



Exploring Social Relationships and Connectedness

Details

Relationships are a crucial, but underexplored, building block of social and demographic statistics. This webinar, the first in a series of online events organized by the [Friends of the Chair Group on Social and Demographic Statistics](#) (FOC), in collaboration with the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), will examine relationships at multiple levels—among and between individuals, groups large and small, and institutions. The event will provide an opportunity to review what is currently known about "relationships" and **how they are measured** across different national statistical systems. It will also explore gaps in understanding and highlight the most important concepts that need further investigation.

The webinar aims to define why relationships are essential and to gain a deeper understanding of their characteristics, functions, and impacts. This will guide the FOC's efforts to establish recommendations on how relationships should be treated from a measurement perspective in social statistics.

Programme

Welcome and Opening remarks

- **Mr. Stefan Schweinfest**, Director, UNSD
- **Ms. Francesca Grum**, Assistant Director and Chief of the Demographic and Social Statistics Branch, UNSD

Context setting

- **Ms. Lara Fleischer**, Acting Head of Unit, Well-being Data Insights and Policy Practice, OECD Centre on Well-Being, Inclusion, Sustainability and Equal Opportunity (WISE)

Panel discussion

Why measuring social relationships matters—but what matters most?

- **Dr. Robert Waldinger**, Director of the Harvard Study of Adult Development

Understanding social relationships, a multi-faceted construct

- **Dr. Julianne Holt-Lunstad**, Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience and Director of the Social Connection & Health Lab, Brigham Young University

Social Relationships: households, families, communities, society

- **Mr. Peter Vig Jensen**, Head of Division, Population and Education, Statistics Denmark
- **Dr. Sam MacIsaac**, Research Economist, Statistics Canada
- **Mr. Oussama Marseli**, Chief Statistician at High Commission for Planning, Morocco

Moderator: **Ms. Lynn Barr-Telford**, Former Assistant Chief Statistician of Social Health and Labour Statistics at Statistics Canada

Q & A

Moderator: **Ms. Francesca Grum**, Assistant Director and Chief of the Demographic and Social Statistics Branch, UNSD

Wrap up

- **Mr. Dominik Rozkrut**, President, Statistics Poland

Speakers (10)

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