A New Childbearing and Childrearing Regime

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Università Bocconi
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Advanced societies are facing a new childbearing and childrearing regime. Italy, internationally known as the case of “lowest-low” fertility, appears to be in transition towards this new regime.

Only a few decades ago, fertility rates were high and children were born almost exclusively within marriage. Within families and across society, the male breadwinner model was the norm.

The new regime is more complex. In most advanced societies, period fertility is low to very low, but in very recent years, it has started to increase. Parenthood is experienced at later ages. Societies such as Italy are facing substantial and sudden increases in the inflow of migrants. Cohabitation and out-of-wedlock childbearing are on the increase. Time spent by parents with children is increasing. The “male breadwinner” model is on retreat everywhere.

Policy-makers are increasingly more worried about population dynamics on one hand, and the quality of human capital investments in children on the other hand. The decision-making process on having children now emphasizes self-actualization, and being a “happy parent” of “quality children” while being a “good worker” have become equally important goals.
Thursday 20 February

1:00pm
Lunch

2:00pm
Welcome Address
Ross Macmillan
Director, DONDENA Center
Università Bocconi

Labor Supply of Mothers with Young Children: Validating a structural labor supply model using a natural experiment
Johannes Geyer
DIW - Berlin
Peter Haan
DIW - Berlin
Katharina Wrollich
DIW - Berlin

The Difficult Case of Persuading Women: Experimental evidence from childcare
Francesco Billari
University of Oxford
Vincenzo Galasso
DONDENA Center Università Bocconi
Paola Profeta
DONDENA Center Università Bocconi
Chiara Daniela Pronzato
Università degli Studi di Torino and Collegio Carlo Alberto

Discussant
Matthias Parey
University of Essex

4:00pm
Coffee break

4:30pm
Do Parents Have a Happier Life Than Non-Parents?
Nicoletta Balbo
DONDENA Center Università Bocconi
Bruno Arpino
Universitat Pompeu Fabra

Stochastic Population Forecasting Based on Combinations of Expert Evaluations within the Bayesian Paradigm
Francesco Billari
University of Oxford
Rebecca Graziani
DONDENA Center Università Bocconi
Eugenio Melilli
Università Bocconi

8:00pm
Dinner
Friday 21 February

9:00am
Asymmetric Child Care Effects:
A US-Denmark comparison
Gosta Esping-Andersen
Università degli Studi di Torino and Collegio Carlo Alberto
Letizia Mencarini
Università degli Studi di Torino and Collegio Carlo Alberto
Maria Sironi
University of Oxford

Discussant
Gosta Esping-Andersen Universität Pompeu Fabra

10:30am
Coffee break

11:00am
Selection Criteria, Costs and Benefits of the Italian Childcare System
Daniela del Boca
Università degli Studi di Torino and Collegio Carlo Alberto
Chiara Daniela Pronzato
Università degli Studi di Torino and Collegio Carlo Alberto
Giuseppe Sorrenti
Università degli Studi di Torino and Collegio Carlo Alberto

Discussant
Katharina Wrolich DIW - Berlin

Waiting for Better Times: The impact of the economic crisis on nuptiality and fertility
Cinzia Castagnaro
ISTAT
Antonella Guarneri
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Claudia Iaccarino
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Sabrina Prati
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12:30pm
Lunch
2:00pm
Gender Wage Differences Among High-Skilled Individuals
Marco Francesconi
University of Essex
Matthias Parey
University of Essex

Gender Roles and Parenting Practices Among Married and Cohabiting Couples: Evidence from the Italian time use survey
Silvia Meggiolaro
Università degli Studi di Padova
Maria Letizia Tanturri
Università degli Studi di Padova

3:30pm
Coffee break

4:00pm
Assisted Reproductive Technology in Italy: Pregnancy outcomes and the profile of women
Alessandra Burgio
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Cinzia Castagnaro
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