



CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

Family Policy and Population Research Forum

The NGO Committee on the Family, the premier organization of civil society actors promoting family at the United Nations, invites scholars and researchers to submit a paper relevant to family policy, to present at the 2026 Family Policy and Population Research Forum at the New York UN Headquarters, during the week of April 13– April 17, 2026. The Forum will provide an opportunity for researchers and international policymakers to discuss how policy choices influence family formation.

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SUBMISSION CRITERIA

- The paper should either be unpublished or published **no earlier than 2024**.
- The paper should provide an estimate of how some policy or intervention influenced fertility or marital behaviors.
- Papers with methods allowing credible causal inference are preferred, though papers without these methods will be considered.
- Submissions are welcome studying policies undertaken at any level of government, by non-governmental actors, and in any place around the world. However, papers analyzing policies implemented before 1990 should provide justification for the continuing relevance of the policy in question.
- Submissions are generally welcome regardless of effect sign or size; we regard null findings for prominent policies as important findings. However, papers demonstrating that conventional, well-studied family planning policies had anti-natal effects will be rejected, as this area has extensive prior research and publication.



DEADLINES

- **The deadline for submission of papers is December 10, 2025.**
- Papers should be submitted to: ngofamilycommittee@gmail.com
- **Notification of selected papers will occur by January 15, 2026.**
- Submission of a paper is not a guarantee of acceptance - thus a presentation of the paper at the United Nations side event.

LOGISTICS

- Selected papers will be presented, in-person, by the author during the annual UN Commission on Population and Development (CPD) at UN Headquarters in New York City, during the week of April 13 – April 17, 2026. (Exact date and time to be determined.)
- During the event, each selected paper will be given approximately 20 minutes for presentation - with a Q&A to follow.
- For a selected paper, any number of presenters are welcome to participate and present, provided all presenters are listed authors or collaborators.
- For the selected papers, one night's lodging for one room in NYC, **per paper**, will be provided, if the presenter is non-local.

WHY SUBMIT A PAPER

- The Family Policy and Population Research Forum provides policy-oriented researchers support to present their research in a high-impact setting, with an audience including UN delegates and other policymakers from around the world.
- The NGO Committee on the Family and associated scholars will also provide feedback for authors on their papers.
- The Family Policy and Population Research Forum will occur at the same time as the UN Commission on Population and Development meetings, providing opportunities for networking and connection with experts and policymakers around the globe.
- For the selected papers, a one-week UN Grounds Pass (badge) will be provided to the presenters, allowing them entrance to UN Headquarters (NYC) and enabling attendance at additional CPD events and relevant interactions within the UN system.



ABOUT THE NGO COMMITTEE

The family is the “natural and fundamental”ⁱ building block of society. As such, stable families are essential for stable communities, stable nations, and a stable world. Therefore, the mission of the NGO Committee on the Family – New York is to promote, preserve, and protect the well-being of the family.

To fulfill this mission we:

- Advocate for the inclusion of the family in international resolutions and policies at the United Nations.
- Educate the public on international issues and policies affecting the family.
- Promote the well-being of children, parents, and the extended family.
- Support the community’s role in strengthening the family.
- Work to ensure Member States commit to the betterment of families through policy, legislation, and programs, with respect for the sovereignty of nations in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations.ⁱⁱ
- Maintain relationships with the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), the UN Focal Point on the Family, Department of Public Information (DPI), Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations (CoNGO) and its committees, and Non-Governmental Liaison Service (NGLS).

ⁱ Universal Declaration of Human Rights Art. 16(3)

ⁱⁱ Art. 2(1)