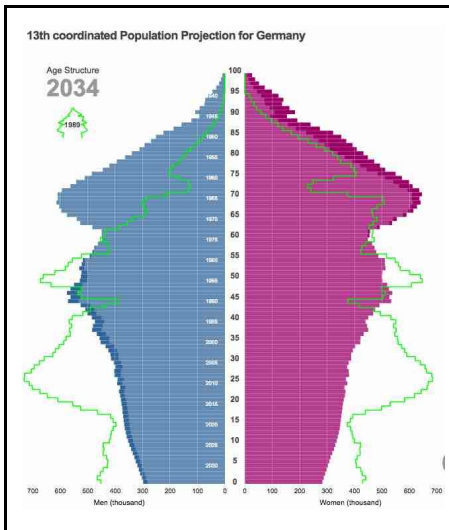


# Academic Presentation in English at the Schiller-Gymnasium Potsdam

As part of the Academic Presentations Series offered by the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences, 30 students from classes 11 and 12 and three teachers were able to gain insights into the current research into family development in Europe. Dr Tiziana Nazio, a researcher from the Berlin Centre for Sociological Research (WZB) was invited to the school on 23rd January 2019 to give a 90-minute English language presentation of her latest research.

Dr Nazio gave a presentation on family formation and population trends in Europe. People are marrying later and starting families later, getting divorced more often, and having fewer children. Dr Nazio illustrated her presentation by showing the students population pyramids. Using an interactive animated population pyramid it is possible to clearly see how quickly Germany's population is getting older. Students were also shown how rates of divorce, remarriage and sizes of families are different in different European countries. Dr Nazio will shortly be presenting her research to the European Council and this will play a part in planning future social and family services in Europe.

Students from classes 11c and 11d prepared themselves for this presentation by examining the tools demographers use and collecting the English words and phrases for talking about population changes. Thanks to this presentation the students were able to see their recently acquired knowledge on the theme of gender and society from a fresh perspective, and were able to link this knowledge to what they have learned in biology, geography, history and politics.



Students from 11c share their new knowledge with visiting students from class 12.  
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Dr Nazio presented to an audience of 33 people on 23rd January 2019. v

^ Population pyramid showing that in 2034 only 54% of Germans will be of working age, and the difference to 1989 (green line), when 65% of Germans were working age. (Source: Office of Federal Statistics)

Students from 11d preparing to present their vocabulary work on demography, to help other students understand Dr Nazio's presentation.  
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