



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 equity: 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 Godlewska-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 Jirina Kocourkova*

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*, Ingólfur 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 Kasselmann
- *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

- *The Impact of Parental Leave Policy on the Labour-Market Engagement of Mothers. Do the Number of Children and Pre-birth Work Engagement Matter?* Marie Valentova
- *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)