

E.ON Stipendienfonds & Research Council of Norway

**Family Policy – Institutions, Outcomes & Challenges**

Workshop

Dresden, 10-11 April 2014

Family policy is a contentious topic throughout the developed world. Facing fertility rates around or below replacement levels, politicians in many countries call for an active family policy that slows down or even reverses this demographic trend. An effective family policy can also contribute to reconciling work and family, it can help to increase the labor market participation of women and it may be an important element in distributing towards young families. It is far from obvious what elements are needed to make family policy successful with respect to all these objectives. Pursuing quite different policy routes, European countries vary substantially in outcomes. This diversity provides an interesting laboratory for studying the effectiveness of instruments and institutions.

The workshop aims at a broad theoretical and/or empirical analysis of institutions, outcomes and remaining challenges in family policy. Some of the sub-fields that can be covered at the workshop are the following:

- *Fertility*: Why are monetary incentives often very ineffective in influencing fertility beyond pure tempo effects? Is there a sound efficiency argument for government intervention in individual fertility choices?
- *Labor market participation*: How can family and work be reconciled? Will an increase in labor market flexibility promote or hinder fertility? Is the interplay between institutions and monetary incentives crucial for female labor market participation?
- *Poverty alleviation*: What kind of transfer scheme is able to reduce the risk of poverty, e.g., among single mothers? Does poverty risk have an influence on fertility choices?
- *Child care*: How should child care institutions be financed? Why are governments willing to subsidize parents for raising their children at home (Betreuungsgeld, Kontantstøtte)? What are the economic and social consequences of such a policy?
- *Education, human capital formation and integration*: How do policy measures affect the human capital formation and its intergenerational transmission? To what extent can family policy facilitate upward social mobility and foster social integration?
- *Public finances*: How cost effective are the various family policies for a given objective?

**April 10, 2014**

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch & Registration

14:15 – 14:30 **Welcome**

*Dr. Heinz-Rudi Spiegel, Member of the Board, E.ON Stipendienfonds*

*Alexander Kemnitz, TU Dresden*

14.30 – 16.00 **Fertility**

Parental Leave Benefit and Differential Fertility Responses: Evidence from a German Reform

*Kamila Cygan-Rehm (University of Erlangen-Nürnberg)*

Family Tax Policy in a Model with Endogenous Fertility and Altruistic Households  
*Lucia Granelli (IRES Université Catholique de Louvain)*

Public Child Care, Mother's Labor Supply, and Fertility in Germany: Empirical Evidence

*Stefan Bauernschuster (University of Passau)*

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee Break

16.30 – 18.00 **Health**

Invincible Microbe? Long-Term Economic Benefits of a Nationwide Tuberculosis Control Program

*Aline Bütikofer (Norwegian School of Economics)*

Single Motherhood as a Health Risk Factor - A Longitudinal Analysis

*Mine Hancioglu (Ruhr-University Bochum)*

Benefits from Delay? The Effect of Abortion Availability on Young Women

*Kjell Gunnar Salvanes (Norwegian School of Economics)*

19.00

Conference Dinner

Piazza Nova, An der Frauenkirche 1, 01067 Dresden

**April 11, 2014**

09.00 – 10.30 **Family**

Experiments in Family Economics

*Miriam Beblo (University of Hamburg)*

The Spousal Spill-Over Effect of Early Retirement

*Kjell Vaage (University of Bergen)*

The Effect of Child Care on Family Structure: Theory and Evidence

*Rainald Borck (University of Potsdam)*

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee Break

11.00 – 12.30 **Labor**

Lifting the Burden: State Care of the Elderly and the Location and Labor Supply of Adult Children

*Julie Riise (University of Bergen)*

Two Steps Forward - One Step Back? Evaluating Recent Child Care Policies in Germany

*Katharina Wrohlich (DIW Berlin)*

Nobody Home: The Effect of Maternal Labor Force Participation on Long-Term Child Outcomes

*Venke Furre Haaland (University of Stavanger)*

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 15.30 **Child Care**

Publicly Funded Child Care Centers in a Welfare State - Findings from Norway

*Kjetil Telle (Statistics Norway)*

Does the Expansion of Public Child Care Increase Birth Rates?

*Timo Hener (ifo Institute Munich)*

Mother of Market Care? A Structural Estimation of Childcare Impacts on Child Development

*Ylenia Brilli (European University Institute)*

Early and Bright? Child Care for Toddlers and Early Cognitive Skills

*Tarjei Havnes (University of Oslo)*

Conference Venue

Rectorate, TU Dresden  
Senate Room  
Mommsenstrasse 11  
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