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### **ABSTRACT**

The proposed research aims at analyzing one of the three components that determine the evolution of the Greek population – fertility-. Based on existing literature and through analysis of the available data from 1960 to today. By placing more emphasis on emergent phenomena of the past 30 years (Postponement, replacement, childlessness). The purpose of this paper is to answer the following questions:

- a) If the attempt replacement of the postponement births will be successful and if not, what is the percentage of reduction on the Completed Cohort Fertility?
- b) How does this affect the childlessness in female generations?
- c) What is the family model (ie, number of children) as it emerges from the parity progression ratios and what has changed over the time?

To answer the above questions we examine the evolution both of period and cohort fertility by birth order.

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