten Kneip (2014): **Curbside Collection and Participation in Household Waste Recycling: A Causal Analysis**. MEA Discussion Paper 15-2014.

Stuck, Stephanie, Sabrina Zuber, Morten Schuth, Markus Kotte, Christian Hunkler, Thorsten Kneip, Fabio Franzese & Stefan Gruber (2013): **Release Guide 1.1.1 to SHARE Wave 4**, MEA.

Stuck, Stephanie, Sabrina Zuber, Morten Schuth, Markus Kotte, Thorsten Kneip, Christian Hunkler, Fabio Franzese & Stefan Gruber (2013): **Release Guide 2.6.0 to SHARE Waves 1 & 2**, MEA.

Kneip, Thorsten, Gerrit Bauer & Reinhold, Steffen (2011): **Direct and Indirect Effects of Unilateral Divorce Law on Marital Stability**. MEA Discussion Paper 248-11

Reinhold, Steffen, Thorsten Kneip & Bauer, Gerrit (2011): **The Long Run Consequences of Unilateral Divorce Laws on Children –Evidence from SHARELIFE**. MEA Discussion Paper 240-11.

Stuck, Stephanie, Sabrina Zuber, Christian Hunkler, Thorsten Kneip & Mathis Schröder (2011): **Release Guide 2.5.0 to SHARE Waves 1 & 2**, MEA.

Stuck, Stephanie, Sabrina Zuber, Julie Korbmacher, Christian Hunkler, Thorsten Kneip & Mathis Schröder (2010): "Release Guide 1 to SHARELIFE (Release 1.0.0)", MEA.

Kneip, Thorsten (2009): **The Impact of Social Capital on Marital Stability**. Arbeitspapier 15 des DFG-Schwerpunktes „Beziehungs- und Familienentwicklung“.

Hunkler, Christian & Thorsten Kneip (2008): **Das Zusammenspiel von Normen und Anreizen bei der Erklärung partnerschaftlicher Stabilität**. MZES-Working Paper 108.

Kneip, Thorsten (2008): **Die Erfassung der sozialen Einbettung. Zur Güte der im PAIRFAM-Minipanel eingesetzten Netzwerkinstrumente**. Arbeitspapier 13 des DFG-Schwerpunktes „Beziehungs- und Familienentwicklung“.

Kneip, Thorsten & Gerrit Bauer (2007): **Effects of Different Divorce Probabilities on Female Labor Force Participation and Fertility**. MZES-Working Paper 102.

Conference presentation and invited talks (since 2013)

- 2022 **Causal Inference with Observational Data.** Short Course, MEA / TU Munich.
- 2021 **Birds of a Feather. A Couple Perspective on the Social Origin Wealth Gap and its Underlying Mechanisms.** Sociology Research Colloquium, University of Bern, Switzerland.
- Empirische Sozialforschung. Ziele, Herausforderungen, Praxis.** Guest lecture, DHBW Heidenheim.
- 2019 **Birds of a Feather. A Couple Perspective on the Social Origin Wealth Gap and its Underlying Mechanisms.** Social Science Research Colloquium, TU Kaiserslautern.
- Estimating Bounds on Causal Effects in a Non-randomized Experiment with Self-reported Outcome and Possible Spillover.** 8th Conference of the European Survey Association (ESRA), Zagreb, Croatia.
- Different Methods, Same Results? – How Can We Increase Confidence in Scientific Findings?** (Session organization). 8th Conference of the European Survey Association (ESRA), Zagreb, Croatia.
- The Social Origin Wealth Gap.** Research Seminar "Economics of Aging", MEA / TU Munich.
- 2018 **Changes in Body Mass and Cognitive Performance – Disentangling a Seeming Paradox.** Analytical Sociology: Theory and Empirical Applications, Venice, Italy
- How Having Children Shapes Well-being in Older Age. Well-being Trajectories and Childrens' Role in Buffering Adverse Life Events.** 6th International *pairfam* Conference. Innovations in Panel Data Methods. Munich.
- 2017 **Machen Kinder im Alter glücklich? Eine Untersuchung langfristiger Effekte in der zweiten Lebenshälfte,** Analytical Sociology: Theory and Empirical Applications, Venice, Italy
- Parenthood and Well-being: The Late Years.** Research Seminar "Economics of Aging", MEA / TU Munich.
- Kausalanalytische Herausforderungen bei der Schätzung des Effekts von Kindern auf die Lebenszufriedenheit,** Tagung der DGS Sektion 'Modellbildung und Simulation', Kaiserslautern.
- Parenthood and Well-being: The Early Years.** 7th Conference of the European Survey Association (ESRA), Lisbon, Portugal.
- Estimating the Causal Effect of Children on Parental Happiness.** 7th Conference of the European Survey Association (ESRA), Lisbon, Portugal.
- Parenthood and Well-being: The Early Years.** International User Conference of the German Family Panel *pairfam*, Bremen.
- Partnerschaft, Intimität und Depression.** Gemeinsame Tagung der DGS Sektionen 'Familiensozilogie' und 'Gesundheitssoziologie', Halle (Saale).

- Exploring the Economic Aspects of Aging Societies.** Presentation given before visiting students from KAIST Graduate School of Science and Technology, South Korea, Munich.
- Using Directed Acyclic Graphs (DAGs) to Encode Theoretical Assumptions, Assess Identifiability and Select Covariates.** Research Seminar "Economics of Aging", MEA / TU Munich.
- 2016 **Estimating the Effect of Children on Parents' Well-being: Strengths and Weaknesses of an Instrumental Variable Approach.** Workshop "Rational Choice Sociology: Theory and Empirical Applications", Venice, Italy.
- Social and Demographic Consequences of Unilateral Divorce Law.** 8th Congress of the European Society on Family Relations, Dortmund.
- The Effect of Fertility on Parents' Happiness.** European Population Conference 2016, Mainz.
- The Effect of Fertility on Parents' Happiness.** ISA RC28 Summer Meeting, Bern, Switzerland.
- Growing Old Abroad: Social and Material Deprivation among First- and Second Generation Migrants.** ISA RC28 Summer Meeting, Bern, Switzerland.
- Parenthood and Happiness: The Early Years.** Research Seminar "Economics of Aging", MEA / TU Munich.
- Economic Challenges for Social Protection Systems due to Human Longevity.** Workshop "Longevity and Employment Biographies" MPI for Social Law and Social Policy/IODE, Munich.
- DDD Matching as Causal Inference Method in Non-randomized Experiments with Self-reported Outcome.** Research Seminar "Economics of Aging", MEA / TU Munich.
- 2015 **Supporting Policies for Inclusive Ageing Societies.** SHARE - Book Release "Ageing in Europe – Supporting Policies for an Inclusive Society", Brussels, Belgium.
- Soziale und demographische Konsequenzen unilateraler Scheidung.** Tagung der DGS Sektion 'Familiensozologie', Heidelberg.
- SHARE Public Relations.** SHARE Wave 7 Kick-off Meeting, Bol, Croatia.
- Direct and Indirect Effects of Unilateral Divorce Law in Europe.** Symposium: 40 Years of Economic Science and Public Policy, Munich.
- Curbside Collection and Participation in Household Waste Recycling. A Causal Analysis.** Seminar "Causal Inference in Statistics, Social, and Biomedical Sciences", Munich.
- Towards a SHARE Communication Strategy.** SHARE Wave 6 Midterm Meeting, Graz, Austria.
- Children and Parents' Happiness.** Pairfam User Conference, Jena.
- Scientific Progress in SHARE. SHARE-ERIC Council Meeting, Munich.
- 2014 **Dyadic Fertility Decisions in a Life Course Perspective. Shortcomings in Previous Research and Supplementary Analyses.** International Conference on Linked Life Course Transitions and Family Outcomes, Cologne.

Direkte und indirekte Effekte unilateralen Scheidungsrechts in Europa. 6. Konferenz für Sozial- und Wirtschaftsdaten, Berlin.

2013 **Fertility as a Dyadic Decision** [*Best Paper Award Presentation*]. International User Conference of the German Family Panel, Munich.

Fieldwork Monitoring. SHARE Wave 5 Midterm Meeting, Prag, Czech Republic.

Demographische und soziale Konsequenzen unilateralen Scheidungsrechts.
Gemeinsames Kolloquium der Abteilungen Sozialrecht & Sozialpolitik, MPISOC, Munich.

Survey Participation in the Fourth Wave of SHARE. Meeting of the SHARE Scientific Monitoring Board, Berg.

Teaching

- 2015-2022 **Economics of Aging**, TUM School of Management & Munich Center for the Economics
- 2018 **Sociological Studies of Inequality over the Life Course**, LMU Munich, Institute of Sociology
- 2017 **Causality in Family and Inequality Research**, LMU Munich, Institute of Sociology
- 2014 **Sociology of the Family: Foundations, Theoretical Perspectives and Empirical Applications**, LMU Munich, Institute of Sociology
- 2010-2011 **Working with Stata**, University of Mannheim, ZfS
- 2008-2009 **Data Collection** (Seminar), University of Mannheim – Faculty of Social Sciences
- 2009 **Data Collection** (Training Research Project), University of Mannheim – Faculty of Social Sciences
- 2007 **Sociology of the Family: Selected Aspects**, University of Mannheim – Faculty of Social Sciences
- 2004 **The Social Context of Intimate Relationships**, University of Mannheim, Faculty of Social Sciences
- 2003-2004 **Foundations of Sociology**, University of Mannheim, Faculty of Social Sciences

Editorial boards

- 2022 - **Associate Editor** for European Journal of Ageing

Reviewer

Advances in Life Course Research, Ageing & Society, American Sociological Review, The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy, Clinical Epidemiology, Comparative Population Studies, Cross-Cultural Research, Demographic Research. European Journal of Population, European Sociological Review, Journal of Empirical Legal Studies, Journal of Marriage and Family, Polish Journal of Environmental Studies, Population Research and Policy Review, Resources, Conservation & Recycling, Social Science Research, Sociological Methods and Research