

# ESPE

## European Society for Population Economics

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### Newsletter - Fall 2000

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Newsletter edited by Rudolf Winter-Ebmer, ESPE Secretary,  
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## 1. Executive Committee and Council 2000

<i>President:</i>	Daniela DelBoca, University of Torino
<i>President-elect:</i>	Anders Bjorklund, University of Stockholm
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Bernd Raffelhueschen, University of Freiburg
<i>Secretary:</i>	Rudolf Winter-Ebmer, University of Linz

### Council Members

Patricia Apps (Australia)	Peter Kooreman (The Netherlands)
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Christian Dustmann (UK)	Alf Erling Risa (Norway)
Christopher J. Flinn (USA)	Christoph Schmidt (Germany)
Markus Jantti (Finland)	Paul Schulz (USA)
Peter Jensen (Denmark)	Marianne Sundstroem (Sweden)
Stephen Jenkins (UK)	Panos Tsakloglou (Greece)
Heather Joshi (UK)	Barbara L. Wolfe (USA)
Ari Kapteyn (USA)	

## **2. Message from the President**

In June 2000 we all seemed to greatly enjoy the annual meetings in Bonn organized by Anders Bjorklund, Michael Vogler and Klaus F. Zimmermann.

The meeting featured a large number of interesting papers on a variety of subjects. On the basis of the strength of the work presented and the enthusiasm of the large number of young researchers in attendance, I am very optimistic about the future of the field of population economics, broadly defined. The plenary lectures given by Dan Hamermesh, Gerard van den Berg and Torben Andersen were very well received and generated much lively discussion.

For the second time ESPE instituted the “Student Registration Waiver Scheme” under which 10 Ph.D. students, selected by the program committee on the basis of the quality of their paper submissions, had their registration fees waived. The names of the students selected are published below in this newsletter. For the 2001 meetings in Athens on June 14-16, the same “Student Registration Waiver Scheme” will be in effect. Candidates should make their interest in participation known by submitting their paper by February 1, 2001 (see below), accompanied by a certification that they are full-time graduate students (a letter from their thesis advisor would be sufficient). Robert Wright, the program chair, will be responsible for making the selection.

Rudolf Winter-Ebmer has been working on the ESPE web page, we are very grateful for all of the work he has provided. One of the objectives of the web page is to provide information on the teaching of Population Economics and Economics of the Family at various European and U.S. universities. Members who are teaching such courses are strongly encouraged to inform Rudolf of this, so relevant links can be established.

I wish to thank the council members, the executive committee, the local organizer and the program chairperson for their work during my year of presidency. All of your help has made it a very enjoyable and rewarding experience.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Athens

Daniela Del Boca  
ESPE President 2000

### **3. Decision about waivers of conference fee for ESPE2000:**

The ten waivers of the conference have been awarded the following ten graduate students, who have an own or a joint paper presented at the conference:

1. Francesca Fabbri
2. Maura Francese
3. Xiadong Gong
4. Michal Grajec
5. Sara Lemos
6. Elif Kurtulus Yigit
7. Claus Pörtner
8. Massimiliano Tani
9. Ernest Villanueva
10. Daniela Vuri

With best regards,

Anders Björklund, Program chairman.

### **4. Call for Contributions to the Newsletter**

The ESPE newsletter provides information on the society's activities, on past, present and future events within or outside the Society's framework. All members are kindly invited to use the ESPE Newsletter to make announcements of events in the field of population economics. Please send all contributions to the Secretary.

## 5. Call for Papers: ESPE Meeting 2001

# 15th Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics

Fifteenth Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics, June 14-16, 2001, Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece. The conference meets for the exchange of research in all fields of labour economics, household economics, public economics, demography, statistics and economic history.

200 - 400 word abstracts of papers for presentation at the Fifteenth Annual Conference of ESPE should be submitted, together with a draft of the complete paper (if available), by February 1, 2001. The preliminary programme will be mailed to those submitting papers and to other ESPE members on March 15, 2001.

Submissions should include authors' phone, fax number along with an e-mail address. Email is the preferred mode of submission for abstracts. Papers may be emailed if they are in MS Word, Wordperfect or PDF-Format. The ESPE Council resolved at its 1996 meeting that submissions based on complete papers should be given preference in acceptance over those based on an abstract, other things equal.

Waivers of the conference fee will be provided for 10 graduate students. To apply for this waiver the submission of a full paper together with a confirmation of student status by the supervisor is necessary. Decisions on the awards will be made by the Programme Chairman.

Submit abstract and paper to the *Programme Chairman*:

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Forms for conference registration and hotel reservation can be obtained from the *Local Organiser*:

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## 6. Elections 2001: President

**Peter Kooreman** (1955) is a professor of economics at the University of Groningen, The Netherlands. He holds degrees from the University of Amsterdam (MA, 1980) and Tilburg University (PhD, 1986). Before moving to Groningen, Peter was employed at the Dutch Central Bank, Tilburg University and Wageningen University. His research focuses on empirical microeconomics and applied econometrics in the area of household and consumer behavior. He is a member of the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Applied Econometrics* and a Council Member of *ESPE*.

(Homepage: <http://www.eco.rug.nl/~kooreman>)

Selected publications:

- Kooreman, P., "The Labeling Effect of a Child Benefit System", *American Economic Review*, vol. 90 (2000), pp. 571-583.
- Kooreman, P. and S. Wunderink, *The Economics of Household Behaviour*, MacMillan, 1997.
- Kooreman, P., "Estimation of Econometric Models of Some Discrete Games", *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, vol. 9 (1994), pp. 255-268.
- Kooreman, P. and A. Kapteyn, "On the empirical implementation of some game theoretic models of household labor supply", *Journal of Human Resources*, vol. 25 (1990), pp. 584-598.

- Kooreman, P. and A. Kapteyn, "A disaggregated analysis of the allocation of time within the household", *Journal of Political Economy*", vol. 95 (1987), pp. 223-249.

## **7. Election 2001: Council**

Four council members need to be elected. The elected council members will start their 3-year term on January 1, 2001. Usual voting procedures are being followed according to the statutes. For current members only, a postal ballot with directions on how to complete it is included with this newsletter. To be valid, it must be returned to the office of the Secretary before **January 30, 2001**.

The candidates and their biographical details are listed alphabetically below.

**Patricia Apps** is Professor of Public Economics in the Faculty of Law, University of Sydney, and a Visiting Fellow of the Economics Program, Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National University. She obtained her PhD at the University of Cambridge in 1972 and also studied economics at Yale University. She was elected Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia in 1994. Her research covers tax and welfare policy, household labour supply and saving behaviour, gender issues and the economics of the household. Her publications in these areas have appeared in general and specialist journals, including the *Journal of Political Economy* and the *Journal of Public Economics*.

**Ugo Colombino**, Ph.D. London School of Economics 1985, is Professor of Microeconomics at the University of Turin since 1993. Previously he has been at the University of Salerno and at the Polytechnic of Milan. His research is devoted to the microeconomic analysis of household behaviour and to simulation and evaluation of social policies, with many applications focussing on labour supply and fertility. His articles have appeared in international journals, including *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Labour*, *Structural Change and Economic Dynamics*. He is a Co-Editor of *Labour*, and member of the scientific board of CHILD (Center for Household Income, Labour and Demographic economics).

**Miles Corak** (born 1958) has been a regular participant at ESPE conferences, presenting papers on issues associated with the well being of children, the intergenerational transmission of economic status, and the interaction between labour markets and social policy. He holds a PhD from Queen's University, and currently heads the Family and Labour Studies Division at Statistics Canada, a

research group devoted to empirical analyses in the areas of household and labour economics. He is also an adjunct professor with the Department of Economics at Carleton University, a Research Associate of the Canadian International Labour Network, and a member of the board of the Canadian Employment Research Forum. His most recent publications include “Death and Divorce: The Long-Term Consequences of Parental Separation on Adolescents” which is forthcoming in the *Journal of Labour Economics*, and “The Intergenerational Earnings and Income Mobility of Canadian Men” in the *Journal of Human Resources*. He has published in a wide variety of academic and policy orientated journals (including the *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, the *Review of Income and Wealth*, the *Canadian Journal of Economics*) on topics related to intergenerational mobility, unemployment dynamics, and unemployment insurance. He has also edited two books—one dealing with Generational Accounting entitled *Government Finances and Generational Equity*, and another dealing with the interaction between labour markets and families entitled *Labour Markets, Social Institutions, and the Future of Canada’s Children*. In addition he recently organised an international conference held in Vancouver Canada which brought together some 50 researchers from North America, Australia, and Europe presenting papers on the topic of Families, Labour Markets, and the Well-Being of Children.

**Markus Jantti** was born in 1966 in Finland. Recieved PhD in Economics at Abo Akademi University in 1993. Senior Research Fellow with the Academy of Finland in 1993-2000 and Visiting Associate Professor of Economics at the University of Michigan 1996-97. He is currently Professor of Econmics at the University of Tampere. Major research interests: income inequality, mobility and poverty in comparative perspective; applied labour economics; statistical inference for income distributions.

Selected publications: "Intergenerational Income Mobility in Sweden Compared with the United States" (with Anders Bjorklund), *American Economic Review* 1997; "Optimal tax-transfer systems and redistributive policy: The Finnish Experience" (with Johan Fellman and Peter Lambert), *Scandinavian Journal of Economics* 1999; "Poverty in Advanced Countries" (with Sheldon Danziger), in A.B. Atkinson and F Bourguignon, *Handbook of Income Distribution* 2000.

**Heather Joshi**. Current employment: Professor of Economic Demography and Deputy Director, Centre for Longitudinal Studies, Institute of Education, London University. Principal Investigator of the ESRC Millennium Birth Cohort Study and Head of Longitudinal Study User Support. President of The British Society for Population Studies. Previous employment includes, London School of

Hygiene , Birkbeck College, Government Economic Service. Research interests on the border of economic and demographic factors over the life-course. Topics include motherhood and employment; the timing of childbearing in Britain and France, child development and parental investment; the spatial dimension to health inequalities; intergenerational continuity in socio-economic differentials; and gender inequalities in hourly pay and lifetime incomes.

Publications include: *Women's Incomes over the Lifetime*, 2000 ( with Davies, Rake and Alami) The Stationery Office, *Unequal Pay for women and men: Evidence from the British cohort studies*. MIT Press, 1998 (with Paci)

**Wilbert van der Klaauw:** Associate Professor of Economics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Research Fellow at the Carolina Population Center, and Research Associate of the Centre for Household, Income, Labour and Demographic Economics (CHILD), Torino, Italy. Previous position: New York University (1991-1999). Ph.D. (1991) from Brown University, M.Sc. (1986) Hull University, undergraduate education at Erasmus University (Netherlands). His general areas of research are labor economics and applied econometrics, with a particular interest in the study of life cycle labor supply and occupational choice decisions, the economic determinants of household formation and dissolution, and the study of educational investment and productivity. Current research topics: social security benefits, private pensions and retirement and savings decisions; schooling choices and outcomes; program evaluation methods (see <http://www.unc.edu/~vanderkl>). His recent publications include articles in the Review of Economic Studies, the Economic Journal, the Review of Economics and Statistics, the Journal of Business and Economic Statistics, and Econometrica. He has been a regular participant in the annual meetings of the ESPE since 1994.

**Klaus F. Zimmermann:** Born in 1952. Full Professor of Economics at Bonn University, Director of IZA, Institute for the Study of Labor, Bonn and President of the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW), Berlin. From 1989-1998 he was Full Professor at the University of Munich, and Director of SELAPO, the Research Center of Human Resources in Munich. He is Co-Director of the "Labour Economics" Programme of the Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), London, a worldwide Research Network with over 500 Fellows. He studied economics and statistics at the University of Mannheim, where he received his degree as Diplom-Volkswirt, his doctor degree and his habilitation.

Secretary of the European Society for Population Economics (ESPE), 1986 - 1992. President 1994 of the European Society for Population Economics. Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Population Economics*, previously Managing Editor of *Economic Policy*. Associate Editor of the following journals: *Recherches Economiques de Louvain*, *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, *Labour Economics*, *European Economic Review*, and *International Journal of Manpower*. Member of the Kuratorium of the Ifo-Institut, Munich. Member of the Council of the European Economic Association, the European Society for Population Economics and of the German Economic Association. Chairman of the Council of the German Socio-Economic Panel (GSOEP) of the German Economic Institute (DIW) in Berlin.

Research interests: population economics, labor, migration, industrial organization, econometrics. Publications: Author or editor of 12 books, and over 140 papers in collected volumes and national and international journals including the *American Economic Review*, *Econometrica*, *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, *Public Choice*, *Sociological Methods and Research*, *Empirical Economics*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Applied Economics*, *Kyklos*, *Journal of Mathematical Sociology*, *Economics Letters*, *Journal of Population Economics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Economic Surveys*, *International Journal of Industrial Organization*, *Open Economies Review*, *Politica Internazionale*, *Quality & Quantity*, *Recherches Economiques de Louvain*, among others.

**Niels Westergård-Nielsen:** Master of Economics, University of Aarhus, 1975; Phd, University of Copenhagen 1982; Professor at the Aarhus School of Business, 1989; Director Centre for Labour Market and Social Research 1993-; primary research interests in Economics of Personnel, Education and Health; Papers in *Review of Economic Studies*, *The Lancet*, *European Economic Review* and *Journal of Population Economics*.

## **8. Fourteenth ESPE Conference and General Assembly in Bonn 2000**

### **Report, General Assembly**

The Fourteenth General Assembly of the European Society for Population Economics was held on Saturday, June 17, 2000 in Bonn. The outgoing President, Daniela Del Boca, led the Assembly. She thanked those involved with making the Bonn meeting a success, especially Michael Vogler and Klaus F. Zimmermann, the local organisers as well as Anders Bjorklund, the scientific organiser. Attendance at the Meeting was up as compared to last year in Torino and reached 200 participants. Out of 250 submissions, 160 papers were presented. Daniela Del Boca reported also from the conference fee waiver awards to encourage participation of graduate students and young researchers. 10 such waivers were awarded this year to the best student paper proposals. This scheme will be continued in the next conferences. The president reported also about discussions in the Council about a proposal to change the name of the society into European Society of Population and Household Economics. After extensive discussion the proposal was declined, but Daniela Del Boca made clear that ESPE had and still has a very broad concept and is welcoming research in all fields related to population economics in general, either in labour economics, demography, household economics and the like.

The next conference of ESPE will be held in Athens, June 14-16 2001, and will be organised by Panos Tsakloglou. For the years 2002 and 2003 plans are for meetings in Bilbao and in Jerusalem or Groningen.

The Secretary of the Society, Rudolf Winter-Ebmer, reported on the recent elections. In total, 78 ballots were received. Robert Wright from Stirling University was elected President-elect. He will become President of the Society in 2002, Anders Bjorklund from Stockholm University will take office in 2001. For the Council, the six candidates with the highest votes – Stephen Jenkins (Essex), Pierre Pestieau (Liege), Valerie Lechene (Oxford), Panos Tsakloglou (Athens), Sara de La Rica (Bilbao) and Alf Erling Risa (Bergen) – were elected for a three year term. The positions are effective from January 2000. The Secretary reported once more on the Web-page of the Society. The web-page has the address <http://www.espe.org> . The ESPE home-page provides general information on the society, the conferences, etc. A special service for the research community concerns the teaching of population and family economics. We have set up links to members' home-pages, providing class notes, syllabi and the like. Please share your experience with other teachers. Any additions to this web-page are very welcome and should be directed to the Secretary

([r.winterebmer@jk.uni-linz.ac.at](mailto:r.winterebmer@jk.uni-linz.ac.at)). The books of the Society have been audited by Agneta Kruse and Marco Francesconi, their positive report has been approved by the Assembly and the treasurer Bernd Raffelhüschen has been discharged, accordingly. As of December 1999, the Society had 482 members.

Daniela Del Boca, President.

Rudolf Winter-Ebmer, Secretary.

## **9. EALE 2001: European Association of Labour Economists**

The 2001 meeting of the EALE will be held at the University of Jyväskylä (Finland) on September 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>. The conference is organised in collaboration with the local organisers from the School of Business and Economics, University of Jyväskylä and the EALE Secretariat in Maastricht.

You are invited to send in papers for submission,. Papers in any area of labour economics are welcome. A scientific committee will evaluate all submitted papers.

Those who wish to present a paper are requested to send full (draft) papers to the EALE Secretariat, Maastricht, Netherlands before **1 March 2001**.

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*For more information go to 'call for papers' at the EALE site*

*<http://www.fdewb.unimaas.nl/eale/>*

## 10. Call for papers: Experimental Labour Economics

*Call for papers*

# Experimental Labour Economics

*A Special Issue of*

*Labour Economics*

Authors are invited to submit papers to a Special Issue of *Labour Economics* on “Experimental Labour Economics” to be edited by Armin Falk and Ernst Fehr.

The aim of the Special Issue is to demonstrate the usefulness of laboratory experiments for the understanding of labour markets and labour relations. We encourage the submission of high quality experimental papers that focus on relevant labour related issues.

The range of topics is wide and includes all labour issues. *Examples* are

- the study of labour markets, wages and unemployment
- organizational economics
- personnel economics
- collective bargaining and trade unions
- mobility, search models etc.

All submitted papers are refereed. Submissions to the Special Issue should be sent in triplicate to one of the Guest Editors and must arrive by May 30, 2001:

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## 11. Symposium on Second-Generation Immigrants and the Transition to Ethnic Minorities

edited by

David **Card** (University of California, Berkeley) and

Christoph M. **Schmidt** (University of Heidelberg, IZA-Bonn, and CEPR-London).

The early European post-war migration experience has been dominated by migration streams from Europe's South to its neighbouring countries in Western and Northern Europe, with a focus on labour migration. Similar observations hold for the United States and Canada. By contrast, the ethnic composition of immigration to the receiving regions has changed dramatically over time. In particular, Europe as a whole has become a net receiving region, and the geographic and cultural distances to the immigrants' countries of origin have increased significantly. As a consequence of this continuous influx, many European societies today contain large immigrant populations, comparable in importance to those in the classical immigration countries.

As a result of these developments, second-generation migrants are a sizeable fraction of the younger European population, shaping European society in an important way. If their integration is hampered, this will set off a process of transition from immigrant communities to ethnic minorities and it might be difficult to prevent second-generation immigrants from persistently becoming second-class citizens. There might be important parallels to the factors shaping the economic attainment of second- and third-generation migrants to the United States and Canada. Yet, no systematic account of these issues is available in the literature.

Therefore, it is the explicit aim of this symposium in the *Journal of Population Economics* to aid in understanding the interplay between immigrant economic attainment across generations and the economic and regulatory environment. The specific aspects addressed by this symposium are (i) skill acquisition and entrance into the labour market, (ii) discrimination and ethnic concentration, (iii) internal migration and the development of ethnic enclaves, (iv) repeat migration and return migration, and (v) immigration policy, citizenship and participation in the political process. Both empirical as well as theoretical papers on these aspects are highly welcome.

Papers are due by 28 February, 2001 and acceptance decisions will be made on the basis of a standard refereeing process. Submissions are invited to the editorial office of the *Journal of Population Economics*:

### **Editor-in-chief, Journal of Population Economics**

IZA, P.O. Box 7240, D-53072 Bonn, Germany

Instructions for authors are available at <http://www.iza.org>. Further information concerning the symposium is available from

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## **12. Call for Papers: New ESRC Research Seminar: Pay, Incentives and Performance in the Public Sector**

First Annual Conference: Bristol 22/23 March 2001

Headline speakers will include:

*Avinash Dixit (Princeton University)*  
*Canice Prendergast (Chicago School of Business)*

The *UK Economic and Social Research Council* has funded a research seminar on '*Pay, Incentives and Performance in the Public Sector*' (*PIPPS*). The intention is to bring together interested researchers with backgrounds in theory, empirical evidence, knowledge of institutions and policy in a series of conferences and workshops. The first of these conferences will be on the theme *Incentives in Public Sector and other Complex Organisations*, which will be held on 22/23 March 2001 at Burwalls conference centre at the University of Bristol.

We invite theoretical, empirical, or institutional submissions falling within this broad area.

*Submission procedure:* The attached reply form should be completed along with a copy of your abstract and, preferably, paper and sent by **29<sup>th</sup> December** to Clare Cox at the address below.

*Non-submitting delegates* are also welcome. But please note that it will not be possible to accept all applications to attend this conference. We would therefore like you to confirm your interest in attending the meeting at this stage and indicate whether or not you wish to present a paper. Please also indicate if you would like to join the mailing list for other events in this series. PhD students researching in the field are especially welcome - email: [cm-po-office@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:cm-po-office@bristol.ac.uk), fax: (44) (0) 117 954 6997.

*Travel and accommodation:* UK travel (with some restrictions) will be provided to all authors, discussants and PhD students. Meals and accommodation (2 nights) will be provided to all academic participants. Further assistance with travel costs may be available.

*Local organisation:*

**Clare Cox**

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*Organising committee:*

Simon Burgess, Pascal Courty, Richard Disney, Amanda Gosling, Paul Gregg, Ian Jewitt.

*Funding:* The conference is made possible through grants provided by the UK Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and the Leverhulme Trust.

**Visit CMPO website at** <http://www.bris.ac.uk/cm-po/>

### **13. Call for Papers: Social policy and demographic behaviour**

Autor: Anne H. Gauthier (2001 conference of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population)

Can governments influence people's decision to cohabit, marry or divorce? Can they influence people to have children? And can they influence the context in which they decide to have children, that is, whether children are born within or outside marriage, and whether they are born from married, cohabiting, or never married parents? In other words, can public and social policies influence demographic behaviour?

The existence of a causal link between public policy and demographic behaviour has been regularly reported by journalists and conservative scholars. Never-married teenage girls are claimed to become pregnant in order to become eligible for social security benefits, single mothers are claimed to avoid getting married in order not to lose their welfare benefits, and single mothers are claimed to be 'hiding' their cohabiting partner in order to remain eligible for benefits. Generous family benefits have furthermore been blamed for encouraging non-traditional family behaviour, while being also believed to encourage people to have more children. The empirical evidence to support these claims is however limited. Welfare benefits have been shown to have a very limited effect on fertility, and no strong evidence exists as to the effect of public policies on other demographic behaviour.

In this session, we will address the question of the effect of public policies on demographic behaviour. For the purpose of this session, we will restrict the analysis to the effect of policies on family formation and dissolution, including marriage, cohabitation, divorce and childbearing. We will however not discuss the effect of policies on migration and work. Historical and contemporary analyses, using individual or aggregate data, are welcome. The papers will be selected on the basis of their degree of originality and their overall contribution to the literature. We would prefer papers that have the potential of being replicated in other countries and settings.

For information, contact Anne H. Gauthier (gauthier@ucalgary.ca)  
and see the IUSSP web page: <http://www.iussp.org/Brazil2001/programme.htm>

## **14. Marie Curie Short Stay Fellowships for Doctoral Students in Applied Economics and Panel Data Analysis – University of Essex**

The Institute for Social and Economic Research (ISER) at the University of Essex is a registered Marie Curie Training Site, and currently has available a number of fellowships to support short stays of up to 6 months of young researchers pursuing their doctoral studies in another country. Fellowships provide financial support to allow holders to undertake part of their doctoral studies in another country from their own, and to benefit from working with an internationally recognised group in their specialised research area.

ISER University of Essex is a major interdisciplinary institute with an international reputation for research on economic and social policy issues using panel data methods. ISER's work focuses on the study of microeconomic and social change, using longitudinal data. Its current work programme investigates: domestic work practices; work histories and career trajectories; employment and unemployment dynamics; payment mechanisms; household formation, location, growth and dissolution; household welfare outcomes; changing attitudes and values; the influence of public policy on the foregoing - and the interrelations among all of these. ISER is recognised by the Economic and Social Research Council for the supervision of doctoral students (Mode B).

Applications are invited from non-UK-based doctoral students with at a masters degree and a background in economics or a related discipline, to join the ISER research team to continue work on their doctoral studies for up to 6 months. Specific benefits to fellows of undertaking part of their doctoral training at ISER University of Essex include:

- full participation in the research and training activities of ISER,
- access to large cross-national data holdings (including some available only on-site),
- access to the University of Essex top-ranking social science departments,
- collaboration with experienced researchers at ISER, and
- full technical and analytical support, with access to sophisticated and high-powered computing infrastructure and to a suite of the most appropriate and up-to-date software necessary for complex data analysis.

The fellowships are full-time for a period of up to 6 months, commencing at the start of the next academic year. Fellows are paid a short stay allowance of 1200 euro/month, plus return travel costs. Fellows must be under 36 years old, and nationals of a Member or Associated State of the European Union. The University of Essex is an equal opportunities employer, and female candidates are encouraged to apply. Selection of candidates will be based on academic ability, and compatibility of the candidate's doctoral studies with ISER's expertise.

Closing date: 1 September 2001

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## 17. New Book: Policy Measures for Low-Wage Employment in Europe

*Edited by*

Wiemer Salverda (*University of Groningen*),

Claudio Lucifora (*Università Cattolica, Milan*)

Brian Nolan (*Economic and Social Research Institute, Dublin*)

**Edward Elgar, 2000**

Cheltenham, UK • Northampton, MA, USA

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*Marco Doudeijns, Marcel Einerhand and Arthur van de Meerendonk*

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*Peter Mühlau and Wiemer Salverda*

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## 18. New Interuniversity Center

New Interuniversity Center of Household, Income, Labour, and Demographic Economics (CHILD) links the research and teaching activities on household economics of the University of Turin, Pisa, Florence, Verona, Modena and Roma.

Visit the web-page: <http://www.de.unito.it/CHILD>





## **20. Obituary: Hugh Davies**

Hugh Davies has just died, at the age of 52, from lung cancer. He was a Senior Lecturer in Economics at Birkbeck College, London, and one of the very few British economists working on demographic issues. He has been an enthusiastic member of the Society for many years, attending annual conferences and presenting a series of papers at them. This year he was too ill. The papers concerned gender, economic inequality, labour supply, wage equations, unpaid work, intra-household distribution and a simulation model of lifetime incomes which was applied to a number of topics from child care to pensions. Many, but not all, of these papers were co-authored by Heather Joshi. He was a man of good humour and a kind heart who will be sadly missed.

Heather Joshi