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Executive Committee and Council Members in 2023

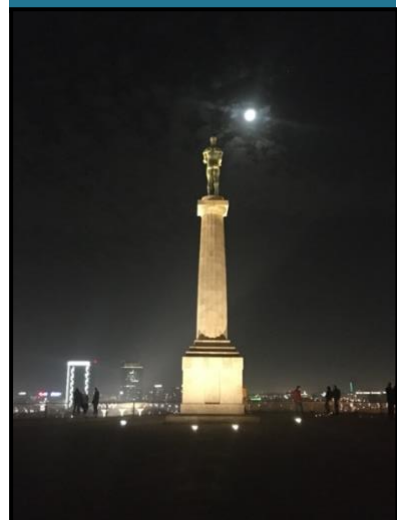
Executive Committee 2023

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Council Members 2023

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Executive Committee and Council Members in 2023



Message from the President Wilbert van der Klaauw



Message from the President, Wilbert H. van der Klaauw

Dear Colleagues,

How great it was to see everyone in person again at this year's ESPE meetings. After the cancellation of the annual meeting in 2020 and the virtual meeting in Barcelona in 2021, we finally had the opportunity to attend the conference in person in Calabria in June 2022. ESPE has been my favourite conference for a long time and this year's meeting reminded me why. While not the easiest location to reach and while not without logistical challenges, the University of Calabria made a splendid setting for the meetings. Scientific program chair Libertad González and the program selection committee put together an excellent program of 204 papers (out of which, 79 were presented by PhD students), while the local organizing team of Patrizia Ordine, Giuseppe Rose, Maria Depaola and Vincenzo Scoppa ensured great facilities and organized a social program full of culture and delicious local foods and of course great weather (with only a few drops of rain timed to fall exactly when we went outside for the conference photo).



We were fortunate to have two excellent keynote speakers talking about topics close to ESPE members' hearts. Alessandra Voena (Stanford) discussed her study evaluating the effect of dowry payments in India on young men's migration decisions and transfers to parents. Pedro Carniero (UCL) presented work on the provision of free daycare and its impact on children and caregivers. I myself welcomed the opportunity to talk about my own recent research on the value of subjective expectation data.

Many thanks to the local organizers for hosting us this year and the Department of Economics at the University of Calabria for its support, to Libertad and the scientific program committee members for putting together such a stimulating program, to Priscila Ferreira for her service to ESPE as Secretary over the past 4 years, to Sunčica Vujić for taking over this important work (and for managing the transfer to a new ESPE website), and to Kjell Salvanes for guiding ESPE through the pandemic as its President.

What struck me again during the 2022 meetings was the range of interesting topics and the variety of empirical and theoretical approaches presented at ESPE by beginning and more experienced economists from all over the world. The inclusive and diverse nature of the topics and backgrounds of presenters, talking about their research in a collegial and constructive environment, has been a hallmark of ESPE from its start.

I know that not everyone was able to attend the conference this year, with a number of regulars not being able to make it. As circumstances continue to improve I hope to see you all again next year in the historic and cultural capital Belgrade. With Libertad González at the helm as President and with Stefania Albanesi and Martha Bailey lined up as keynote speakers, it is bound to be another terrific conference.

Thank you all for your continued interest in ESPE and hope to see you all next year in Belgrade.

Wilbert van der Klaauw
President ESPE



The 35th ESPE Council Meeting in Calabria

During the ESPE Council Meeting in Calabria, we discussed the report by the President (Wilbert van der Klaauw) on the issues regarding the Society and the organisation of the Annual Conference. Further, we discussed the report by the President-Elect (Libertad González) on the program. There were 389 submissions and 204 accepted papers. The number of participants were smaller than in the previous years due to the capacity constraints. We then discussed the report by the local organisers (Patrizia Ordine) regarding the organisation of the Annual Conference. The main discussion point was how to deal with reimbursements associated with a few cancellations.

We further had presentations by the local organisers of ESPE 2023 in Belgrade (Lara Lebedinski) and ESPE in 2024 in Rotterdam (Olivier Marie and Dinand Webbink).

We then discussed the nominations of the future Executive Committee and Council Members. We had 9 nominations for the ordinary Council Members: Thomas Le Barbanchon, Joan Llull, David A. Jaeger, Stefan Bauernschuster, Malte Sander, Kamila Cygan-Rhem, Astrid Kunze, Birgitta Rabe and Cheti Nicoletti. We had one nomination for the President-Elect: Emilia Del Bono. Later in this Newsletter, you can read about the results of the elections and who are the new ESPE Council Members.

The ESPE auditors for the next three years will be David Ribar (in his second term) and Nabanita Datta Gupta (in her first term). Sunčica Vujić took over the Secretary role from Priscila Ferreira.

The Treasurer (Thomas Siedler) presented the current budget. The Society ended a year with a positive saldo of about 8000€, which could be used to organise special events during ESPE 2023 in Belgrade. The Society currently has 221 members. The main ongoing discussion is the new registration domain of the Society, which will be on the agenda in 2023.

ESPE Council Meeting



2022 Elections: President-Elect and Council Members

Online-elections took place between September 20 and October 04, 2022 (two weeks). The e-voting system was provided to all ESPE members who registered as ESPE members in 2022 and for whom we had a valid e-mail address. We have elected the President-Elect and three council members. One candidate for President-Elect and nine candidates for the council were proposed and their biographical details are listed alphabetically below.

Candidate for 2023 President-Elect

Emilia Del Bono is a Professor of Economics at the Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of Essex. Her research agenda is focused on the nature, causes, and consequences of disparities in children's human capital that lead to inequalities later on in life. Emilia has published several articles related to early child development, including on the impact of maternal smoking on children's birthweight, maternal time investments on children cognitive and non-cognitive skills, and has been involved in a study evaluating the effects of free part-time childcare on children's educational attainment. More recently her work has focused on the dynamics of early child development and the interaction between parental well-being and reported measures of child non-cognitive skills. Emilia is also very interested in school quality and higher education. For example, she published on the effect of selection into elite schools on children's later outcomes, and the differences in academic and non-academic investments made by undergraduate students while at university. She has also worked on a variety of other topics, including the effectiveness of smoking bans for non-smokers' wellbeing, the impact of job displacement on fertility, and the consequences of contraceptive information for abortions.

Her research spans a range of different methods and research designs, including RCTs but also structural models, with a view to uncover causal relationships and provide sound policy recommendations. She has published in many peer-reviewed journals, including the American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, the Economic Journal, The Journal of Econometrics, the Journal of Labor Economics, and the Journal of the European Economic Association. She has been on the Executive Committee of the European Association of Labour Economics from 2012 to 2018 and has been elected as a member of the Royal Economic Society Council, serving in its Education Committee since 2020.

2022 Elections



As of March 2020, she is the Director of the ESRC-funded Centre for Micro Social Change (MiSoC), a multidisciplinary centre promoting collaboration between economists, sociologists and other social scientists to provide evidence with which to address key societal challenges. Prior to this she has been the recipient of numerous research grants from different bodies, including the ESRC, the National Science Foundation, the UK Office for Students and the British Academy.

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Candidates for 2023 Council

Stefan Bauernschuster is a Full Professor of Public Economics at the University of Passau. He is also affiliated with the Ifo Institute Munich as a research professor, and with CESifo and IZA as a research fellow. Prior to his position in Passau, Stefan Bauernschuster was deputy head of the research area “Social Policy and Labour Markets” at the Ifo Institute Munich. He holds a PhD from Friedrich Schiller University Jena. In his research, Stefan Bauernschuster uses micro-econometric methods to answer policy relevant questions in the fields of labor, population, and health economics. His research has been published in journals such as the American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, the Journal of the European Economic Association, the Journal of Health Economics, the Journal of Public Economics, or the Journal of Population Economics.

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Kamila Cygan-Rhem is Head of the Research Group “Outcomes of Education Across the Lifespan” at the Leibniz Institute for Educational Trajectories (LIfBi) at the University of Bamberg. Her research interests are in applied microeconomics, mainly education and labor economics, family economics, and public health. She received her Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU), where she also spent several years as a post-doc. She is a Research Affiliate at CESifo, IZA, and LASER, and a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Research Data Centre (FDZ) of the Statistical Offices of the Federal and State Governments. Her current work focuses on the lifetime effects of various schooling reforms.

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David A. Jaeger is currently Professor of Economics at the University of St Andrews. He has previously held regular positions at the City University of New York Graduate Center, the University of Cologne, the College of William and Mary, and Hunter College and visiting positions at the University of Bonn and Princeton University, among others. David edits both the *Scottish Journal of Political Economy* and the *Journal of Comments and Replications in Economics* and is a Research Fellow at RWI, CESifo, IZA, and CEPR. His published research includes work on immigration, education, fertility, and conflict. David served on the ESPE Annual Conference Scientific committees in 2014, 2013, 2012, 2009, 2008, and 2004.

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Astrid Kunze is a Professor of Economics at the Norwegian School of Economics in Bergen, Norway. Kunze is an empirical economist who is an expert on gender differences in labour markets and family economics, human capital, earnings and mobility over the life cycle, public policies, organizations and diversity in firms. Her research has been published in the *Handbook on Women and the Economy*, and internationally high ranked journals such as the *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Labour Economics*, *Oxford Review of Economics Policy*, *Empirical Economics* and *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*.

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Joan Llull is the Director of MOVE, Associate Professor of Economics at Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, and Associate Research Professor of the Barcelona School of Economics. He is also an External Fellow at CREAM (UCL). He graduated from CEMFI in 2011. Professor Llull's research focuses on labor economics, and more specifically on immigration, internal migration, occupational mobility, inequality, human capital, family economics, and health. His main research typically estimates dynamic discrete choice models of equilibrium, but several of his papers also use more reduced form approaches. His work has been published in the *Review of Economic Studies*, *Journal of Human Resources*, and the *European Economic Review*, among others. His research has been funded by prestigious grants, including a Starting Grant from the European Research Council (ERC). Professor Llull is the Data Editor of the *Economic Journal* and the *Econometrics Journal*, editorial board member of the *Review of Economic Studies*, and associate editor of *SERIEs* --- The Journal of the Spanish Economic Association. He has also served as guest editor for a special issue on "Economics of Migration: Labour Market Impacts and Migration Policies" of *Labour Economics*, the Journal of the European Association of Labour Economists.



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Cheti Nicoletti is a Full Professor at the University of York. She is also the Leader of the Applied Micro-Econometrics Research Cluster in the Department of Economics and a research associate at the Institute for Social and Economic Research, CHILD-Collegio Carlo Alberto and the Institute for Labour Economics. Her research is characterized by the application of solid econometric methods to answer policy relevant questions in the area of education, social network, child development, parental investments and social identity. Her research has been partly supported by the Economic and Social Research Council and has been published in journals such as Journal of Labour Economics, Journal of Applied Econometrics, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, and Journal of Econometrics.

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Birgitta Rabe is Professor of Economics at the University of Essex and IZA and CESifo research fellow. She is Co-Investigator of the ESRC Research Centre on Micro-social Change and of Understanding Society, the UK Household Longitudinal Study. Birgitta Rabe is an applied micro economist interested in research on children's human capital and the factors that are driving inequalities in life outcomes. Her work has been published in journals such as the Economic Journal, Journal of Public Economics Plus and Journal of Population Economics. She has a track-record of disseminating her findings widely to policy makers for impact. Birgitta previously held positions at the Social Science Centre Berlin, Max Planck Institute Cologne and the Ruhr University Bochum and received her PhD from the Free University Berlin.

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Malte Sandner received his PhD from the Leibniz University Hannover (LUH) in 2013. He had post-doc positions at the Lower Saxony Institute for Economic Research (NIW), the Institute for Labour Economics at LUH, and the Center for Research and Analysis of Migration (CReAM) and the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS) at University College London. Since May 2017, he has been a senior researcher at the Institute for Employment Research (IAB). His research focuses on topics in applied microeconomics with an emphasis on education, health, family, and migration economics.

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Results of the 2022 Elections

The 2022 elections took place between September 20 and October 4 (two weeks). Those who registered for/attended ESPE conference this year were invited to cast their votes, since the membership fee is for one year only and it is included in the conference registration. Out of 221 members in 2022, we registered 60 unique responses. The elected President-Elect and the council members are listed below.

ESPE President-Elect (2023)

Emilia Del Bono (University of Essex )

ESPE Council Members (2023-2025)

Astrid Kunze (Norwegian School of Economics (NHH) )

Cheti Nicoletti (University of York )

Birgitta Rabe (University of Essex )



Call for Papers 2023: The 36th ESPE Conference in Belgrade

The 36th Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics (ESPE) will take place in Belgrade, Serbia, on June 15-17, 2023. The local organising team consists of Lara Lebedinski, Mihajlo Đukić, Dejana Pavlović and Marko Vladislavljević.

Professor **Emilia Del Bono** (University of Essex) will serve as the program chair.

The keynote speakers will be Professor **Stefania Albanesi** (University of Pittsburgh) and Professor **Martha J. Bailey** (University of California-Los Angeles (UCLA)). The presidential address will be given by Professor **Libertad González** (University of Pompeu Fabra).

You are cordially invited to submit the paper online via the Conference Maker: <https://editorialexpress.com/conference/ESPE2023>

Each participant may present at most one paper but can co-author more than one paper in the program.

Important deadlines

The paper submission site will open by December 1, 2022.

The submission deadline is February 1, 2023.

Acceptance decisions will be announced by March 6, 2023.

Accepted papers will only be included in the final programme if presenting authors have registered by April 3, 2023.

The conference program will be available from May 1, 2023.

For further information, please visit the conference webpage:

<https://espebelgrade2023.com/>



Call for Papers 2023



ESPE Newsletter and Website Contributions

Call for Contributions to the ESPE Newsletter and Website

The ESPE website provides information on the society's activities, and contains links to related institutions and organizations. All members are kindly invited to use the ESPE website to make announcements of events in the field of population economics.

Please send all contributions to the Secretary by email to info@espe.org

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