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Autonomous University of Barcelona & Center for Demographic Studies

Current Position

07/2023 – *Ph.D. Candidate in Demography*
Autonomous University of Barcelona – Center for Demographic Studies
Ph.D. Candidate within the ERC project “Intergenerational Coresidence in Global Perspective: Dimensions of Change (CORESIDENCE)”
Thesis Title: “Households, Family Structures and Fertility in Africa: Variation across Time and Space”
Supervisors: Dr. Albert Esteve and Dr. Ewa Batyra

Education

09/2022 – 07/2023 *Master in Demography, European Doctoral School of Demography (EDSD)*
Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research & Center for Demographic Studies
Master’s Thesis Title: “Fertility Dynamics and the Demography of Grandparenthood”
Supervisors: Dr. Albert Esteve & Dr. Roberta Rutigliano

09/2021 – 07/2022 *M.S Population Studies, Cum Laude*
University of Groningen
Master’s Thesis Title: “The Effects of Rural-to-Urban Migration on Fertility Trends in Ethiopia and Nigeria”
Supervisor: Dr. Leo van Wissen

10/2019 – 07/2021 *M.Sc. Socio-Ecological Economics and Policy, with Honors*
Vienna University of Economics and Business
Master’s Thesis Title: “The Known and the Unknown: How Norms and Uncertainty Shape the Formation of Fertility Timing Intentions in Austria”
Supervisors: Dr. Eva Beaujouan & Dr. Erich Striessnig

09/2016 – 09/2018 *B.Sc. Business Administration, Economics Option, Summa Cum Laude*
California State University, East Bay

10/2015 – 08/2016 *International Business Administration Exchange*
Berlin School of Economics and Law, transferred to CSU East Bay

Research Visits & Professional Experience

01/2026 – 07/2026 *Visiting Student Researcher, University of California, Berkeley*
Department of Demography

09/2023 – 09/2023 *Research Visit, Colegio de México (COLMEX)*
Centro de Estudios Demográficos Urbanos y Ambientales

11/2021 – 05/2022 *Independent Work Contract/University of Vienna, Department of Demography*
Scientific Project Staff for the FWF stand-alone project “Later Fertility in Austria”

- Co-author of the working paper “Scenarios of fertility postponement and associated cohort fertility”
 - Preparation of the Presentation for the European Population Conference
- 05/2021 – 08/2021 *University of Vienna, Department of Demography*
Scientific Project Staff for the FWF stand-alone project “Later Fertility in Austria”
- Research and review of academic literature
 - Data cleaning using R/RStudio
 - Writing of summaries for future publications
- 10/2020 – 08/2021 *Vienna University of Economics & Business*
Tutor for the courses Regional Economics I & II
- Preparation of course materials and grading of student submissions
 - Teaching assistant and student support
 - Research and review of academic projects

Teaching

- 09/2025 – 12/2025 *Autonomous University of Barcelona & Pompeu Fabra University*
Teaching assistant (TA) for the course Theory of Society (Teoria de la Societat)
- Seminar instructor
 - Preparation of course materials and grading of student submissions
 - Student support
- 06/2025 *Center for Demographic Studies*
Lecturer Barcelona Four Seasons School of Demography for the course Theories, Data, and Visualization for Global Analyses of Family Change
- Teaching
 - Organization and preparation of course materials
- 09/2024 – 12/2024 *Autonomous University of Barcelona & Pompeu Fabra University*
Teaching assistant (TA) for the course Theory of Society (Teoria de la Societat)
- Seminar instructor
 - Course preparation
 - Student support and evaluation

Publications: Peer Reviewed

- Pohl, M.,** Batyra, E., & Esteve, A. (2026). School Enrollment and Living Arrangements of Children in Sub-Saharan Africa. *Population and Development Review*, padr.70045. <https://doi.org/10.1111/padr.70045>
- Pohl, M.,** Batyra, E., & Esteve, A. (2025). The Stability of Child Fostering in Sub-Saharan Africa: The Case of Senegal. *Studies in Family Planning*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/sifp.12284>
- Pohl, M.,** Esteve, A., & Galeano, J. (2025). African Households: National and Subnational Trends from Censuses and Surveys. *Population Studies*, 1-21. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00324728.2024.2427580>
- Winkler-Dworak, M., **Pohl, M.,** & Beaujouan, E. (2024). Scenarios of Delayed First Births and Associated Cohort Fertility Levels. *Demography*, 61(3): 687-710. <https://doi.org/10.1215/00703370-11315685>

Esteve, Albert, **Maria Pohl**, Federica Becca, Huifen Fang, Juan Galeano, Joan García-Román, David Reher, Rita Trias-Prats, & Anna Turu (2024). A Global Perspective on Household Size and Composition, 1970–2020. *Genus* 80(1):2. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s41118-024-00211-6>

Galeano, Juan, Albert Esteve, Anna Turu, Joan García-Roman, Federica Becca, Huifen Fang, **Maria Pohl**, & Rita Trias-Prats (2024). CORESIDENCE: National and Subnational Data on Household Size and Composition around the World, 1964–2021. *Scientific Data* 11(1):145. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41597-024-02964-3>

Publications: Other

Pohl, M. & Esteve, A. (2024). Global household trends: converging sizes, diverging structures. N-IUSSP. Available at <https://www.niussp.org/family-and-households/global-household-trends-converging-sizes-divergent-structures/>

Esteve, A., Galeano, J., Turu, A., García-Román, J., Becca, F., Fang, H., **Pohl, M.**, & Trias-Prats, R. (2023). The CORESIDENCE Database: National and Subnational Data on Household and Living Arrangements Around the World, 1964-2021 [Dataset]. Zenodo. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.8142652>

Conferences & Talks

- 2025 *XIV Congreso de la ADEH, Malaga, Spain*
School Enrollment and Living Arrangements of Children in Sub-Saharan Africa (Presentation)
- 2025 *30th International Population Conference (IPC), Brisbane Australia*
The Stability of Child Fostering in Sub-Saharan Africa: The Case of Senegal (Presentation)
Living Arrangements of the Elderly: Trends, Drivers, and Implications for Aging Societies (Presentation)
Free-Use Data for Research: IPUMS Census & Survey Microdata & The CORESIDENCE Database (Speaker)
- 2025 *Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.*
The Stability of Child Fostering in Sub-Saharan Africa: The Case of Senegal (Presentation)
- 2024 *Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting, Columbus (OH)*
Household Composition and Size in Africa: Trends Over Time and Space (Poster)
- 2024 *European Population Conference (EPC), Edinburgh, Scotland, UK*
Household Size and Composition around the World, 1970-2020 (Presentation)
- 2024 *African Population Conference (APC), Lilongwe, Malawi*
African Households: National and Subnational Trends from Censuses and Surveys (Presentation)
- 2023 *Hogares y arreglos residenciales: una vuelta al mundo, COLMEX, CDMX, México*
Household Size and Composition around the World, 1970-2020 (Speaker)

Extracurricular Activities

11/2020 – 12/2020 *NEWAVE e-Lecture Series: Water Governance Theoretical Perspectives*
▪ Attended an 18-part lecture series

Skills

Languages Skills German (native), English (professional knowledge), Spanish (proficient knowledge)

Computer Skills R/RStudio, Stata, Microsoft Office

Honors and Awards

2020 *Vienna University of Economics and Business*
Merit-based Scholarship

2018 *CSU East Bay*
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award in the College of Business and Economics, highest GPA in the Economics Option

2016 – 2018 *Dean's List CSU East Bay*

References

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