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WORK EXPERIENCE

Senior Researcher

Sep 2025 –

Leiden University, Netherlands

- Project 'Transforming European Work and Social Protection: A New Proactive Welfare State Fit for the Future World of Work ([TransEuroWorkS](#)), PI: Olaf van Vliet

Senior Researcher

Oct 2022 – Aug 2025

KU Leuven, Belgium

Research Group on Social Policy, Social Work, Public Opinion and Population Dynamics ([ReSPOND](#))

- project 'Risks, Resources and Inequalities: Increasing Resilience of European Families' ([rEUsilience](#)), PI: Mary Daly (University of Oxford) & Rense Nieuwenhuis (Stockholm University), PI Belgium: Wim Van Lancker (KU Leuven)
- guest lecturer at master's course 'Solidarity in European Welfare States', 2023 – present
- Master's theses supervision, 2022 – present
- Master's theses co-supervision, Utrecht University (NL), 2025
- PhD co-supervision of Maximilian Reichert, Erasmus University Rotterdam, 2023 - present

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow

Oct 2020 – Sep 2022

Centre for Sociological Research, KU Leuven, Belgium

- project '[Family Policy Measurement Tool](#): Advanced Methodologies for Understanding Inequalities in Family Policy'

Postdoctoral Researcher

Dec 2016 – Jun 2020

Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands

Department of Public Administration and Sociology, Erasmus School of Social and Behavioural Sciences (ESSB)

- project 'Families in Context: Unravelling the way in which policy, economic, and cultural contexts structure generational interdependencies in families and their life outcomes', PI: Pearl Dykstra
- coordinator of master's course 'Modern Families', 2018 – 2019
- coordinator of master's course 'Families and Inequalities', 2019 - 2020

Junior Researcher/Data Analyst

Feb 2015 – Aug 2016

Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute (NIDI)

- Generations and Gender Programme (GGP), PI: Anne H. Gauthier

Visiting Researcher Nov 2013 – Aug 2015
Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute (NIDI)

Career interruptions

Parental leave (0.2 FTE) Nov 2016 – Jun 2020
Maternity leave Feb 2019 – May 2019
Maternity leave Aug 2015 – Jan 2016

EDUCATION

University of Edinburgh, UK Oct 2011 – Jul 2017
PhD in Social Policy

Project “Genderising’ Aspects of Birth-related Leave Policies and Fertility Behaviour in Europe: Understanding Policy from an Individual’s Perspective”

Viva voce: June 2016

Masaryk University, Brno, Czechia Oct 2008 – Jan 2012
MA in Social Policy and Social Work

- 2-year Master course interrupted by MSc at KU Leuven (2009-2010)

KU Leuven, Belgium Aug 2009 – Sep 2010
MSc in Social Policy Analysis

Palacký University Olomouc, Czechia Oct 2004 – June 2008
BA in Social and Humanitarian Work

FUNDING

ODISSEI Microdata Access Grant (MAG) 2024 - 2025
together with Verena Seibel, Mara Yerkes and Mehri Zamanbin (Utrecht University)
project ‘*Navigating Dutch Childcare: the role of social networks for migrants’ childcare knowledge, perception and use*’.

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action Individual Fellowship 2020 – 2022

Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) +3 Scholarship 2011 – 2014
funding awarded to pursue PhD degree at the University of Edinburgh.

Research grant 2011 - 2012
awarded by the *School of Social and Political Science* and *Social Policy Department* at the University of Edinburgh.

CEPS/INSTEAD Scholarship 2009 - 2010
to pursue International master’s degree in social policy analysis at KU Leuven.

OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

- Paid Consultant 2026 - present
European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)
Project (short-term): Parental leave in the EU: eligibility, policy synergies, and encouraging shared care
- Science Communication Coordinator 2024 - present
COST Action, CA21150: Parental Leave Policies & Social Sustainability
PI: Jiřina Kocourková, Department of Demography and Geodemography, Charles University in Prague & Margareth O'Brien, University College London
- Member of the Community, Work & Family International Editorial Board 2024 – present
- Country Expert (for the Netherlands) 2025
Project: [European Parenting Leave Policies Dataset](#)
PI: Sonja Spitzer, Adèle Lemoine, Vienna Institute of Demography
- Member of the Generations and Gender Survey (GGS) Belgium Working Group 2021 – 2022
- University Teaching Qualification (BKO) 2020
Erasmus University Rotterdam
- Reviewer for
COST Action – External Expert
Community, Work & Family; Journal of Marriage and Family; Advances in Life Course Research;
European Journal of Population; Journal of Social Policy; International Journal of Social Welfare;
Acta Sociologica

DATA & SOFTWARE

Spitzer, S., Lemoine, A., Song, Z., Reiter, C., Greulich, A., Herlitz, A., **Bártová, A.**, Brini, E., Dančíková, Z., Galdauskaitė, D., González, L., Hatzivarnava-Kazassi, E., Honkaniemi, H., Juárez, SP, Kaldager Hart, R., Kristiansen, I. L., Kurowska, A., Pall, K., Pertold-Gebicka, B., Rakar, T., Räsänen, T., Rentzou, K., Romero Balsas, P., Schmidt, E., Thil, L., Tuda, D., Vargha, L., Vignoli, D., Wagner, S. & Wrohlich, K. (2025). [The European Parenting Leave Policies \(EPLP\) Dataset](#). Zenodo. DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.16564540](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.16564540)

Bartova, A. & Van Lancker, W. (2025) [Family Resilience Module](#), [The Social Study](#) (Belgium), DOI: [10.34934/DVN/RRZGXZ](https://doi.org/10.34934/DVN/RRZGXZ)

Bartova, A. (2022) [Family Policy Module](#), [LISS Panel](#) (Netherlands), DOI: [10.17026/dans-xse-qc3q](https://doi.org/10.17026/dans-xse-qc3q)

Bartova, A. (2022) [Open Family Policy Program](#), v.1.0, DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.7024867](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.7024867)

JOURNAL ARTICLES, PAPERS & REPORTS

Bartova, A., Thaning, M., Van Lancker, W. & Nieuwenhuis, R. (2025) The Families in Household Typology: Searching for Families in Social Surveys. *Community, Work & Family*.

Gijbels, E., Uzunalioglu, M., **Bartova, A.** & Van Lancker, W. (2025) Families with low resources striving for resilience in Belgium. In Daly (Ed.) *Families, Welfare States and Resilience: Low-Resource Families Navigating Care, Employment and Welfare in Europe*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 58-76.

Nieuwenhuis, R., Thaning, M., **Bartova, A.**, Van Lancker, W. (2025) The circumstances of families and the social policy contexts. In Daly (Ed.) *Families, Welfare States and Resilience: Low-Resource Families Navigating Care, Employment and Welfare in Europe*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 36-57.

Nieuwenhuis, R., Thaning, M., **Bartova, A.** & Backman, L. (2025) The need and capacity for resilience in European labour markets: An inequalities in resilience framework. *rEUsilience Working paper series*, DOI: [10.31235/osf.io/k8x2v_v1](https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/k8x2v_v1)

Bartova, A. & Van Lancker, W. (2025) 'Adult care & Work': Blueprint of an EU-SILC ad hoc module. *rEUsilience Working Paper Series:15*. DOI: [10.31235/osf.io/njq69_v2](https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/njq69_v2)

Bartova, A. & Van Lancker, W. (2025) Adult Care, Work and Well-being in Europe: Ad hoc module for submission to ESS call for rotating modules. rEUsilience working paper series: 18, DOI: https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/p6e2c_v2

Reichert, M., Emery, T. & **Bartova, A.** (2024) The critical juncture of childbirth: turbulence in the employment trajectories of mothers in Europe. *Preprint*. DOI: [10.31235/osf.io/y4f3j_v1](https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/y4f3j_v1)

Bartova, A., Dobrotic, I., & Arnalds, Á. A. (2024). Parenting leave policy data gaps: Monitoring the implementation and impact of the EU Work-Life Balance Directive. *Policy Brief. COST Action Parental leave policies and social sustainability*. DOI: [10.31235/osf.io/yhncb](https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/yhncb)

Van Havere, T., Nieuwenhuis, R., Thaning, M., **Bartova, A.** (2024) Eligibility and benefit adequacy for families in the tax-benefit system: Microsimulations using EUROMOD. *rEUsilience working paper*. DOI: [10.31219/osf.io/n48jw](https://doi.org/10.31219/osf.io/n48jw)

Nieuwenhuis, R., Thaning, M., **Bartova, A.** & Van Lancker, W. (2024) Compendium of risks, resources and resilience: Interactive data visualisation. *rEUsilience Working Paper Series*, 2024:9, DOI: [10.31235/osf.io/g8ad3](https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/g8ad3)

Nieuwenhuis, R., Thaning, M., Van Lancker, W., **Bartova, A.**, Backman, L. (2023) Inequalities in family resilience: Research report on the capacity of policies to attenuate the link between risks and poor outcomes. *rEUsilience Working Paper Series*, 2023: 3, DOI: [10.31235/osf.io/hvnu3](https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/hvnu3)

Bartova, A., Thaning, M., Van Lancker, W., Backman, L. & Nieuwenhuis, R. (2023) Family Profiles: Risks, Resources, and Inequalities. *rEUsilience Working Paper Series*, 2023:1. DOI: [10.31235/osf.io/7uaf6](https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/7uaf6)

Bartova, A., Otto, A. & Van Lancker, W. (2022) Making Parental Leave Policies Work for Single Mothers: Lessons from Europe. *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*. 702(1), 129-148.

Otto, A., **Bartova, A.** & Van Lancker, W. (2022) How to Improve Comparative Parenting Leave Policy Indicators?. In Dobrotić, I. & Blum, S. (Ed.) *Research Handbook on Leave Policy*, Edward Elgar.

Bartova, A. (2022) *Open Family Policy Program: Methodology Report, EU-SILC CS, v.1.0*, DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.7024883](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.7024883)

Otto, A., **Bartova, A.** & Van Lancker, W. (2021) Measuring the Generosity of Parental Leave Policies, *Social Inclusion*, 9(2), 238-249.

Bartova, A. & Keizer, R. (2020) How Well Do European Child-Related Leave Policies Support the Caring Role of Fathers?. In Nieuwenhuis, R. & Van Lancker, W. (Ed.) *Handbook of Family Policy*, Palgrave.

Bartova, A. & Karpinska, K. (2019) Childcare practices of Polish Migrants in the Netherlands: Comparison with the countries of origin and destination (preprint, DOI: [10.31219/osf.io/2sgw4](https://doi.org/10.31219/osf.io/2sgw4))

Bartova, A., Karpinska, K., Conkova, N. & Fokkema, T. (2019) *Families of Poles in the Netherlands: New data to study migrants' family dynamics and social networks in a comparative setting*. *Discussion paper*, Max Planck Society for the Advancement of Science on behalf of the collaborative network "Population Europe".

Gauthier, A.H. & **Bartova, A.** (2018) *The Impact of Leave Policies on Employment, Fertility, Gender Equality and Health*. In Shockley, Shen, Johnson, Ed. *Cambridge Handbook of the Global Work-Family Interface*.

Bartova, A. & Emery, T. (2018) Measuring Policy Entitlements at the Micro-Level: Maternity and Parental Leave in Europe. *Community, Work & Family*, 21(1), 33-52.

Bartova, A. (2017) *'Genderising' Aspects of Birth-related Leave Policies and Fertility Behaviour in Europe: Understanding Policy from an Individual's Perspective*. Doctoral Thesis, School of Social and Political Science, University of Edinburgh

Gauthier, A.H., Emery, T. & **Bartova, A.** (2016) The Labour Market Intentions and Behaviour of Stay-at-home Mothers in Western and Eastern Europe. *Advances in Life Course Research*, 30(December), 1-15.

Gauthier, A.H. & **Bartova, A.** (2015) *The Impact of Leave Policies on Employment, Fertility, Gender Equality and Health*. *Consultancy paper* written for the project "Female Labor Force Participation and Health" conducted by the Government of Japan, International Christian University (ICU) and Nihon University Population Research Institute (NUPRI).

CONFERENCE PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS (most recent)

Bartova, A. *'Gaps and Opportunities for Measuring Family Resilience in EU data infrastructure'*, **rEUsilience Final Conference**, 27 June 2025, Brussel, Belgium

Bartova, A. *'Family Policy Knowledge Across the Life Course'*, **European Population Conference 2024**, 15 June 2024, Edinburgh, UK

Bartova, A. *'Family Policy Awareness Across the Life Course'*, **ESPAnet Conference 2022**, 14-16 September 2022, Vienna, Austria

Bartova, A., Otto, A. & Van Lancker, W. *'Making Parental Leave Policies Work for Single Mothers'*, **ESPAnet Conference 2022**, 14-16 September 2022, Vienna, Austria

Bartova, A., Otto, A. & Van Lancker, W. *'Making Parental Leave Policies Work for Single Mothers'*, **International Conference on Parental Support**, 20-21 August 2022, York, UK

Bartova, A. *'Open Family Policy Platform'*, **ESPAnet Conference 2021**, 31st August – 3rd September 2021, Leuven, Belgium

Bartova, A. & Karpinska, K. *'Childcare Practices of Polish Migrants in the Netherlands: Comparison with the countries of origin and destination'*, **ESPAnet Conference 2018**, 30th August – 1st September 2018, Vilnius, Lithuania