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## ***SEMINAR***

# **"(De-)Standardization of life courses: centroid and stochastic models"**

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Abstract:

We discuss standardization and de-standardization of the life course by focussing on trajectories of family formation. Data from Dutch cohorts born between 1850 and 1900 show standardization, data on cohorts of females born between 1945 and 1965 in 19 distinct countries show de-standardization. (De-)standardization is normally demonstrated through changes in the sizes of certain clusters of trajectories. However, the cluster-centroids are quite unsatisfactory models for the trajectories that are contained in the clusters. Therefore, we propose some stochastic models for future application.