

# CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Rethinking Parenthood in Central and Eastern  
Europe: Historical and Contemporary  
Perspectives

**DEADLINE**  
**14<sup>th</sup>**  
**July**  
**2025**

## THE DEMFAM THURSDAY TALKS ON PARENTHOOD: A MONTHLY ONLINE LECTURE SERIES

- ✓ HELD EVERY THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, 4-5 PM BERLIN TIME, STARTING OCTOBER 2025
- ✓ 25-MINUTES PRESENTATION FOLLOWED BY A 30-MINUTES Q&A
- ✓ OPEN TO ALL DISCIPLINES, WITH A SPECIAL ENCOURAGEMENT FOR EARLY CAREER RESEARCHERS TO APPLY

- DISCUSS YOUR RESEARCH AND CONNECT WITH AN INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC COMMUNITY
- AN OPEN ACCESS SPECIAL ISSUE IS PLANNED, FEATURING CONTRIBUTIONS INSPIRED BY (BUT NOT LIMITED TO) THE LECTURE SERIES
- APPLICATION: PLEASE SEND AN ABSTRACT (MAX. 300 WORDS), TITLE, AND A SHORT SCIENTIFIC CV TO [E.HIEMER@FU-BERLIN.DE](mailto:E.HIEMER@FU-BERLIN.DE)

## WHO WE ARE

The ERC-Project "Democratising the Family? Gender Equality, Parental Rights and Child Welfare in Contemporary Global History" (DEM FAM) investigates the transformation of gender and family through the rise of shared and equal parenting. It traces the shift from hierarchical to egalitarian family structures, the expansion of parental rights, and the legal regulation of co-parenting and other post-familial care arrangements both within and beyond heterosexual relationships. The project also explores how institutions like family courts and mediation services have emerged to manage familial conflict and support child welfare since 1945. On a global level, it examines how parental rights became central in today's gender politics, shaping debates around identity, democracy, and the role of the state.

## WE ARE EXCITED TO EXPLORE (BUT NOT LIMITED TO)

- ✓ PARENTAL RIGHTS IN TODAY'S GENDER AND IDENTITY POLITICS
- ✓ PARENTING THROUGH AN INTERSECTIONAL LENS, ADDRESSING FACTORS SUCH AS ETHNICITY, CLASS, AND SEXUALITY
- ✓ REPRESENTATIONS OF PARENTHOOD IN CULTURE AND LITERATURE
- ✓ DEBATES ON FAMILY RIGHTS FROM SOCIALIST REGIMES TO THE PRESENT

## TOPICS