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“Patterns and trends in reproduction policy across Europe: a comparative perspective on the regulation of reproductive processes”

How states regulate reproductive processes is a morally charged subject that has been the focus of much public and political debate for many decades, but data and analyses are mostly concerned with single issues such as abortion or medically assisted reproduction. In this talk, I present the novel International Reproduction Policy Database (IRPD), which proposes a new and comprehensive way to measure and compare reproduction policies across countries and over time. As a policy domain, reproduction policy is distinct from family policy, which regulates care relationships.

Rather, with reproduction policies, states get involved in whether, when and how people enter or avert, carry out or end pregnancy; and who is supported in their reproductive pathways in the first place. With our new dataset, we are able to get a more comprehensive view of how permissive and how generous states are in regulating reproductive life courses, covering thirty-one high-income countries from 1980 to 2020, across five policy fields: sexuality education, contraception, abortion, medically assisted reproduction and pregnancy care. Building on a discussion of previous conceptual and measurement approaches of regulating reproduction, I give first insights into international trends of reproduction policies for different life stages, and explore characteristic country patterns in policy trajectories.

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