

**Invitation to Contribute to Our Special Issue on *Frontiers in Sociology*
“Parenthood and Parental Wellbeing: Exploring Diverse Trajectories and Influences”**

Dear Colleague,

we are reaching out to personally invite you to contribute to the upcoming Special Issue of *Frontiers in Sociology* titled “Parenthood and Parental Well-being: Exploring Diverse Trajectories and Influences.” Given your expertise, we believe your insights would be a valuable addition to this issue, which aims to explore the evolving nature of parenthood and its implications on parental well-being.

In recent decades, transformations in social organization, family structures, legal frameworks, and reproductive technologies have significantly reshaped the experience of becoming a parent. These changes bring both new opportunities and significant challenges.

This Special Issue seeks to explore how parental well-being - as mental and physical health - is shaped by socio-economic and gendered inequalities, welfare systems, and reproductive representations and decisions. Additionally, it will address underexplored issues such as obstetric violence, postpartum depression, and parental regret, which challenge traditional narratives of family and reproduction.

This Research Topic aims to provide an interdisciplinary and comprehensive understanding of contemporary parenthood through contributions from sociology, demography, psychology, gender studies, policy studies, and public health.

We welcome theoretical, methodological, and empirical contributions from sociology, demography, psychology, gender studies, policy studies, and public health. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- **Wellbeing and mental load in parenthood:** Obstetric violence, postpartum depression, and family labor division.
- **Parental regret:** Understanding its prevalence, causes, and implications.
- **Paths to parenthood:** Differences in experiences between natural conception, adoption, and ART.
- **Gendered and socio-economic inequalities:** How these factors shape reproductive choices and trajectories.
- **Late and latest-late fertility:** Unique challenges of delayed parenthood.
- **Social narratives and reproductive paths:** The impact of prevailing discourses on parenthood.
- **Welfare systems and healthcare:** The role of policies in supporting or hindering parental wellbeing.

We would be delighted if you would consider submitting a manuscript for this issue. All thematic details and information on how to submit your proposal are available at the following link: <https://www.frontiersin.org/research-topics/69599/parenthood-and-parental-wellbeing-exploring-diverse-trajectories-and-influences> .

Submission Deadlines:

- **Manuscript Summary Submission Deadline:** 23 April 2025
- **Full Manuscript Submission Deadline:** 11 August 2025

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We look forward to your contribution and to furthering the discussion on these critical issues in parenthood and parental well-being.