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Hosted by the Family Institute of the Ministry of Family and Social Services of the Republic of Türkiye, the International Family and Population Conference is the international academic opening event of the Decade of Family and Population (2026-2035). To be held in İstanbul on 26-27 October 2026, the Conference aims to address developments in the fields of family and population within a comparative, interdisciplinary and evidence-based framework, and to establish a platform for international academic cooperation that brings together researchers, academics, experts and policy-makers and remains open to learning from the experiences of different countries. To this end, national and international researchers, academics and experts working in the field of family and population are invited to submit papers to the Conference.

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Thematic Tracks

The scientific programme of the Conference is structured around six thematic tracks that address the field of family and population in its various dimensions. Authors are expected to relate their papers, in terms of content, to the track most appropriate to their subject. The topics listed under each track are indicative; submissions on other relevant subjects falling within the scope of a track are also welcome.

1. The Institution of the Family and Comparative Family Law

This track addresses the definition, protection and transformation of the family at the constitutional and legal levels within a framework of comparative law. Indicative topics include the constitutional protection of the family and comparative case law; the regulation of marriage, divorce, inheritance and matrimonial property regimes under civil law; and the boundary between state and society, together with legal governance, in family and population policies.

2. Family and Population from Past to Present

Conceptual Transformations and Multidimensional Reflections — This track evaluates, on an evidentiary basis, the transformations observed from a historical perspective in conceptions of family, population, sex and the body. Indicative topics include the historical transformation of the concept of the family, paradigm shifts in population policies, conceptual shifts concerning the body and sex across various policy fields, the implications of assisted reproductive technologies for the definition of the family, and new approaches in the face of the international transfer of norms.

3. Changing Dynamics in Marriage, Fertility and Household Structure

This track examines the transformation of the institution of marriage, the decline in fertility and the shrinking of household size within a comparative policy framework. Indicative topics include the dynamics of marriage postponement and non-marriage; the quality of marriage in terms of satisfaction, adjustment and stability; the encouragement of marriage; the comparative effectiveness of fertility policies; support mechanisms for families with several children; and debates on work-family balance.

4. Intergenerational Welfare: Youth and Ageing

This track addresses the sound upbringing of young people, the welfare of older persons and intergenerational solidarity. Indicative topics include the education, careers, character development and psychological well-being of young people, young people not in education, employment or training (NEET), the dynamics of ageing, family- and community-based approaches to elderly care, intergenerational relations, and the social policy implications of demographic ageing.

5. Demographic Geography: Rural and Urban Areas, Migration and Spatial Balance

This track examines rural depopulation, the pressures of urbanisation, and the dynamics of internal and international migration within a family-centred spatial policy framework. Indicative topics include place-based development approaches, the impact of urbanisation on family structure, migration policies, regional demographic balance, and family-oriented settlement and housing policies.

6. Digitalisation and the Family: Risks, Opportunities and Policy

This track examines the effects of artificial intelligence, social media and digital content on intra-family relations, the development of children and young people, and parenting practices. Indicative topics include cyberbullying, digital addiction, the effects of online subcultures, the opportunities offered by artificial intelligence and other digital tools, digital parenting, digital safety, and family-friendly content policies in the digital age.

Submission Guidelines

Paper submission will be conducted in two stages through the online form on the Conference website. In the first stage, an extended abstract will be submitted; in the second stage, a full paper will be requested from the authors of abstracts accepted following double-blind review. For papers with more than one author, the submitting author will be required to declare and undertake, at the time of submission, that all authors are aware of the submitted work and of the order of authorship and have approved the submission.

- **EXTENDED ABSTRACT:** The extended abstract should set out the research question or objective, the approach or method, the main argument or findings, and the conclusions (with policy implications where possible), and should be submitted together with 4-6 keywords. It should be prepared in Turkish or English, within a range of 500-750 words, in accordance with the template and style guidelines to be provided. The submitted extended abstract must relate to original work that has not previously been published and is not currently under consideration for publication; the applicant will be required to provide a declaration of originality.
- **FULL PAPER:** The full paper should be prepared in Turkish or English, in accordance with the template, style guidelines and designated citation system to be provided, and should be a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 10 pages including tables, figures and references. The submitted full paper must be original work that has not previously been published and is not currently under consideration for publication; the applicant will be required to provide a declaration of originality. Papers will be included in the Conference Proceedings after plagiarism screening and peer review. Presenting a paper at the Conference does not entail its publication in the Conference Proceedings.

Studies involving human participants or personal data must have been conducted in accordance with the principles of research ethics and, where required, must have obtained the approval of the relevant ethics committee; information concerning such approval is to be declared, and the supporting document is to be submitted upon request. Responsibility in this regard rests with the authors.

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FULL PAPER	**KEYWORDS** 4-6	**PAGES** 5-10	**LANGUAGE** TR-ENG

Presentation Formats

Authors will indicate their preferred presentation format (oral/poster) at the time of application; the final presentation format will be determined by the Organising Committee, taking into account the outcome of the evaluation and the capacity of the programme. For a paper to be included in the programme and the Conference Proceedings, at least one author must register for the Conference and deliver the presentation.

- **ORAL PRESENTATİON:** The paper must be presented by the author or one of the co-authors. Presentations will be delivered using the computer available in the session room, and the presentation file, prepared in Turkish and English in accordance with the template to be provided, is expected to be submitted at least 5 days before the Conference. A staff member will be available in the room to assist with starting the presentations. Presentations will be delivered in English or Turkish, with simultaneous interpretation provided in English, Turkish and Arabic during the presentation.
- **POSTER PRESENTATİON:** Posters should be prepared in accordance with the template to be provided, in Turkish and English, in A0 size and portrait orientation. The poster is expected to be submitted digitally at least 20 days before the Conference. Throughout the session, an author or co-author able to communicate in Turkish or English must be present beside the poster.

Publication

Among the papers presented at the Conference, those whose full texts successfully pass plagiarism screening and peer review will be compiled in the ISBN-registered Proceedings of the International Family and Population Conference and published in open access during 2027.

Important Dates

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE **7 August 2026**	ABSTRACT EVALUATION RESULTS **8 September 2026**
CONFERENCE **26–27 October 2026**	FULL PAPER SUBMISSION DEADLINE **30 November 2026**
FULL PAPER EVALUATION RESULTS **31 January 2027**	REVISED FULL PAPER SUBMISSION DEADLINE **28 February 2027**

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