14th Leave Policies and Research Annual Seminar
21-22 September 2017, Prague
Albertov 6, Prague 2

PROGRAMME

DAY 1 (21st September 2017)

SESSION 1: Leave Policies in the Czech Republic (9.00-11.00)
Chair: Jiřina Kocourková and Fred Deven

- Welcome (Prof Jiří Zima - Dean of the Faculty, Michaela Marksová - Minister of Labour and Social Affairs)
- Leave policies in 2017 and new Concept of family policy in the Czech Republic: a step towards Scandinavian mode? Jiřina Kocourková, Anna Šťastná
- The division of care and paid work in the Czech Republic, Olga Nešporová
- Recent research on paternity leave in the Czech Republic, Věra Kuchařová, Kristýna Janurová

Coffee break (11.00-11.30)

SESSION 2: Methodological Challenges in Conceptualizing and Measuring Parental leave take-up (11.30-13.00)
Chair: Ann-Zofie Duvander

- Who Counts and How are They Counted? Issues in Measuring Parental Leave in Canada, Andrea Doucet, Lindsey McKay
- Studying the obstacles to fathers’ leave take-up with survey and interviews – how to reach the non-users?, Johanna Närvi, Minna Salmi, Johanna Lammi-Taskula
- Work life balance and gender equality: measurement and policies in Italy, Tindara Addabbo, Valentina Cardinali, Dino Giovannini, Sara Mazzucchelli
- Marre Karu Short report on European Institute for Gender Equality: EIGE indicators project
- Discussant Karin Wall

Lunch break 13:00-14:00

SESSION 3: Leave Policies in Eastern Europe (14.00-15.30)
Chair: Margaret O’Brien

- Legal strategies for enhancing fertility and (forced) flexibility of rules: Poland Between Generosity and Restrictiveness, Barbara Godlewksa-Bujok
- Leave Policies and Gender Equality: A Comparison of the Baltic States and Poland, Ruta Braziene
- Parental leave and fertility in Romania, Alexandra Macht
- The Hungarian leave policy system in times of policy change, András Gábos
- Discussant Jiřina Kocourková

Coffee break (15.30-16.00)
SESSION 4: Father Involvement (16.00-17.15)

Chair: Peter Moss

- Fathers as mothers’ assistants: Father involvement in Slovenia, Nada Stropnik, Živa Humer
- Work organizations as mediators for fathers’ take-up of parental leave in Germany, Thordis Reimer
- Finding the missing link in the parental leave policy development in Japan: What is behind the generous leave provision and low take-up rate of fathers?, Hideki Nakazato
- Leaves from work to care informally for frail or sick family members – an international perspective, Andrea E. Schmidt

Network business (17.15-18.15)

Seminar Dinner (19.30)

DAY 2 (22nd September 2017)

SESSION 5: Leave Policies in Non-EU Countries I (9.30-11.00)

Chair Fred Deven

- How do single parents use their quota rights to parental leave: The case of Iceland, Ingólfr V. Gíslason, Guðný Björk Eydal
- Mothers’ return to work transitions in Australia: evidence from a recent longitudinal survey, Gillian Whitehouse
- New Zealand – Non-standard employees and parental leave dilemmas, Susan Morrissey, Heather McDonald

Coffee break (11.00-11.30)

SESSION 6: Leave Policies in Non-EU Countries II (11.30-13.00)

Chair: Margaret O’Brien

- Changing Family Leave Policies in China, Shirley Gatenio Gabel, Wen-Jui Han
- The practical implementation of leave policies in South Africa, Herman Kasselman
- Challenges of fathers’ leave take-up in Québec, Diane-Gabrielle Tremblay

Lunch break (13.00-14.00)

SESSION 7: Recent Research on Leave Policies (14.00-15.30)

Chair: Ann-Zofie Duvander

- What can Switzerland learn from parental leave legislation in Germany, Sweden, the UK? Rahel Nedi
- Public opinion toward leave policies in 27 OECD countries, Isabel Valarino

Farewells (15.30)