

Households in the 21st Century: Marriage, Fertility, and Challenges for Public Policy

Georgetown University Global Economic Challenges (GEC) Network

Madrid, March 24, 2025

9.00 - 9:30 Welcome and Registration

Session 1 – Parental Leave Policies, Chair: Francis Vella (Georgetown University)

9:30 – 11.00

Lidia Farre (IAE-CSIC): “[Changing Gender Norms across Generations? Evidence from a Paternity Leave Reform](#)” (with Christina Felfe, Libertad González, and Patrick Schneider)

Raquel Fernandez (New York University): “[Parental Leave: Economic Incentives and Cultural Change](#)” (with J. Albrecht, P-A Edin, J. Lee, P. Thoursie, and S. Vroman)

11.00 - 11:30 Coffee

Session 2 – Changing Households, Chair: Olympia Bover (CEMFI)

11:30 - 13:00

Alex Ludwig (EUI-Florence): “On Sandwiches and Club-Sandwiches: Institutions, Longevity and Fertility” (joint with Lidia Cruces, Nicola Fuchs-Schündeln, and Teresa Schildmann).

Costas Meghir (Yale University): “[Changes in Marital Sorting: Theory and Evidence from the US](#)” (with Pierre-André Chiappori, Monica Costa Dias, and Hanzhe Zhang)

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch

Session 3 – Fertility, Chair: Nezh Guner (CEMFI)

14:30 – 16.00

Barbara Petrongolo (Oxford University): "[Birth Timing and Spacing: Implications for Parental Leave Dynamics and Child Penalties](#)" (with Abigail Adams and Mathias Fjællegaard Jensen)

Alessandra Voena (Stanford University): "[Childbirth and Firm Performance: Evidence from Norwegian Entrepreneurs](#)" (with John Bonney and Luigi Pistaferri).

16:00 - 16:30 Coffee

Session 4 – Family Friendly Policies, Chair: Manuel Arellano (CEMFI)

16:30 - 17:15

Nezh Guner (CEMFI and Banco de España): "[Family-Friendly Policies and Fertility: What Firms Got to Do with It?](#)" (with Olympia Bover, Yuliya Kulikova, Alessandro Ruggieri, and Carlos Sanz)

Panel Chair: Francis Vella (Georgetown University)

17:30 - 18:30 *Family-Friendly Policies: Challenges for Public Policy*

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