# Contents

| List of Figures | ................................................................. | XI |
| List of Tables  | ............................................................... | XIII |

1 Introduction .................................................. 1
  1.1 Subject focus and the principle research questions ........ 1
  1.2 Structure ................................................ 4

2 Demographic Patterns in Comparative Perspective .......... 7
  2.1 Fertility ................................................... 7
     2.1.1 Average number of children: definitions .............. 7
     2.1.2 Total fertility rate .................................. 8
     2.1.3 Cohort fertility rate (completed fertility) .......... 13
     2.1.4 Further fertility indicators ........................ 17
  2.2 Nuptiality .................................................. 23
     2.2.1 Marriage-related rates ................................ 23
     2.2.2 Divorce-related rates ................................ 28

3 Religion and Religiosity .................................. 37
  3.1 Definitions ............................................... 37
     3.1.1 Religion ........................................... 37
     3.1.2 Religiosity ........................................ 43
  3.2 Factors associated with a nation’s level of religiosity .... 50
     3.2.1 Secularization ....................................... 51
     3.2.2 Modernization ....................................... 53
     3.2.3 The political situation and state-church relations ... 56
     3.2.4 Denominational characteristics and dominant cultural
           tradition .............................................. 58
     3.2.5 Factors associated with a nation’s level of religiosity in
           comparative perspective ................................ 65
  3.3 Review of the literature on the effects of religiosity on fertility . 66
# Contents

## How Religious Affiliation and Religiosity Affect Fertility

4.1 Explanations for the direct influence of religiosity

4.2 Denomination-specific behavior-regulating practices

4.3 Religiosity within an economic approach

   4.3.1 The theory of time allocation and fertility

   4.3.2 The implications of religiosity

4.4 Determinants of marital (in)stability

## The National Frame and Individual Characteristics

5.1 The interacting frame for fertility decisions

   5.1.1 Family-related policies

   5.1.2 Socialism and the transformation

   5.1.3 Effects of policies on fertility

5.2 Individual characteristics associated with fertility

   5.2.1 Gender

   5.2.2 Education and qualification

   5.2.3 Female labor force participation

## Empirical Analysis in Comparative Perspective

6.1 Data, variables, and statistical methods

   6.1.1 The Generations and Gender Survey (GGS)

   6.1.2 The dependent variable: completed fertility

   6.1.3 The main explanatory variables: religious affiliation and religiosity

   6.1.4 The covariates

   6.1.5 Statistical method: Poisson regression

6.2 Descriptive analysis

6.2.1 Fertility

6.2.2 Religiosity

   Religious affiliation

   Frequency of attendance of religious services

   Attitudes towards religious rites de passage and importance of religious faith as child quality

6.2.3 Testing the theoretical presuppositions

6.2.4 Religiosity’s impact on fertility

6.3 Regression analysis

   6.3.1 The effects of religiosity on completed fertility

   Religious affiliation

   Frequency of attendance of religious services

   Attitudes towards religious rites de passage and importance of religious faith as child quality

6.3.2 The effects of the covariates on completed fertility

   Birth cohort

   The family of origin

   Education
The Impact of Religiosity on Fertility
A Comparative Analysis of France, Hungary, Norway, and Germany
Hubert, S.
2015, XIV, 283 p. 13 illus., Softcover
ISBN: 978-3-658-07007-6