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Research interests: Fertility and family formation • Social inequalities in reproduction • Bio-social approaches to fertility behaviour • Assisted reproductive technologies • Infertility • Fertility preferences

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Vienna, Department of Demography Postdoctoral Assistant & Lecturer Independent university-funded position	2025-present
University of Vienna, Department of Demography Postdoctoral Researcher ERC Consolidator Grant BIC.LATE – Biological, Individual and Contextual Factors of Fertility Recovery PI: Eva Beaujouan	2022-2025
The Australian National University, Department of Demography Research and Teaching Assistant (several short-term contracts)	2018 - 2022

EDUCATION

PhD in Demography The Australian National University, Australia Thesis: <i>Childlessness, delayed childbearing, and assisted reproduction</i> Supervisor: Prof. Edith Gray	2019-2022
MSc Economics and Social Sciences Bocconi University, Italy	2017-2018
BSc Economics and Social Sciences Bocconi University, Italy	2015-2017
CAREER BREAK (Parental Leave)	2024 (6 months)

RESEARCH GRANTS AND FUNDING

Understanding Society Fellowship (2025-2026), awarded by the University of Essex <i>'The influence of chronic stress-related biomarkers on the fertility trajectories of men and women (BIOFAM)'</i> Principal Investigator ~€ 54,215	
Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research (KAKENHI) (2024-2027), awarded by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science <i>'Assisted reproduction in Japan: Its Prevalence, Socioeconomic Differentials and Impacts on Fertility'</i> Collaborator ~€ 25,000	
Strategic Partnership Mobility Fellowship (2024) , awarded by the University of Vienna € 3,860	

Young Scientists Summer Program Fellowship (2021), awarded by International Institute for Applied System Analysis

~ EUR 1,000

Higher Degree Research Fee Merit Scholarship (2019-2022), awarded by The Australian National University

~ EUR 150,000

University Research Scholarship (2019-2022), awarded by The Australian National University

~ EUR 136,742

AWARDS

Charles Price Prize in Demography (2022), given by The Australian National University, for the best PhD thesis in Demography and outstanding scholarly contribution

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH VISITS

- University of Florence, Italy (2026)
- University of New south Wales, Australia (2025)
- University of Chicago, USA (2025)
- National Institute of Population and Social Security Research, Japan (2023)
- University of Texas at Austin, USA (2022)

INVITED TALKS

- **The fertility gap: Why wanting children doesn't always mean having them**, *Center for Public Information on Population Research (CPIPR) at Population Reference Bureau, United States*. Broadcast live; recording available online (2026)
- **The contribution of Assisted Reproductive Technologies to total fertility rates in 32 high-income countries** Department of Statistics, Computer Science, and Applications "Giuseppe Parenti", University of Florence, Italy (2026)
- **Infertility and unrealised family size**, Centre for Big Data Research in Health, University of New South Wales, Australia (2025)
- **Infertility and the shortfall between ideal and actual family size**, *Donald J. Bogue Demography Workshop*, University of Chicago, United States (2025)
- **The Contribution of Assisted Reproductive Technologies to Family Formation** *8th Global Symposium on Low Fertility and Ageing*, organized by Statistics Korea (KOSTAT) and UNFPA, South Korea. Broadcast live; recording available [online](#) (2024)
- **New Families and Invisible Populations**. *StatisticAll – Festival of Statistics and Demography*, organized by the Italian National Institute of Statistics (ISTAT), Treviso, Italy. Broadcast live; recording available [online](#) (2023)
- **Global Population Decline: Could ART be the Solution? SEED (Specialists Sharing Expertise, Education and Data)**, organized by Organon, Australia (2023)
- **Health Perceptions and Childbearing Expectations of Childless Men and Women**. Department of Sociology, *University of Texas at Austin*, United States (2022)
- **A Dyadic Approach to the Study of Infertility and Contraceptive Use**. *Federal Institute for Population Research (BiB)*, Germany (2021)

PRESENTATIONS AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

- 2025 Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting, Washington, USA • PopDays, Cagliari, Italy • International Population Conference (IPC), Brisbane, Australia • BIOSFER Conference on Fertility, Childlessness and Reproductive Aging, Como, Italy
- 2024 Wittgenstein Centre Conference, Vienna, Austria • International Symposium on Medically Assisted Reproduction, Como, Italy
- 2023 British Society for Population Studies (BSPS) Conference, Keele, UK • Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting, New Orleans, USA

- 2022 Australian Population Conference (APC), Canberra, Australia • British Society for Population Studies (BSPS) Conference, Winchester, UK • European Population Conference (EPC), Groningen, The Netherlands • Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting, Atlanta
- 2021 International Population Conference (IPC) (online) • HILDA survey User Virtual Colloquium: Celebrating 21 years (online) • Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting (online)
- 2020 Australian Population 20th Biennial Conference (online)

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

[25] **E Lazzari**, S Yoda, S Fukuda, & J Raymo. (Forthcoming). A research note on the role of infertility and medically assisted reproduction on the realization of the ideal family size in Japan. *Demography*

[24] MC Compans, **E Lazzari**, & E Beaujouan. (Forthcoming). Perceptions of medically assisted reproduction and fertility postponement: Limited evidence, critical questions. *European Journal of Population*

[23] **E Lazzari**, N Milewski, & J Passet-Wittig. (2026). [“He said, she said”: How third-part presence shapes infertility reporting in couples](#). *Demographic Research*, 54(6), 159-176.

[22] **E Lazzari** & É Beaujouan. (2026). [Infertility and unrealized ideal family size](#). *Population and Development Review*.

[20] L Bruckamp & **E Lazzari**. (2025). [Shifting the Reproductive Window: The Contribution of ART and Egg Donation to Fertility Rates in the UK](#). *Population Studies*, 1-13.

[19] **E Lazzari**. (2025). [Fertility preferences adjusted: Reimagining parenthood in response to the uncertainty of infertility](#). *Genus*, 81(12).

[18] **E Lazzari** & É Beaujouan. (2025). [Self-assessed health and fertility expectations of men and women across the life course](#). *Demography*, 62(2): 543-569.

[17] **E Lazzari** & V Zurla. (2024). [The effect of parental caregiving on the fertility expectations of adult children](#). *European Journal of Population*, 40(35).

[16] **E Lazzari**, MC Compans, and É Beaujouan. (2024). [Change in the perceived reproductive window and delayed fertility in Europe](#). *Population Studies*, 79(1): 81–101.

[15] K Tierney and **E Lazzari**. (2024). [Impacts of COVID-19 on Medically Assisted Live Birth Rates in the United States in 2020 and 2021](#). *Population Research and Policy Review*, 43(5).

[14] E Gray & **E Lazzari**. (2023). [The continuing decline in cohort fertility and narrowing educational differences](#). *Australian Population Studies*, 7(1): 1-16.

[13] **E Lazzari** and K Tierney. (2023). [Parental Sociodemographics of Medically Assisted Reproductive Births in the United States: A Dyadic Population-Level Study](#). *Fertility and Sterility Reports*, 4(3): 292-299.

[12] **E Lazzari**, A Reimondos, and E Gray. (2023). [Did the COVID-19 pandemic affect childbearing desires in Australia? Understanding why people changed their attitudes towards having a first or additional child](#). *Population and Development Review*, 50(S1): 243-276. **[Top-cited article in *Population and Development Review*]**

[11] T Shen, **E Lazzari**, & V. Canudas-Romo. (2023). [The Contribution of Survival to Changes in Net Reproduction Rate](#). *Population Studies*, 77(2): 163-178.

[10] **E Lazzari**, M Potančoková, T Sobotka, E Gray, and G Chambers. (2023). [Projecting the Contribution of Assisted Reproductive Technology to Completed Cohort Fertility](#). *Population Research and Policy Review*, 42(6).

[9] S Choi, **E Lazzari**, C Venetis, and GM Chambers. (2023). [Can medically assisted reproduction be used as a tool to reverse declining fertility rates? A population cohort study](#). *The Lancet Regional Health - Western Pacific*, 33: 100686.

[8] **E Lazzari**, B Baffour & GM Chambers. (2022). [Residential proximity to a fertility clinic is independently associated with likelihood of ART and IUI treatment](#). *Human Reproduction*, 37(11), 2662-2671.

[7] **E Lazzari**, E Gray & B Baffour. (2022). [A Dyadic Approach to the Study of Infertility and Contraceptive Use](#). *Demographic Research*, 47 (1): 1-36.

[6] R Mogi, **E Lazzari**, J Nisén & V Canudas-Romo. (2022). [Cross-sectional average length of life by parity: International comparisons](#). *Population Studies*, 77(1): 1-14.

[5] **E Lazzari**, E Gray & GM Chambers. (2021). [The Contribution of Assisted Reproductive Technology to Fertility Rates and Parity Transition: An Analysis of Australian Data](#). *Demographic Research*, 45 (9): 1081-1096.

[4] **E Lazzari**. (2021). [Changing Trends Between Education, Childlessness and Completed Fertility: a Cohort Analysis of Australian Women Born in 1952-1971](#). *Journal of Population Research*, 38: 417-441.

[3] **E Lazzari**. (2021). [Pathways into Childbearing Delay of Men and Women in Australia](#). *Longitudinal and Life Course Studies*, 13(2):307-334. [Editor's Pick]

[2] **E Lazzari**, R Mogi and V Canudas-Romo. (2021). [Educational Composition and Parity Contribution to Completed Cohort Fertility Decline in Low Fertility Settings](#). *Population Studies*, 75(2): 153-167.

[1] **E Lazzari**. (2019). [Socio-economic Changes in the Age Patterns of Childbearing in Australia](#). *Australian Population Studies*, 3(2): 34-36.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- **E Lazzari**. (Forthcoming). Fertility gradients by education: Convergence or rising heterogeneities? In I. Permanyer (Ed.), *Research Handbook on Population Heterogeneities*. Edward Elgar.
- **E Lazzari** and MC Compans. (2023). [Assisted reproduction: Prevalence among men and women](#). In: Neuwirth, N., Buber-Ennsner, I., & Fux, B. (Eds.), *Families in Austria. Partnerships, fertility intentions and economic situation in challenging times*. doi: 10.25365/phaidra.449
- **E Lazzari** and E. Beaujouan. (2023). [Experiencing infertility](#). In: Neuwirth, N., Buber-Ennsner, I., & Fux, B. (Eds.), *Families in Austria. Partnerships, fertility intentions and economic situation in challenging times*. doi: 10.25365/phaidra.449

POLICY REPORTS

- E Gray, A Reimondos, **E Lazzari**, R Breunig, R Steinhauser, J Zhang, N Biddle, and M Gray. (2022). [Impacts of Government Policies on the Fertility Rate](#). The Australian Government, Canberra

OTHER WRITINGS

- **E Lazzari** and L Bruckamp. (2026). [The growing importance of donor eggs in assisted reproductive technologies in UK](#). N-IUSSP
- **E Lazzari** and V Zurla. (2025). [Caring for aging parents reduces fertility intentions in Australia](#). N-IUSSP

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- Beaujouan E and **E Lazzari**. (2023). [Femmes sans enfant: la part de l'infertilité](#). *Futuribles*
 - S KY Choi, **E Lazzari**, C Venetis, and G M Chambers. (2023). [The effect of medically assisted reproduction in Australia](#). N-IUSSP
 - **E Lazzari**, R Mogi, and V Canudas-Romo. (2022). [Educational expansion and completed family size in low fertility countries](#). N-IUSSP
 - **E Lazzari**, E Gray, and GM Chambers. (2022). [The Contribution of Assisted Reproduction in the Context of Delayed Childbearing](#). N-IUSSP

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND SUPERVISION

The University of Vienna: Global Demography Master's Programme (2022-present)

Lecturer:

- Statistics for Social Scientists 2
- Introduction to Scientific Working
- Population History: The Long Run

The Australian National University: Bachelor of Social Sciences (2020-2021)

Teaching Assistant:

- Population Analysis

Supervision of PhD theses

- Lukas Gutmorgeth. *Disability, health, and fertility in women and men in Europe* (Co-supervisor)
- Michela Gardino. *Medically assisted reproduction and couples' wellbeing* (Co-supervisor)

Supervision of Master theses

- Madeline McQuin. *Medically assisted reproduction: Use, policy, and demographic outcomes* (Primary supervisor)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Appointments and Editorial Roles

- **Invited Population Europe Expert** (2026-present)
- **Expert Advisory Committee Member**, *UNFPA Youth Reproductive Choices Survey* (2025–present)
- **Editorial Board Member**, *Population Research and Policy Review*
- **Managing Editor**, *Australian Population Studies* (2021–2023)

Referee activities

Ad hoc reviewer for academic journals: *Advances in Life Course Research* • *Comparative Population Studies* • *Demographic Research* • *Demography* • *European Sociological Review* • *European Journal of Population* • *Fertility and Sterility* • *Human Reproduction* • *Journal of Marriage and Family* • *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* • *Journal of Population Research* • *Longitudinal and Life Course Studies* • *Population and Development Review* • *Population Studies* • *Reproductive BioMedicine Online* • *Vienna Yearbook of Population Research*

Conference roles (Chair/Discussant)

- Session Chair. *Infertility and Assisted Reproduction*. IPC, Brisbane, Australia (2025)
- Session Discussant. *Economic Conditions, Uncertainty, and Fertility Preferences*. PAA Annual Meeting, Washington, USA (2025)
- Session Chair. *Fertility in Social Context*. PAA Annual Meeting, Washington, USA (2025)
- Session Discussant. *Population Politics, Population Policies, and Fertility*. PAA Annual Meeting, New Orleans, USA (2023)
- Session Chair. *Infertility and Assisted Reproductive Technologies*. PAA Annual Meeting, New Orleans, USA (2023)

- Session Chair. *Perceived Subfecundity and Fertility Knowledge*. PAA Annual Meeting, New Orleans, USA (2023)
- Session Chair. *Fertility and Uncertainty*. BSPS Conference, Keele, United Kingdom (2023)
- Session Chair. *Family Demography*. APC Conference, Canberra, Australia (2022)
- Session Chair. *Low Fertility and Childlessness*. PAA Annual Meeting, Atlanta, USA (2022)

Organization of scientific meetings

- *Infertility and Assisted Reproductive Technologies*. IPC, Brisbane, Australia (2025)
- *Infertility and Assisted Reproductive Technologies*. PAA Annual Meeting, New Orleans, USA (2023)
- *Perceived Subfecundity and Fertility Knowledge*. PAA Annual Meeting. New Orleans, USA (2023)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Associazione Italiana per gli Studi di Popolazione (AISP)
- British Society for Population Studies (BSPS)
- European Association for Population Studies (EAPS)
- International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP)
- Population Association of America (PAA)

MEDIA MENTIONS

My research has been featured in **over 100 national and international media outlets** (as per Altmetric), including: [EuroNews](#), [The Telegraph](#), [Daily Mail](#), [The Sydney Morning Herald](#), [The Suburban](#), [MSN](#), [Fast Company](#), [US News & World Report](#), [The Miami Herald](#), [The Conversation](#), [EurekAlert!](#), [Futuribles](#), [BioNews](#), and [Deutsches Arzteblatt](#).

LANGUAGES

Italian (native) • English (fluent) • German (beginner)