

Curriculum vitae

Prof. Dr. Heike Trappe

Employment

- 2007 – Professor of Sociology and Family Demography, University of Rostock, Germany
2005 – 2006 Managing Director of the German Council for Social and Economic Data, Berlin, Germany
1997 – 2005 Senior Research Associate, Max Planck Institute (MPI) for Human Development, Center for Sociology and the Study of the Life Course, Berlin, Germany
2003 – 2004 Fellow at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University
2001 – 2002 Acting Director of the Center for Sociology and the Study of the Life Course, MPI for Human Development, Berlin, Germany
1995 – 1996 Postdoctoral Fellow, Carolina Population Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
1991 – 1994 Predoctoral Fellow, MPI for Human Development, Berlin, Germany
1990 Research Associate, Academy of Sciences of the GDR, Institute for Sociology and Social Policy, Berlin, Germany

Education

- 2006 Habilitation in sociology, Free University Berlin, Germany
1994 Ph.D. in sociology, Free University Berlin, Germany, Summa cum laude
1990 M.A. in sociology, Humboldt University Berlin, Germany, Magna cum laude

Teaching and Research Interests

Gender Stratification, Work and Occupations, Family, Sociology of the Life Course, Assisted Reproductive Technologies

Fellowships and Awards

- 2025 – Fellow at the Federal Institute for Population Research (BiB), Wiesbaden, Germany
2023 Research Stay at the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Turku, Finland
2018 Research Stay at the Department of Sociology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
2014 Research Stay at the Department of Sociology at the University of Utah
2007 – DIW Research Fellow, German Socio-Economic Panel Study, DIW Berlin, Germany
2003 – 2004 Fellowship at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University “Gender Stratification after Reunification in East and West Germany”
1995 – 1996 Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Carolina Population Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill “Life Courses in the Former GDR and the Former FRG”
1995 Otto Hahn Dissertation Prize of the Max Planck Society “Emancipation or Coercion? Women in the GDR between Employment, Family, and Social Policy”

Teaching Experience

- Doctoral Colloquium – graduate level – University of Rostock
- New Family Models at the Horizon? – graduate level – University of Rostock
- The Congress – graduate level – University of Rostock
- Sociological Perspectives on the Covid-19 Pandemic – graduate level – University of Rostock
- Religiosity, Values and Attitudes in a Multicultural Society – graduate level – University of Rostock
- Socio-demographic Scenarios for the Future and How They Turned Out – graduate level – University of Rostock
- “Socio-Genomics”: New Challenges for Social Sciences? – graduate level – University of Rostock
- The Incomplete Revolution: Gender Inequality and Social Change – graduate level – University of Rostock
- Assisted Reproductive Technologies and Their Societal Consequences – graduate level – University of Rostock
- Family and the Life Course – undergraduate level – University of Rostock
- Changes in Fertility in International Comparison - undergraduate level – University of Rostock
- Life Courses in eastern Germany before and after 1989 – undergraduate level – University of Rostock
- Social Sciences as Tools of the Trade – undergraduate level – University of Rostock
- Living under Tension: The Young Middle Class in Search of Orientation – undergraduate level – University of Rostock
- Trigger Points: Consensus and Conflict in Contemporary Society – undergraduate level – University of Rostock
- Theories of Fertility – undergraduate level – University of Rostock
- Shrinking Society? – graduate level – University of Rostock
- Family Demography (Fertility and Nuptiality) – graduate level – University of Rostock
- Family Demography (Measurement and Demographic Analysis of Changing Forms of Living Together) – graduate level – University of Rostock
- Introduction into Family Demography – undergraduate level – University of Rostock
- Theories of Social Inequality and Empirical Studies – graduate level – Free University Berlin
- Family and Social Change – undergraduate level – Free University Berlin, University of Rostock
- Gender and Social Inequality – graduate level – Humboldt University Berlin, University of Rostock
- “Charles Tilly: Durable Inequality” – graduate level – Free University Berlin
- Family and Social Inequality – graduate level – Free University Berlin

- Dissertation advising: Anke Höhne, Alessandra Rusconi (Free University Berlin), Steffen Kröhnert (Humboldt University Berlin), Fanny Barz, Mirko Kilian Braack, Annegret Gawron, Esther Geisler, Ellen Jahr, Katja Köppen, André Knabe, Sandra Krapf, Carolin Krüger, Anne-Kristin Kuhnt, Monika Mynarska, Julia Schneider, Christine Schnor, Anja Vatterrott, Lisa Waschkeiwitsch (University of Rostock), Meike Bückler (University of Duisburg-Essen), Tabea Naujoks (Hertie School, Berlin), Luisa Streckenbach (University of Tübingen)

- Habilitation advising: Andreas Klärner, Christian Schmitt (University of Rostock), Nadja Milewski (Federal Institute for Population Research, Wiesbaden)

Current National and International Collaboration

- „Family Diversity Across the Life Course”: This project uses longitudinal data to analyze life-course transitions that occur before and after family formation.
- „Assisted Reproductive Technologies (ART)”: In collaboration with Prof. Dr. Anne-Kristin Kuhnt (University of Rostock), this project uses administrative data from the German IVF Register (DIR) and longitudinal family surveys (pairfam and FReDA) to study the use of ART and its determinants in Germany. As part of a new pilot project, "Socioeconomic Factors in the Context of IVF Treatments – A Pilot Study" (SOFIA-1 Study), data has been collected in collaboration with medical professionals from Lübeck and Kiel to investigate the extent to which socio-economic conditions influence access to fertility treatments.
- „Determinants of Parental Investments in Children in the US and in Germany”: This project is a collaboration with Professor Regina Werum of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in the United States. Using time use data from the U.S. and Germany, we explore how different welfare states and economic conditions in both countries influence how parents of minor children allocate their time and invest in the next generation.

Professional Service (since 2020)

- 2025 – Chair of the examination board for social sciences of the Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences, University of Rostock
- 2025 – Subject advisor for the BA Sociology programme
- 2025 Co-Organization of the ad-hoc-group „Starting and Expanding a Family in the Context of (Medically) Assisted Reproduction”, 42. Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie, Duisburg
- 2024 – Editor of „Comparative Population Studies” (CPoS)
- 2023 – 2025 Member of the Faculty Board of the Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences, University of Rostock
- 2023 – 2025 Director of the Institute of Sociology and Demography, University of Rostock
- 2023 Member of the „Alliance for Fathers” of the Senate Department for Education, Youth and Family in Berlin
- 2022 – Mentor of Charlott Rubach in the context of her Tenur Track Professorship, University of Rostock
- 2022 – Member of the Scientific Board of the Cologne Journal of Sociology and Social Psychology (KZfSS)
- 2021 – 2023 Member of the Academic Senate, University of Rostock
- 2021 – 2023 Member of the Senate’s Committee on Research
- 2020 – 2021 Mentor in the programme „KarriereWegeMentoring“
- 2019 – 2025 Member of the examination board for social sciences of the Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences, University of Rostock
- 2019 – Expert of Population Europe
- 2018 – 2021 Director of the Institute of Sociology and Demography, University of Rostock
- 2017 – 2025 Member of the scientific advisory board of the joint research project „GDR Past and Mental Health: Risk and Protective Factors“

Reviews for Journals and Organizations

Journals:

Advances in Life Course Research; American Journal of Sociology; American Sociological Review; Beiträge zur Bevölkerungswissenschaft; BIOS: Zeitschrift für Biographieforschung, Oral History und Lebensverlaufsanalysen; Community, Work & Family; Comparative Political Studies; Comparative Population Studies; Demographic Research; European Journal of Population; European Sociological Review; Gender – Zeitschrift für Geschlecht, Kultur und Gesellschaft; Gender and Society; Gender, Work and Organization; German History; International Journal of Comparative Sociology; Jahrbücher für Nationalökonomie und Statistik – Journal of Economics and Statistics; Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis; Journal of Marriage and Family; Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie; Population Research and Policy Review; Research in Social Stratification and Mobility; Schmollers Jahrbuch; Social Sciences; Soziale Welt; The History of the Family; Work and Occupations; Journal for Labour Market Research/Zeitschrift für Arbeitsmarktforschung; Zeitschrift für Familienforschung/Journal of Family Research; Zeitschrift für Soziologie

Organizations:

Forschungsanträge der Deutschen Forschungsgemeinschaft (Grant proposals to the German Research Foundation)

Forschungsanträge der Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften (Grant proposals to the Austrian Academy of Sciences)

Anträge im Bereich der Landesgraduiertenförderung M-V (Doctoral stipends awarded by the State of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania)

Fachgutachten für die Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes (Proposals to the German National Academic Foundation)

For Eurostat in the context of „Monitoring Reports of the EU Sustainable Development Strategy“ as external expert on social inclusion (2009-11)

Expert in the German parliament on the topic „Versorgung für Geschiedene aus den neuen Bundesländern“ (Pensions of divorcees in the new federal states) (May 2009)

Outside review in the context of a promotion to a full professorship at the University of Maryland College Park (November 2011)

Dissertation committee of Siyang Kong at the University of Utrecht, the Netherlands (2021)

Expert opinion in the context of a titular professorship at the University of Zurich (2024)

Fulbright Germany, Expert opinion in the doctoral program 2026/27

Professional Memberships

- Department “Knowledge – Culture – Transformation” of the Interdisciplinary Faculty, University of Rostock
- German Society for Sociology (sections on “Social Stratification”, “Family Sociology” and “Social Indicators”)
- American Sociological Association
- Research Committees 06 („Family Research“) and 28 (“Social Stratification and Mobility”) of the International Sociological Association
- Sociologists for Women in Society
- European Association for Population Studies
- German Association of University Professors and Lecturers
- Gesellschaft der Förderer der Universität Rostock e. V.