



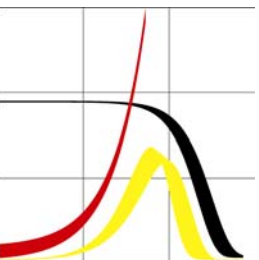
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The Contextual Database of the Generations and Gender Program

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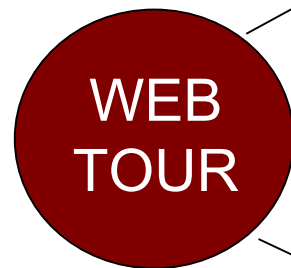
Key Activities

Implementation in Bulgaria

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Ambitions

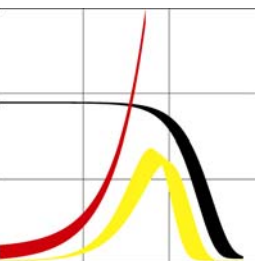
Implementation of Web DB



Key Features of the CDB

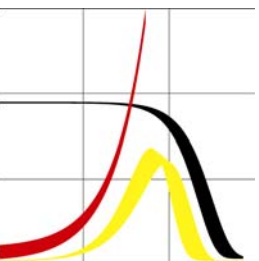
Practical use of CDB

CDB Implementation in your country



Key Ambitions [1/4] - CDB as integral part of GGP

- Close integration of the two instruments of the GGP, the survey and the CDB
- Selection of 16 key topics
 - 6 topics linked to economic activities: Labor; Unemployment; Education; Parental leave; Pensions, National service
 - 3 topics linked to care: childcare; Health and healthcare; Elderly care.
 - 3 topics related to the economic situation, income and wealth: economic indicators; the tax-benefit system; housing.
 - 4 additional topics: Legal regulations of personal relations, political parties; cultural indicators; general demography
- Focus on key dependent variables of survey
- Meet historic depth: time series going back to 1970

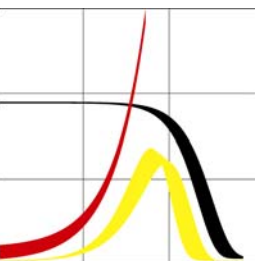


Key Ambitions [2/4] - Theory-based framework

- Theory based conceptual framework
- We mainly followed approaches developed in welfare state research, especially in the identification of key dimensions of policies: (gendered)
 - Equality
 - Agency: set of choices and ability to choose
 - Rights: social, economic, personal
 - Risks and consequences associated with studied behaviors
- Data that effect timing & sequencing of events
 - Legal norms and regulations
 - Statistical norms

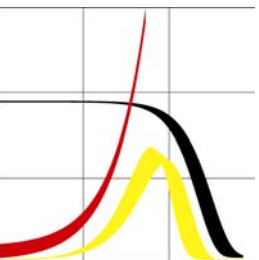
Key Ambitions [3/4] - Support innovative data analysis

- Contextual and multi-level analysis
 - Provide variables that describe the regional variation of contexts between countries and regions
 - Provide time series to capture the variation of context over time
 - Provide policy histories that contribute to understanding of contextual changes over time; changes in regulations
 - Micro-macro link by group: target units of policies; eligibility
- Comparative research
 - Standardized tables and data definitions. In Web-DB: possibility to switch from country to country
 - Emphasis on comparative schemes of policy descriptions



Key Ambitions [4/4] - Feasibility

- Feasibility of data collection concerning time resources and data availability
- Build on existing data collections and definitions wherever possible
- Feasibility studies, discussion of national experiences
- Development of instruments like standardized tables and database definitions that allow national teams to collect data

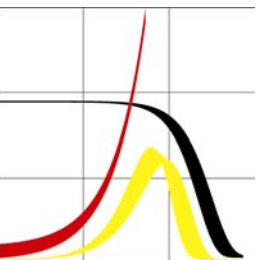


Activities since Spetses

- List of ~220 variables & variable definitions
- Tested feasibility of data collection (availability, time effort) in three countries
- Discussed list of variables and country experiences at an international workshop with experts/representatives of 8 countries
- Finalized list of variables and table templates
- Data collection in Bulgaria; ongoing in Russia and Hungary
- Technical implementation of Internet-Database

The Bulgarian CDB

- Data collection by two teams:
- Center of Population Studies of the Bulgarian Academy of Science:
 - Contact: Dora Kostova, Tatyana Kotzeva
 - Data collection January – June 2005
 - ~75% of total variables; all policy descriptions
 - Also responsible for feasibility study
- Bulgarian Statistical Office
 - Contact: Iordan Kaltchev
 - Data collection July 2005
 - ~25% variables, e.g. labor survey data (employment and unemployment), demographic data
- Data delivered to MPIDR in standardized Excel sheets and uploaded to Internet-Database

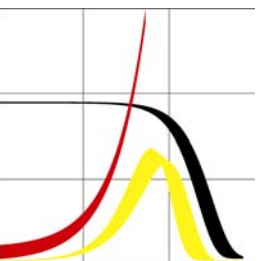


The Hungarian and Russian CDB

- Hungary:
 - Hungarian Central Statistical Office
 - Data collection July to October 2005
 - Contact: Akos Tarknyi, Zsolt Speder
- Russia:
 - Independent Institute for Social Policy
 - Data collection in two phases, June-August, November 2005
 - Contact: Oxana Sinyavskaya, Sergei Zakharov

Key Features of the CDB

- ~220 variables (tables) per country organized in 16 topics
- ~65 national level time series data ranging back to 1970
- ~70 policy histories, giving text and standardized numeric descriptions of key policy changes and changes in legal regulations
- ~60 regional level variables. Regional data are collected for years corresponding to panel waves or as short time series (going back to 2000) to capture recent trends

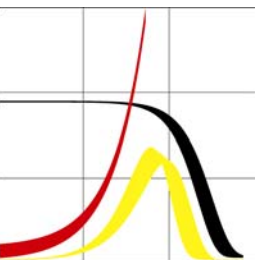


The Web-Implementation of the CDB

- Web-Database developed and run at Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research
- Technical implementation finished; in-house test running soon
- Provides fast access to all tables; easy navigation between countries
- All tables can be downloaded in (1) Excel workbooks per topic and country, or as (2) individual CSV-files
- Web-Database provides full documentation of the database, including downloads of key documents, variable definitions, etc.
- Includes a collection of commented links to other databases.

Web-Tour: Organization

- General Overview
- Navigation: Finding data & checking availability in different countries
- Typical table types
 - Time series
 - Policy histories
 - Regional variation
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- Practical example: using the database in an analysis of birth intentions in Bulgaria
- Documentation



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The Contextual Database of the Generations and Gender Program

The Contextual Database of the Generations and Gender Program is a comparative collection of around 200 contextual variables on the national and regional level for each country participating in the international Generations and Gender Program coordinated by the Population Activities Unit of the United Nation's Economic Commission of Europe. As an integral part of this program, the Contextual Database complements the individual-level data collection of the Generations and Gender Panel Survey and provides an instrument for the study of human behaviors taking account of the multiple contexts in which they occur.

The database is organized around 16 central topics closely linked to the program. Variables describe variations of context over time and among regions which are believed to have an impact on the behaviors and relations which constitute the key dependent variables of the survey: fertility, partnership, transition to adulthood, economic activity as well as the intergenerational and gender relations between people expressed e.g. in care relations or the organization of paid and unpaid work. Data include statistical norms, legal norms and regulations, measures of welfare state policies and institutions as well as general economic and cultural indicators. Data are currently available for Bulgaria, Russia and Hungary.

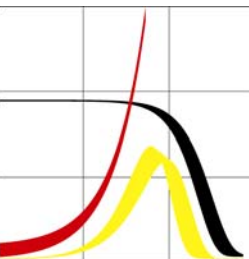
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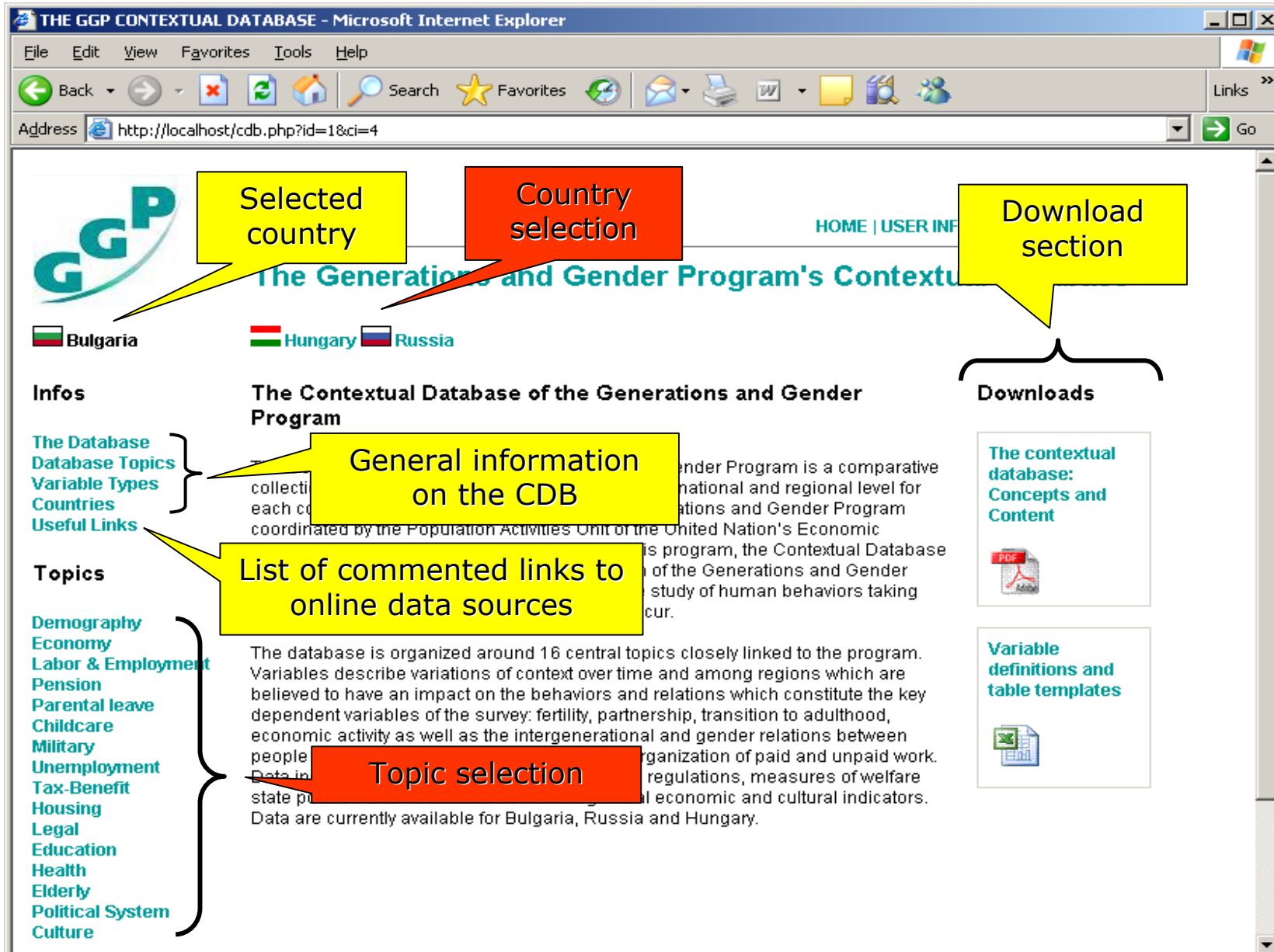


Variable definitions and table templates





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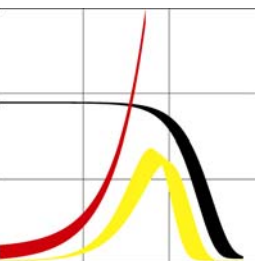
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- Mechanism that links pension contributions to benefits
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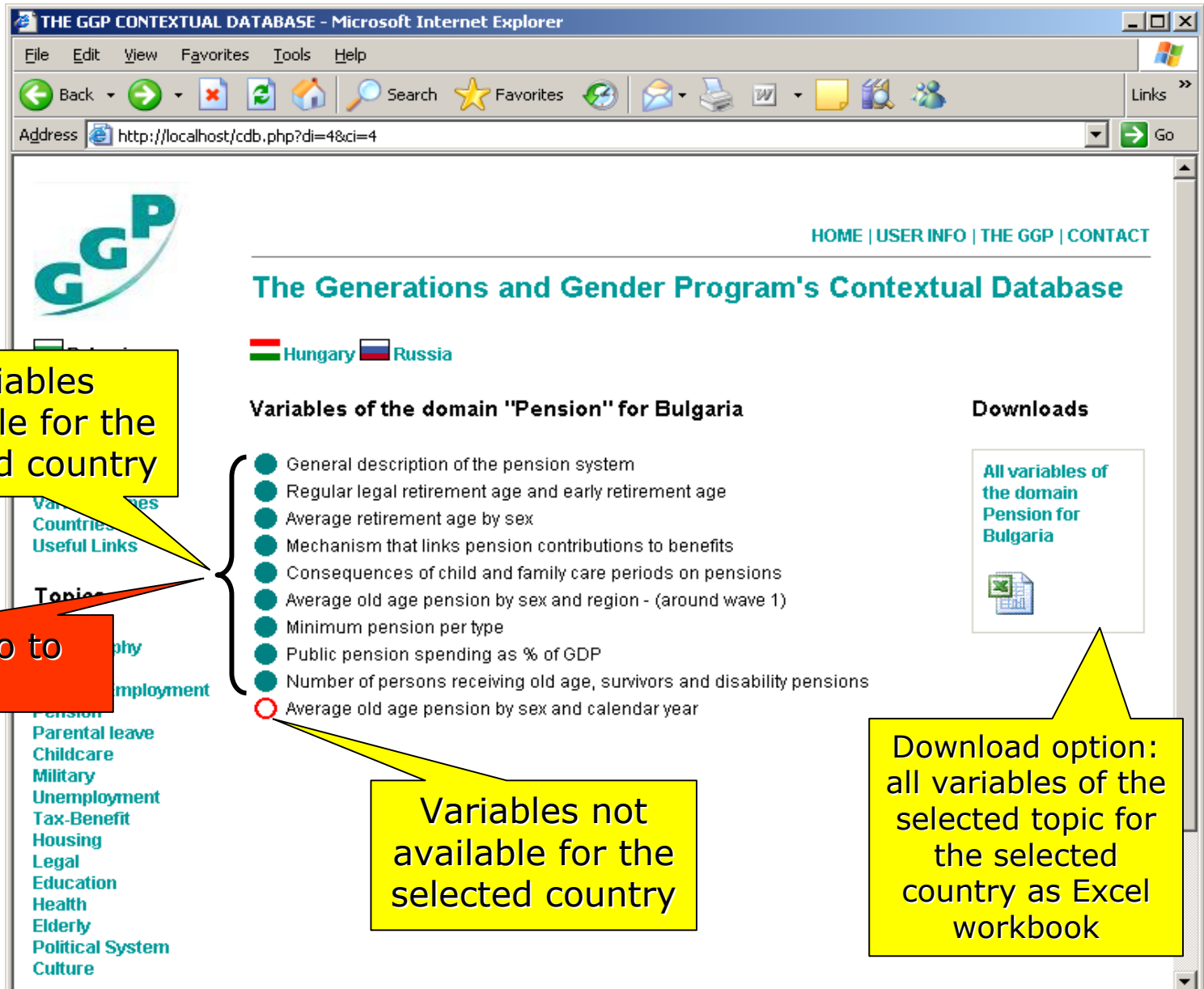
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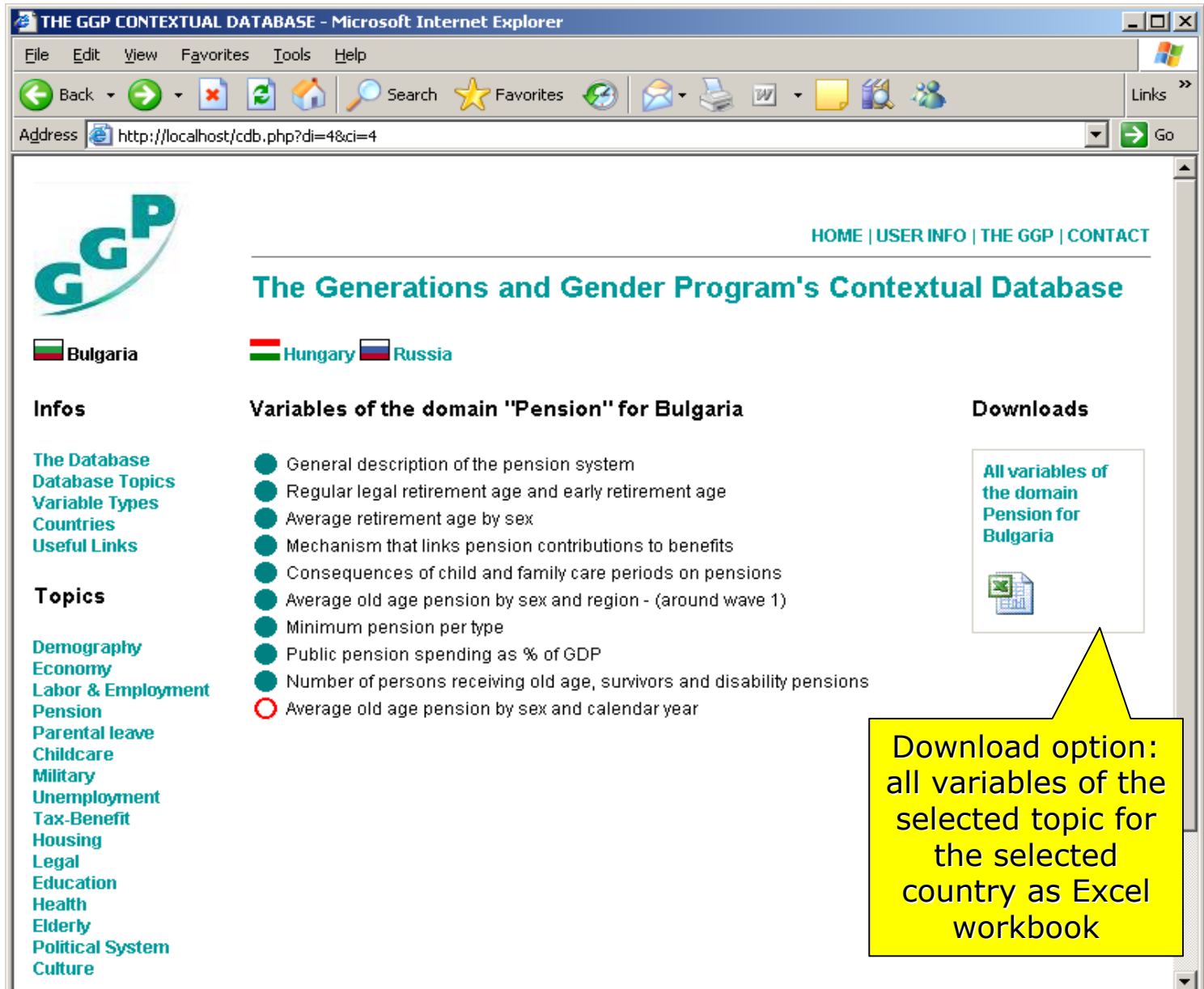
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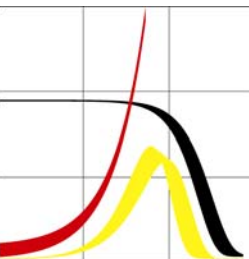
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11	1985					
12	1986	57.5		57.9	57.1					
13	1987	56.6		57.3	55.9					
14	1988	57.5		57.9	57.0					
15	1989	58.2		57.9	58.5					
16	1990	57.0		56.9	57.1					
17	1991	56.9		56.9	56.9					
18	1992	55.9		56.6	55.3					
19	1993	56.9		56.1	57.8					
20	1994	56.9		56.1	57.8					
21	1995	56.9		56.0	57.8					
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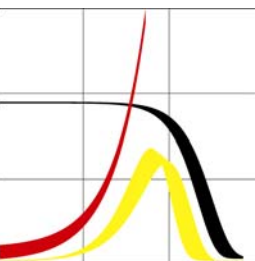
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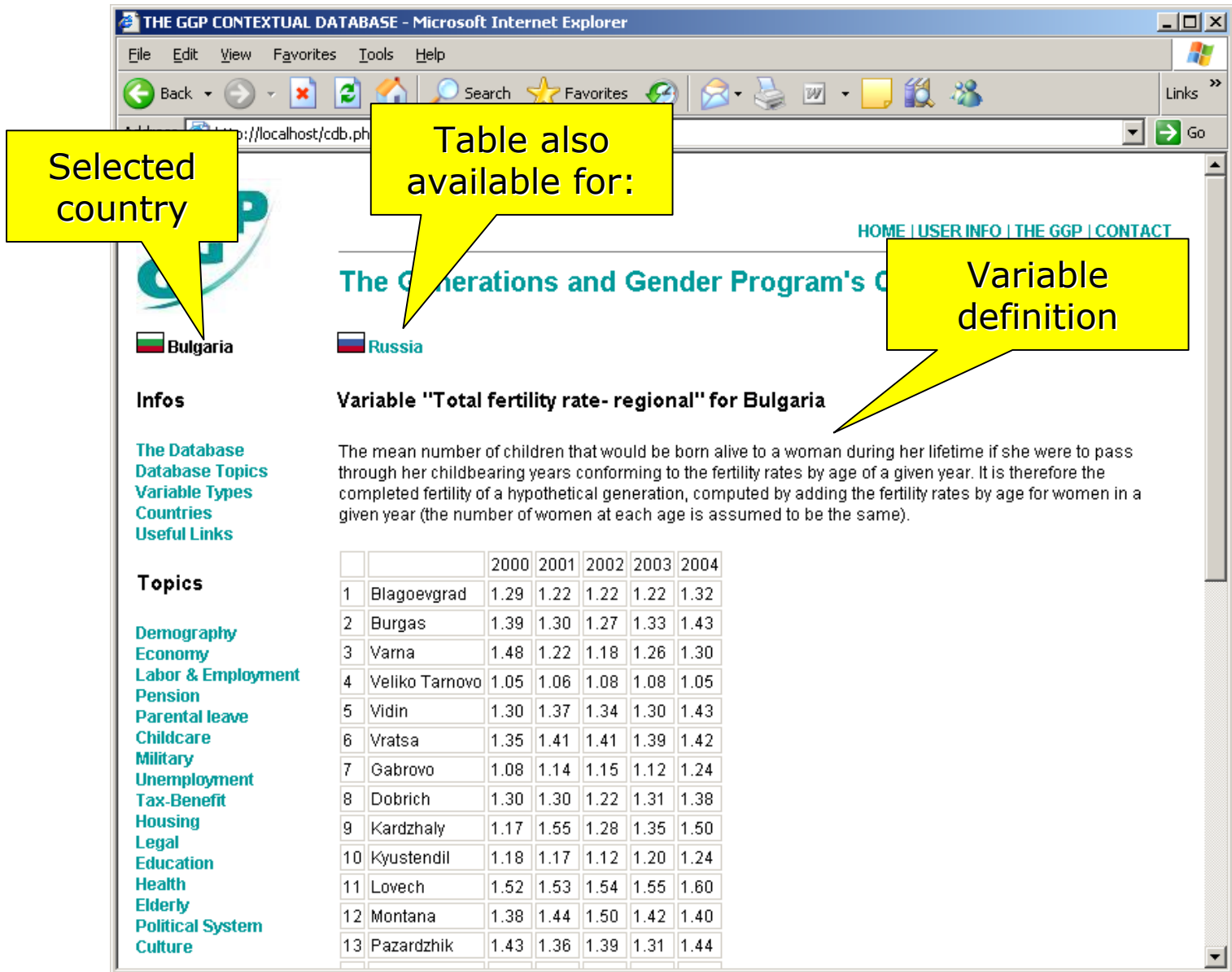
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5	Vidin	1.30	1.37	1.34	1.30	1.43
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11	Lovech	1.52	1.53	1.54	1.55	1.60
12	Montana	1.38	1.44	1.50	1.42	1.40
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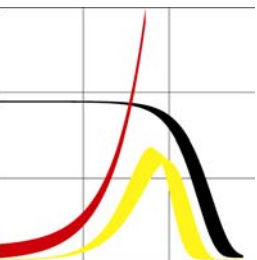
Variable "Average time in unemployment by sex - months" for Bulgaria

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1993	14.9	14.6	14.8
1994	19.2	18.3	18.7
1995	23.1	21.7	22.4
1996	24.0	23.5	23.7
1997	23.3	23.1	23.2
1998	23.9	23.8	23.8
1999	23.9	24.0	24.0
2000	26.0	25.5	25.8
2001	29.3	30.3	29.8
2002	32.8	33.0	32.9
2003	35.3	36.2	35.8
2004	33.5	31.6	32.5

Source: Bulgarian Statistical Office

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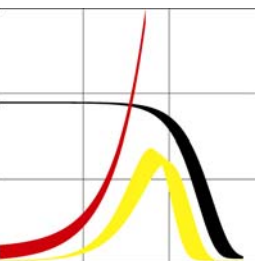
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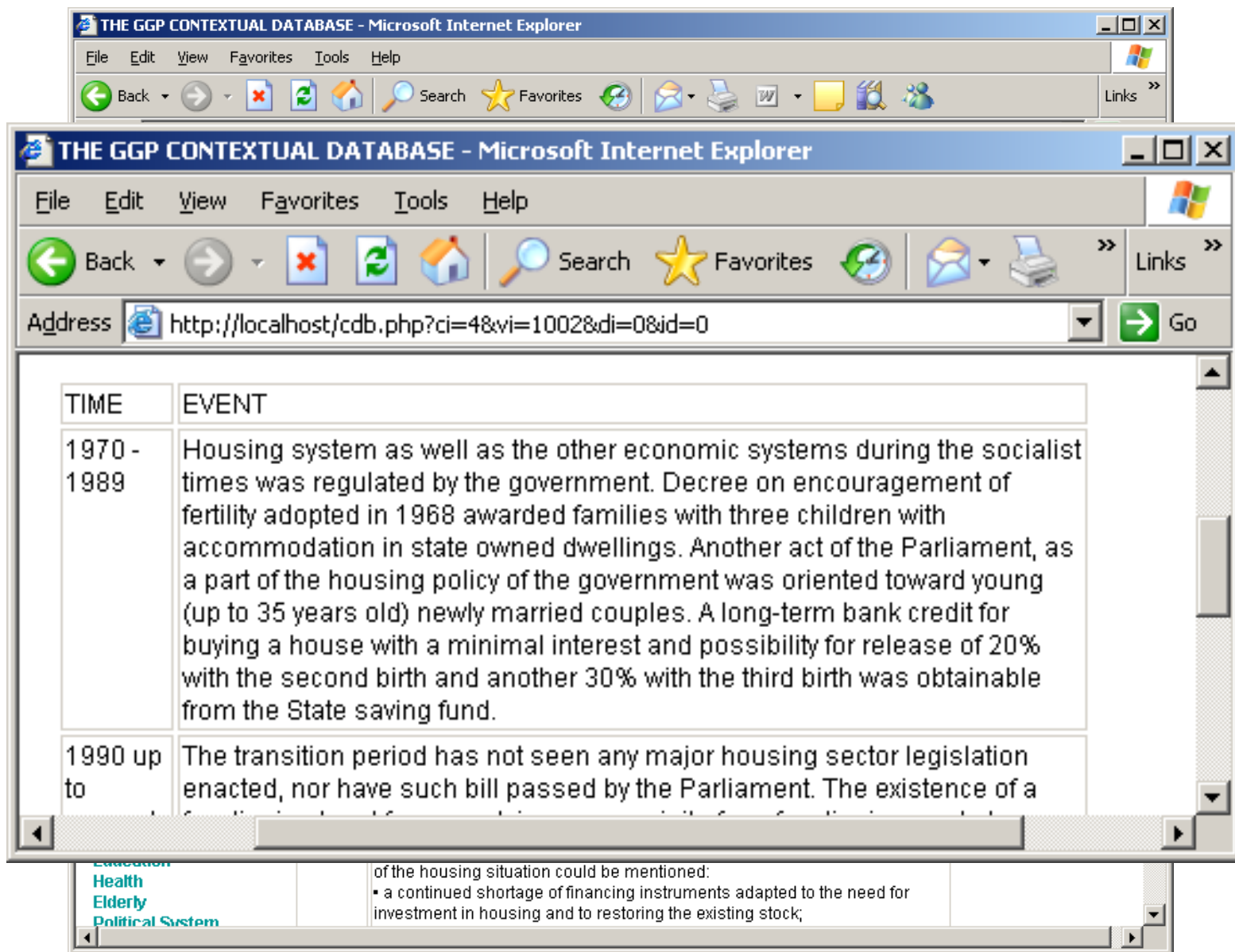
Variable "Housing policies" for Bulgaria

Description of key features of housing policies, including the orientation towards housing ownership versus rentals, existence and impact of rent control policies, existence and importance of public housing construction or social housing and main changes of policy orientation over time

TIME	EVENT
1970 - 1989	Housing system as well as the other economic systems during the socialist times was regulated by the government. Decree on encouragement of fertility adopted in 1968 awarded families with three children with accommodation in state owned dwellings. Another act of the Parliament, as a part of the housing policy of the government was oriented toward young (up to 35 years old) newly married couples. A long-term bank credit for buying a house with a minimal interest and possibility for release of 20% with the second birth and another 30% with the third birth was obtainable from the State saving fund.
1990 up to present	The transition period has not seen any major housing sector legislation enacted, nor have such bill passed by the Parliament. The existence of a functioning legal framework is a prerequisite for a functioning market-oriented housing sector with a social policy component. Bulgaria does not have such a framework at present. As a result the following characteristics of the housing situation could be mentioned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ a continued shortage of financing instruments adapted to the need for investment in housing and to restoring the existing stock;



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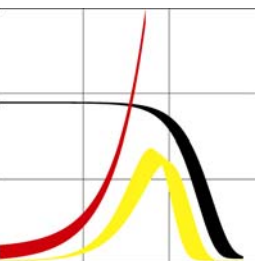
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TIME	EVENT
1970 - 1989	Housing system as well as the other economic systems during the socialist times was regulated by the government. Decree on encouragement of fertility adopted in 1968 awarded families with three children with accommodation in state owned dwellings. Another act of the Parliament, as a part of the housing policy of the government was oriented toward young (up to 35 years old) newly married couples. A long-term bank credit for buying a house with a minimal interest and possibility for release of 20% with the second birth and another 30% with the third birth was obtainable from the State saving fund.
1990 up to	The transition period has not seen any major housing sector legislation enacted, nor have such bill passed by the Parliament. The existence of a

of the housing situation could be mentioned:

- a continued shortage of financing instruments adapted to the need for investment in housing and to restoring the existing stock;

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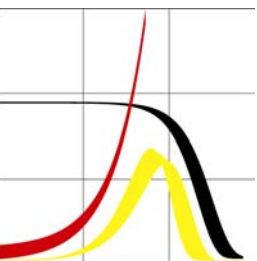
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Variable "Comparative table of maternal, paternity and childcare leave policies" for Bulgaria

	Variable	1970	1977
[MATERNITY]	Title of program	Maternity Leave	
	Who is eligible	employed women	
	When does leave start	45 days before delivery	
	Regular duration if taken by mother	120 days first child 150 days second child 180 days third 120 days fourth+	
	Maximum shareable duration	0	
	Extra duration reserved for partner	0	
	Duration of parallel paternal leave	0	
	Duration of financial compensation (if different)	all	
	Duration of financial compensation	all	
	Type of financial compensation	income related	
	Compensation formula	100% of income (average last 6 months)	



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	Duration/payment options	no	
[LEAVE EMPLOYED PARENT]	Title of program	Childcare leave for women with social insurance	
	Who is eligible	employed women (last 6 months)	
	When does leave start	after maternity leave	
	Regular duration if taken by mother	8 months first child 9 months second child 12 months third child	6 months first child
	Maximum shareable duration	0	} possibility/incentives to share with partner
	Extra duration reserved for partner	0	
	Duration of parallel paternal leave	0	
	Duration of Job Protection		} timing details
	Duration of financial compensation (if different)	0	
	Type of financial compensation	no compensation	} money
	Compensation formula	--	
	Meanstests	--	} flexibility; choices
	Deferrable time	--	
	Deferrable until	--	
	Compatibility with work	--	
	Duration/payment options	no	

eligibility

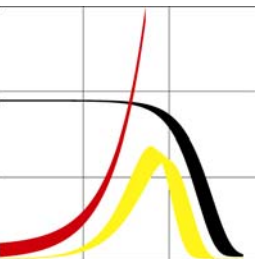
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possibility/incentives to share with partner

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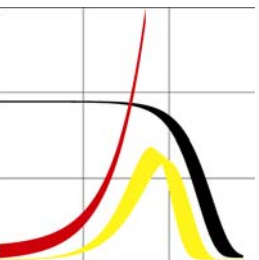
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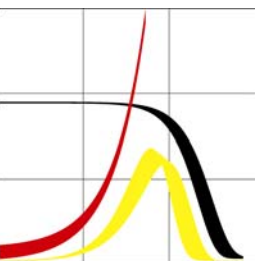
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- Intentions for second births of Bulgarian women living in a partnership
- General context: drop of second births is one of the driving forces of recent fertility decline
- 1960 birth cohort had lowest childlessness and highest rate of 2-child families in Europe
- Big regional variation in birth intentions



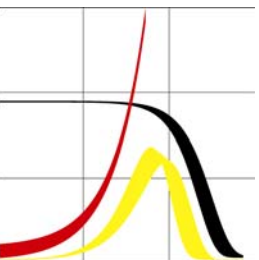
Using the Database: Research Example

- Contextual DB supports the study of policy changes with possible effects on second births, e.g.:
- Housing: before the 1989 transition
 - privileged access to housing for families with larger families
 - having a second child “paid back” 20% of housing loans
- Abortions
 - high abortion rates in Bulgaria
 - before 1990, abortions were not allowed for first and second births of married women
- ...



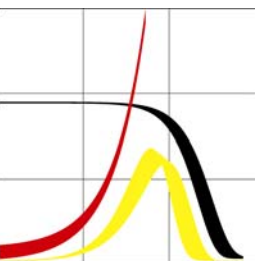
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- Contextual database supports the study of economic and socio-demographic trends and their regional variation
- Economic inequality
- Unemployment
- Various aspects of demographic change: e.g. births out of marriage, fertility decline
- Income and wages
- ...



Using the Database: Research Example

	MODEL A	MODEL B	MODEL C	MODEL E	MODEL F
Age 18-22	1.746	1.823	1.683	1.732	1.897 *
Age 23-32	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Age 33+	0.322 ***	0.321 ***	0.320 ***	0.321 ***	0.320 ***
Primary Educ	0.711	0.732	0.801	0.732	0.709
Secondary Educ	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Tertiary Educ	1.452 *	1.532 **	1.461 **	1.472 **	1.509 **
LAT	0.257 **	0.271 **	0.231 **	0.255 **	0.258 **
Unmarried cohabitation	0.782	0.783	0.765	0.770	0.810
Married	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
D Last Birth 8 years+	0.522 ***	0.531 ***	0.518 ***	0.523 ***	0.534 ***
Employed	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Unemployed	1.127	1.092	1.129	1.100	1.185
Housewife or leave	0.709	0.722	0.737	0.719	0.710
D Church 4 times+/year	1.420 **	1.409 *	1.508 **	1.401 *	1.425 *
D Partner helps in HH	1.389 *	1.497 **	1.431 *	1.426 *	1.415 *
D New Partner	4.923 ***	5.019 ***	5.126 ***	4.971 ***	5.055 ***
D Receive help for childcare	1.516 **	1.526 **	1.517 **	1.485 **	1.551 **
Ends meet: big difficulties	0.945	0.954	0.961	0.975	0.947
Ends meet: some difficulties	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Ends meet: no difficulties	1.448	1.556 *	1.457	1.465	1.480
% marital births	1.024 **				1.026 *
GINI of equalized HH income		0.931 **			0.915 ***
% wage growth last 3 years			1.030 *		1.030 *
Female unemployment rate				0.985	1.006



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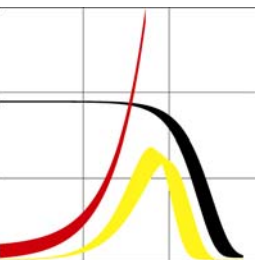
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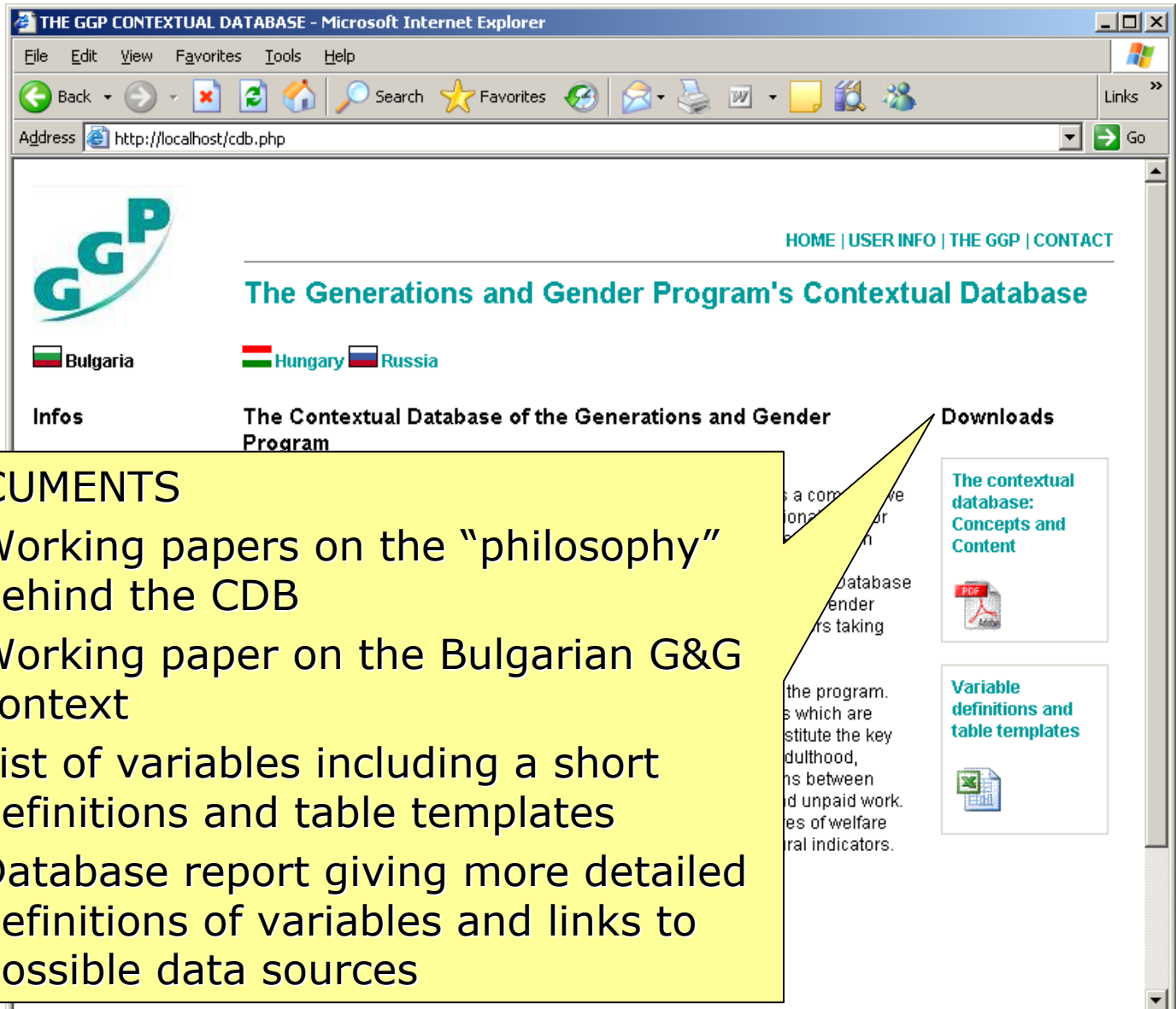


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