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Education

- 2022–2025 **Ph.D.**, Demography, University of Helsinki, Finland. Thesis: "Partnership dynamics and changes in health and well-being. A bidirectional relationship" (final grade: *pass with distinction*)
- 2019–2021 **M.A.**, Sociology (final grade: 1.0/GPA: 4.0), Bielefeld University, Germany
- 2015–2019 **B.A.**, Politics and Society & History (final grade: 1.7/GPA: 3.3), University of Bonn, Germany

Academic positions

- 2025– **Postdoctoral researcher**, Department of Social Demography, Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research
- 2021–2025 **Doctoral researcher**, Department of Social Demography, Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research

Research stays

- 7/2025 **Visiting researcher**, Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research, University of Melbourne, Australia (Host: Beth Webster)
- 7/2025 **Visiting researcher**, Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute, The Hague, The Netherlands (Host: Solveig Cunningham)

Affiliations

- Max Planck - University of Helsinki Center for Social Inequalities in Population Health
- FLUX consortium (Family formation in Flux – Causes, Consequences and Possible Futures)
- INVEST Research Flagship Centre

Publications

Peer-reviewed

- [1] **Dierker, P.**, Kühn, M., Van Winkle, Z. (2025). The Role of Family Complexity in Mental and Physical Health in Mid-Adulthood. *Journal of Marriage and Family*. DOI: 10.1111/jomf.70019.
- [2] Hiilamo, A., Metsä-Simola, N., **Dierker, P.**, Martikainen, P., Myrskylä, M. (2025). Heterogeneous long-term health and social outcomes of type 1 diabetes - A full population 30-year observational cohort study of 38 modifying factors. *American Journal of Epidemiology*. DOI: 10.1093/aje/kwaf028.
- [3] **Dierker, P.**, Kühn, M., Myrskylä, M. (2025). Selective re-partnering? Mental health and life satisfaction among separated single mothers in Germany and the UK. *Acta Sociologica*, 68(3), 1-16. DOI: 10.1177/00016993241300435.
- [4] **Dierker, P.**, Kühn, M., Myrskylä, M. (2025). Re-partnering and single mothers' mental health and life satisfaction trajectories. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 87(1), 157-181. DOI: 10.1111/jomf.13015.
- [5] **Dierker, P.**, Diwald, M. (2025). Compensation or accentuation? How parents from different social backgrounds decide to support their children. *European Sociological Review*, 41(1), 111-126. DOI: 10.1093/esr/jcae010.

- [6] **Dierker, P.**, Kühn, M., Mönkediek, B. (2023). Does parental separation moderate the heritability of health risk behavior among adolescents?. *Social Science & Medicine*, 331, 116070. DOI: 10.1016/j.socscimed.2023.116070.
- [7] Gold, J, Störtländer, J., **Dierker, P.**, Textor, A. (2022). Segregation processes in the transition from pre-primary to elementary school. How do inter-district movements change compositions in terms of migration background? [Segregationsprozesse beim Übergang vom Elementarbereich in die Grundschule. Wie verändern Wanderungsbewegungen zwischen den Schulbezirken Kompositionen in Bezug auf Migrationshintergrund?]. *Zeitschrift für Grundschulforschung*, 15, 63-80. DOI: 10.1007/s42278-021-00128-5.

Working Papers (under review)

- [1] **Dierker, P.**, Metsä-Simola, N., Remes, H., Kailaheimo-Lönnqvist, S., Kühn, M., Martikainen, P., Myrskylä, M. Parental separation risk before and after the diagnosis of a child physical health condition. *MPIDR Working Paper*. DOI: 10.4054/MPIDR-WP-2024-011. (R&R major revisions at *Demography*)
- [2] **Dierker, P.**, Kailaheimo-Lönnqvist, S., Kühn, M., Myrskylä, M. Enduring links: Mental health effects of ex-partner's life events among separated parents. *MPIDR Working Paper*. DOI: 10.4054/MPIDR-WP-2025-014. (Under review)
- [3] **Dierker, P.**, Gueltzow, M., Lahtinen, H., Kühn, M., Martikainen, P., Myrskylä, M. Do genetics shape mental health trajectories around partnership transitions?. *MPIDR Working Paper*. DOI: 10.4054/MPIDR-WP-2024-033. (Under review)
- [4] Ruks, M., Starr, A., **Dierker, P.** Investigating the heritability of school grades from age 10 to 16 using biometric growth curve models. *PsyArXiv*. DOI: 10.31234/osf.io/vecy9. (R&R major revisions at *Developmental Psychology*)

Papers in progress/under review

- [1] **Dierker, P.**, Ophir, A., Hiekel, N. *Partnership formation and changes in fertility intentions*. (In preparation)
- [2] **Dierker, P.**, Metsä-Simola, N., Volotinen, L., Remes, H., Kühn, M., Baranowska-Rataj, A., Martikainen, P. *Mental health effects of separation and re-partnering among parents of underage children*. (In preparation)
- [3] Metsä-Simola, N., **Dierker, P.**, Remes, H., Goisis, A. *Children's ADHD symptoms and maternal mental health in Germany and the UK: Is the association bi-directional?*. (In preparation)
- [4] **Dierker, P.**, Laß, I. *The link between declining health expectations and childbearing plans*. (In preparation)
- [5] Hiilamo, A., **Dierker, P.** *Heterogeneous educational consequences of chronic somatic health conditions in childhood. Systematic review of high-income countries*. (In preparation; find the study protocol here)
- [6] Bister, L., **Dierker, P.** *Family complexities and stress during early life: assessing biomarkers of sexual maturation in boys and girls in Germany*. (In preparation)

Awards

2023 **Best Poster Award, IMPRS-PHDS Graduate Workshop**
 Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research

Invited talks

2025 Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Berlin (*planned for November*)
 Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research, University of Melbourne
 Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute, The Hague

2024 Nuffield College, University of Oxford

Conference presentations

- 2025 *European Consortium for Sociological Research Annual Conference*, Cologne, Germany
International Population Conference, Brisbane, Australia
Nordic Demographic Symposium, Middelfart, Denmark
INVEST Conference, Turku, Finland
Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., United States
- 2024 *22nd Conference of the European Divorce Network*, Berlin, Germany
European Consortium for Sociological Research Annual Conference, Barcelona, Spain
European Sociological Association Conference, Porto, Portugal
European Population Conference, Edinburgh, Scotland
Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Columbus, United States
Annual Conference 2024 of the German Society for Demography, Hamburg, Germany
- 2023 *Dutch Demography Day 2023*, Utrecht, Netherlands
21st Conference of the European Divorce Network, Utrecht, Netherlands
SLLS Annual International Conference, Munich, Germany
European Consortium for Sociological Research Annual Conference, Prague, Czech Republic
Understanding Society Scientific Conference, Colchester, United Kingdom
RC28 Conference, Paris, France
European Social Science Genetics Network (ESSGN) Conference, Bologna, Italy
Population Association of America Annual Meeting, New Orleans, United States
- 2022 *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Soziologie Kongress*, Bielefeld, Germany
British Society for Population Studies Annual Conference, Winchester, United Kingdom
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, United States
European Consortium for Sociological Research Annual Conference, Amsterdam, Netherlands
European Population Conference 2022, Online
SOEP User Conference, Berlin, Germany
Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Atlanta, United States
Annual Conference 2022 of the German Society for Demography, Online

Research training

- 3/2024 **Using genetics to understand social structures: Genetic influences across time, groups, and societies**
University of Oslo
- 9/2023 **Sociogenomics workshop**
Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare
- 3/2023 **Decomposition Methods in the Social Sciences**
GESIS Spring Seminar 2023 - Modeling Group Differences (Cologne)
- 10/2022 **Sequence Analysis in the Social Sciences**
GESIS Workshops (Online)
- 7/2022 **Advanced Methods for Causal Inference**
International Max Planck Research School for Population, Health, and Data Science
- 3/2022 **From decomposition to causal mediation analysis: a multidisciplinary perspective**
International Max Planck Research School for Population, Health, and Data Science
- 2/2022 **Mendelian Randomization**
International Max Planck Research School for Population, Health, and Data Science

Teaching experience

- 2024 **PhD Course "Family Dynamics and Health Inequalities"**
International Max Planck Research School for Population, Health and Data Science
- 2024 **MA Seminar "Intergenerational relations and reproductions"** (Guest Lecture)
Tilburg University
- 2024 **BA Seminar "Data Handling for Social Science"**
University of Rostock
- 2023 **PhD Course "Genetics, Family Dynamics, and Health Inequalities"**
International Max Planck Research School for Population, Health and Data Science
- 2020-2021 **BA Tutorials "Statistics I" & "Statistics II"**
Bielefeld University

Refereeing and academic service

Journal refereeing

Advances in Life Course Research, BMC Public Health, European Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, European Societies, European Sociological Review, Journal of Family Studies, Journal of Health and Social Behavior, Population Studies, Social Indicators Research, Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World

Other academic service

- 2022– **Elected member of the work council**
Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research
- 2025 **Member of the reviewing committee for the European Doctoral School of Demography (EDSD) 2025/2026 cohort**
- 2025– **Organizer of the Lab Talk seminar series, Department of Social Demography**
Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research
- 2025– **Organizer of the BIOSFER Scientific Talk series**
ERC Synergy Grant **BIOSFER** (Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Norwegian Institute of Public Health, Aarhus University)

Memberships

Population Association of America, European Association for Population Studies, ISA RC28, Sections of Health and Medical Sociology and Family Sociology of the German Sociological Association

References

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