

Biographies



Dr Katherine Keenan

Dr Katherine Keenan is a Senior Lecturer in Demography at the University of St Andrews, and part of the ESRC-funded Centre for Population Studies and Connecting Generations Centre. She is a social demographer with an interest in how health and family intersect, and has conducted research on reproduction and health among the older population in Europe.

She is currently investigating the health of only children using Norwegian and Swedish register data, a collaboration with colleagues in Norway, Sweden and the UK, funded by the Carnegie Trust.



Professor Toni Falbo

Toni Falbo is a Professor at the Department of Educational Psychology at The University of Texas at Austin. She was not the first scientist to examine the special case of children growing up without siblings, but she was the first to place the topic within historical and demographic context. Since 1977, she has published about 40 journal articles and chapters about sibling effects, examining cognitive, health, and social outcomes.

Her publications about “only children” have consisted of research conducted in North America, as well as in China, and includes samples of children, adolescents, young adults, and the elderly. Dr Falbo’s latest research indicates vulnerabilities to obesity for those without siblings, potentially caused by greater screen time and consumption of fast food.



Dr Ben Wilson

Ben Wilson is Associate Professor at the Stockholm University Demography Unit (SUDA) and a visiting fellow in the Department of Methodology at the London School of Economics. His research covers a range of topics relating to demography, sociology, migration studies, geography, epidemiology, political science and research methods.

Ben is principal investigator of the ERC Starting Grant REFU-GEN, which studies the children and grandchildren of refugees, and the inequalities that they experience, across four domains of life: socio-economic status, health, family formation and residential context. Ben is also involved in a number of collaborative projects, including a project to study the influences of origin and destination on migrant fertility, and a programme to study spatial polarization and social cohesion in Sweden.