

Program for the 9th CeFH-symposium (May 18 – 19, 2026)

Stortingsgata Kurs & Konferanse (Høyres Hus, [Stortingsgata 20, Oslo](#))

MONDAY, May 18

09:00-09:30 Registration, Coffee and Mingling

09:30-09:45 Opening with Director General Guri Rørtveit

09:45-10:30 Keynote 1 (*Chair: Bjørn-Atle Reme*)

The causal effect of children: Fertility and the economics of family life

Astrid Würtz Rasmussen (Aarhus University)

10:30-11:00 Break

11:00-12:00 Session 1: Parenthood and society (*Chair: Arno van Hooetegem*)

Mental health is becoming more important as a predictor of parenthood

Fartein Torvik (Centre for Fertility and Health)

Too stressed to have children? Chronic stress and later fertility outcomes

Ester Lazzari (University of Vienna)

Fatherhood in the 21st century

Martin E. Andresen (University of Oslo)

Beyond fiscal effects: broader societal consequences of the fertility decline

Rannveig Hart (Centre for Fertility and Health)

12:00-13:00 Lunch

13:00-13:45 Speed talks by PhD students and postdocs

(Kate Beck, Thea Grindstad, Solveig Løkhammer, Huong Thu Nguyen, Siri Skodvin, Arno Van Hooetegem, Maria Andersen, Marie Beining, Viktoria Hecimovic, Katja Kjelstad, Sunniva Nydal)

13:45-14:00 Break

14:00-14:30 Session 2: Dating and intimate relationships in contemporary society
(*Chair: Vegard Skirbekk*)

The digitalisation of intimacy: From online dating to AI companions

Gina Potarca (University of Liverpool)

**Sexual inactivity and its association with mental health, social trust,
and political attitudes among Norwegian women and men**

Tilmann von Soest (University of Oslo)

14:30-15:00 Break

15:00-15:45 Session 3: Puberty and reproductive health (*Chair: Kate Beck*)

Definition of puberty onset in boys

Petur Juliusson (University of Bergen)

**Adolescent hormonal contraceptive use, brain development, and
mental health**

Niamh MacSweeney (University of Oslo)

**Parental and segregational origins of chromosomal abnormalities
in pregnancy loss**

Pol Solé Navais (University of Gothenburg)

16:15-17:30 Walk & talk (historical city tour) with Kåre Bævre

17:30-18:00 Mingling at restaurant Südøst

18:00 Dinner at restaurant Südøst ([Trondheimsveien 5, Oslo](#))

TUESDAY, May 19

08:30-09:00 Coffee and mingling

09:00-09:45 Session 4: Early-life determinants of health (*Chair: Ida Caspersen*)

Parental haplotypes reconstruction and parent-of-origin effects on complex traits in up to 236,781 individuals

Robin Hofmeister (University of Lausanne)

Pregnancy and perinatal determinants of child health outcomes

David Burgner (Murdoch Children's Research Institute)

**Exploring environmental determinants of childhood obesity:
Combining data-driven and epidemiological approaches**

Anne Kristine Lundgård Christensen (Aarhus University)

09:45-10:00 Break

10:00-10:45 Keynote 2 (*Chair: Yunsung Lee*)

Sex-related signatures in the plasma proteome not attributable to XX and XY chromosomes and their impact on health and disease

Andrea Ganna (University of Helsinki)

10:45-11:15 Break

11:15-12:00 Session 5: Education, family and the labor market

(Chair: Maria Andersen)

Increasing inequalities in childbearing in the Nordic countries

Julia Hellstrand (University of Helsinki)

The effect of shorter education on family formation: Evidence from Ontario's removal of Grade 13

Luzia Bruckamp (London School of Economics and Political Science)

The role of place: Residential location at arrival and consequences for immigrant children's educational and labor market outcomes

Nicolai Borgen (University of Oslo)

12:00-13:00 Lunch

13:00-14:00 Session 6: Gendered perspectives on health and its consequences

(Chair: Maria Magnus)

Beyond hot flashes: The career cost of menopause

Sara Abrahamsson (Norwegian Institute of Public Health)

Empowering women to manage menopause

Martha Hickey (University of Melbourne)

**Mapping Endometriosis: Socioeconomic, Clinical and Economic
Insights from Denmark**

Dorte Rytter (Aarhus University)

Burden of disease and health expenditures, by sex

Jonas Kinge (University of Oslo)

14:00-14:30 Break

14:30-15:00 Session 7: Reproductive medical interventions in a wider perspective

(Chair: Siri Skodvin)

What is the optimal population-level Caesarean delivery rate?

Dag Moster (University of Bergen)

Assisted reproduction and Darwinian evolution

Hans Ivar Hanevik (Centre for Fertility and Health)

15:00-15:10 Closing with Center Director Siri Håberg