



# European Society for Population Economics

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## Newsletter – Fall 2015

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## 1. 2015 Executive Committee and Council

### Executive Committee

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| <i>President</i>       | Erik Plug        | Amsterdam School of Economics,<br>University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands            |
| <i>President-Elect</i> | Arthur Van Soest | Tilburg School of Economics and<br>Management, Tilburg University, the<br>Netherlands |
| <i>Treasurer</i>       | Marco Caliendo   | University of Potsdam, Germany  |
| <i>Secretary</i>       | Laura Hospido    | Bank of Spain, Spain  |

### Council Members

Michèle Belot  
University of Edinburgh, UK

Sonia Bhalotra  
University of Essex, UK

Paul Devereux  
University College Dublin, Ireland

Astrid Kunze  
Norwegian School of Economics, Norway

Mikael Lindahl  
Uppsala University, Sweden

David Ribar  
University of North Carolina at Greensboro,  
USA

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Norwegian School of Economics, Norway

Susan Vroman  
Georgetown University, USA

Andrea Weber  
University of Mannheim, Germany

## 2. Message from the 2015 President

2015 has been another wonderful year for ESPE. Our annual conference was held for the 29<sup>th</sup> time, this year in the beautiful city of Izmir (Turkey). The conference took place from June 17 to 20, under very sunny conditions. It was a great success. It brought together many promising PhD students, young scholars and leading researchers, all working in the field of population economics. It is always a pleasure to see many old friends and welcome new colleagues in such a lively and intellectually stimulating environment.

I also very much enjoyed the social events. The conference dinner, for example, in a local restaurant at Teos overlooking the Aegean Sea with a refreshing breeze and spectacular sunset was excellent. The day trip to the ancient city of Ephesus was spectacular. Also the dinner in the mountains that followed including the surprise bonus –a leather fashion show- were widely appreciated. These social events are important and very much contribute to the relaxed and informal atmosphere that is so typical for ESPE.

Of course, the success of the annual meeting depends crucially on the hard work and enthusiastic activities of many. First and foremost, many thanks go to Değer Eryar and the local organizing team of Izmir University of Economics for all their hard work. They made sure that the conference was run efficiently and all participants felt welcome and at home. Many thanks also go to Arthur van Soest for being an excellent program chairman. He put together a diverse and interesting program from a large number of submissions. We are all grateful to Arthur and those who assisted by refereeing these submissions on a tight schedule.

Thanks also go to our keynote speakers, Bruce Sacerdote (Dartmouth College) and Shelly Lundberg (University of California, St. Barbara) for their excellent talks. Bruce discussed “Why do college interventions work?” and Shelly discussed “Orchids and dandelions: Family background and the gender gap in education.” We were very fortunate to hear from these two eminent scholars on the cutting edge of population economic research.

Thanks go to all of the ESPE Council Members for their hard work in 2015. I particularly thank Michèle Belot (University of Edinburgh), Sonia Bhalotra (University of Essex) and Susan Vroman (Georgetown University). They all served their last term as Council Members. The effort they put into the society is much appreciated. Special thanks also go to Laura Hospido (secretary) and Marco Caliendo (treasurer). Without them, the ESPE simply wouldn't work.

We are now looking forward to the society's next meeting which will take place in Berlin (Germany) on June 15 to 18, 2016. There, we will celebrate its the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ESPE with a variety events. Marco Francesconi (University of Essex) will serve as the program chair and Daniel Schnitzlein (DIW Berlin, Leibniz University Hannover) will coordinate the local organizing team. The keynote speakers will be David Figlio (Northwestern University) and Marianne Bitler (University of California-Irvine). The presidential address will be given by Arthur van Soest (Tilburg University). For more information see: [www.especonferences.org](http://www.especonferences.org)

It has been an honour to serve as ESPE president this year. I am very much looking forward to seeing all of you next year in Berlin.

Erik Plug, ESPE President 2015

### 3. 29th ESPE Meeting and General Assembly in Izmir

The 29th General Assembly of the European Society for Population Economics was held on Friday, June 19, 2015 at the Izmir University of Economics, Izmir, Turkey. The President of the Society, Erik Plug, chaired the Assembly.

He informed that Arthur van Soest will be the next President in 2016, whereas Marco Francesconi will be the President-elect. He also informed about the composition of the current Council. He expressed his gratitude to the 3 members that will leave the council this year: Michèle Belot, Sonia Bhalotra and Susan Vroman.

The president informed that the council agreed on leaving the fees for the 2016 ESPE membership and for the 2016 conference as they are now:

| <b>Fee</b>   | <b>Early registration</b> | <b>Late registration</b> | <b>Includes</b>   |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| No subscription to the JpopEc                      | 280 EUR                   | 330 EUR                  | ESPE membership   |
| Online subscription to JpopEc                      | 300 EUR                   | 350 EUR                  | ESPE membership and online access to the Journal        |
| Print subscription to JpopEc                       | 330 EUR                   | 380 EUR                  | ESPE membership, online and print access to the Journal |
| PhD student without subscription to the JpopEc     | 210 EUR                   | 260 EUR                  | ESPE membership   |
| PhD student with online subscription to the JpopEc | 230 EUR                   | 280 EUR                  | ESPE membership and online access to the Journal        |
| PhD student with print subscription to the JpopEc  | 230 EUR                   | 280 EUR                  | ESPE membership, online and print access to the Journal |
| ESPE accompanying person                           | 180 EUR                   |                          | Participation in the social events                      |

Erik also presented the accounts of behalf of the treasurer of the Society, Marco Caliendo. The accounts have been audited by Jonathan James and Louise Beuchert-Pedersen. Society's members approve the accounts.

The report of the Journal of Population Economics was given by Erdal Tekin, Editor of the journal.

Finally, on behalf of the Local Organizing Committee, Daniel D. Schnitzlein announced that next year the 2016 ESPE Annual Conference will be held on June 15-18 in Berlin. Marco Francesconi will serve as the program chair.

Erik Plug, ESPE President  
Laura Hospido, ESPE secretary

#### **4. 2015 Elections: President-elect and Council Members**

Online-elections will take place in October 2015. The e-voting system will be provided to all ESPE members for whom we have a valid e-mail address. We will elect the new president-elect and four new council members. One candidate for president-elect and six candidates for the council are proposed and their biographical details are listed alphabetically below.

##### **Candidate for 2017 President-Elect**

**Michèle Belot** is Professor of Economics at the University of Edinburgh. She received her PhD from Tilburg University and has previously worked at the University of Essex and at the University of Oxford. Her research interests cover various areas related to population economics, such as labour, migration and health. She conducted a number of laboratory and randomised controlled field experiments, with specific groups of the population such as low income families and job seekers. She has served on the board of ESPE for the last 6 years, and currently serves in the Royal Economic Society council and Economic Science Association council. Her research has been published in the *Review of Economics and Statistics*, the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, the *Journal of Human Resources*, the *Economic Journal* and the *Journal of Health Economics*, among others.

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##### **Candidates for the 2016 Council**

**Libertad González** is an Associate Professor of Economics at Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Spain) and an affiliated professor at the Barcelona Graduate School of Economics. She received her PhD from Northwestern University in 2003, and has been a visiting scholar in CREST (Paris), UBC (Vancouver), Columbia University (New York), and Boston University. Her fields of research include labor, public, and demographic economics, and she has worked on topics related to migration, female labor supply, divorce, and infant health. She has published in journals such as the *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, *European Economic Review*, *Labour Economics*, etc.

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**David Ribar** is a Professorial Research Fellow at the Melbourne Institute of Applied Economics and Social Research at the University of Melbourne and serves as the Institute's Acting Deputy Director. He received his Ph.D. in 1991 from Brown University. Professor Ribar is research fellow at the Institute for the Study of Labour (IZA) in Bonn, Germany and a fellow at the ARC Centre of excellence for Children and Families over the Life Course. He co-edits the *Southern Economic Journal*, serves as an associate editor or on the editorial board of the *Journal of Population Economics*, the *Review of Economics of the Household*, and *Social Service Research*, and is completing his first term on the ESPE Council. He has previously held professor positions at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and the George Washington University, held an assistant professor position at the Pennsylvania State University, and been seconded to the Administration for Children and Families in Washington, DC. Professor Ribar has conducted research on the relationship between maternal employment and paid and unpaid childcare; parents' investments of time in care activities; the educational consequences of teenage childbearing; the relationship between teenagers' work and schooling; teenagers' time use; the

effects of food assistance programs on children's school achievement, school attendance, family routines, and food security; the effects of welfare reform on children's developmental outcomes; families' participation in social assistance programs; and child and youth hardships. He has published articles in leading disciplinary and interdisciplinary journals including the *American Economic Review*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Journal of Population Economics*, and *Demography*. He was awarded the Kuznet's Prize from the *Journal of Population Economics* in 2002.

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**Almudena Sevilla** is Professor of Economics in Queen Mary University of London and a Research Fellow at IZA and ISER. Almudena has been co-editor of the *Review of the Economics of the Household*, and currently acts as a co-editor for *Feminist Economics* and the *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*. She graduated from Brown University in 2004. Previous employment includes the Centre for Time Use Research at the University of Oxford, ISER, and the Congressional Budget Office in Washington DC. Almudena's research uses time diary data to address issues related to gender differences in the labor market, fertility, migration, and child development. She has published in journals such as the *Economic Journal*, the *Journal of Human Resources*, the *European Economic Review*, and *Demography* among others.

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**Marianne Simonsen** is a Professor of Economics at Aarhus University (Denmark) and a Research Fellow at IZA. Since 2014 she has been Associate Editor at *Empirical Economics* and she currently acts as Guest Editor at *Labour Economics*. Simonsen holds a PhD from Aarhus University and has been a visiting scholar at Stanford University, University of Maryland, and University of Michigan. Her research interests lie primarily within the areas of labor economics, education economics, and health economics. She is especially interested in issues pertaining to fertility and early childhood, including interventions aimed at vulnerable populations. Her research has been funded by various external grants and in 2011 she received an elite "Sapere Aude" Starting Grant from the Danish Council for Independent Research. Her work has been published in journal such as *The Economic Journal*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Econometrics*, *Journal of Health Economics*, and *Journal of Human Resources*.

More information here: [http://pure.au.dk/portal/en/persons/id\(b4eee010-4cbe-4648-8f69-dd6ec3996bd6\).html](http://pure.au.dk/portal/en/persons/id(b4eee010-4cbe-4648-8f69-dd6ec3996bd6).html)

**Wilbert van der Klaauw** is a Senior Vice President and Director of the Center for Microeconomic Data at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. He holds a Ph.D. from Brown University and previously worked as a Professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and as Assistant Professor at New York University. He is also affiliated as a research fellow with IZA. He is a labor economist and applied econometrician whose research interests include the study of life cycle labor supply, household financial behavior and expectations, the economic determinants of household formation and dissolution, educational investment and productivity, and econometric approaches to program evaluation with a particular focus on the Regression Discontinuity Approach. He has published numerous articles in academic journals including: *Econometrica*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Econometrics*, *Economic Journal*, *International Economic Review*, *Journal of Human Resources* and the *Review of Economics and Statistics*, among others. He serves as associate editor for the *Journal of Labor Economics* and the *Journal of Business Economics and Statistics*, and as co-

editor of Labour: Review of Labour Economics and Industrial Relations.

More information here:

<http://www.newyorkfed.org/research/economists/vanderklaauw/>

**Frederic Vermeulen** is a Professor of Economics at the University of Leuven. He obtained his PhD from the University of Leuven in 2002 and has been affiliated with Tilburg University between 2003 and 2012. He is also a research fellow of the IZA and an extra-mural fellow of CentER (Tilburg University). He serves as a managing editor of the *Economic Journal*, is a member of the editorial board of the *Review of Economic Studies*, and an associate editor of the *Review of Economics of the Household* and *de Economist*. His fields of interest are in the economics of the household, with a focus on demand, labor supply and the intra-household allocation of time and resources. He has published in journals like *Econometrica*, the *American Economic Review*, the *Journal of Political Economy*, the *Review of Economic Studies*, the *Review of Economics and Statistics*, the *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics* and the *Journal of Econometrics*, among others.

More information here: <https://sites.google.com/site/fmpvermeulen/>

## 5. Call for Papers: 2016 ESPE Meeting in Berlin, Germany

The 30th Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics (ESPE) will take place on **June 15-18, 2016**, organized by the German Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP) and the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin) at the Harnack House, in **Berlin**.

The aim of the Conference is to facilitate the exchange of research ideas and results across a range of fields, including the economics of the household, labour economics, public economics, demography, and health economics.

Marco Francesconi (University of Essex) will serve as the program chair and Daniel D. Schnitzlein (DIW Berlin, Leibniz University Hannover) as coordinator of the local organizing team. The keynote speakers will be Marianne P. Bitler (University of California-Irvine) and David Figlio (Northwestern University). The presidential address will be given by Arthur van Soest (Tilburg University). As part of the 30th anniversary of the Society, there will be a series of special sessions delivered by past presidents of ESPE.

Papers must be submitted on-line at <http://editorialexpress.com/conference/ESPE2016/>. Submissions must include an abstract and, if possible, the complete paper itself in pdf format (one single file, including tables and figures). Preference will be given to submissions that include a complete paper.

The paper submission site will open by November 1, 2015. The **submission deadline** is **February 1, 2016**. Acceptance decisions will be announced by April 1, 2016. Accepted papers will only be included in the final programme if presenting authors have registered by May 1, 2016. Each participant may present at most one paper but can co-author more than one paper in the program. Graduate students have a reduced registration fee, provided that his/her advisor confirms the student status.

For more details, please visit the conference web page: [www.especonferences.org](http://www.especonferences.org)

## **6. Call for Contributions to the Newsletter and the ESPE website**

The ESPE newsletter and the ESPE website provide 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 both the ESPE Newsletter and 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](mailto:info@espe.org) or use the intranet service available at the ESPE website: <http://www.espe.org>

Continuously updated information on forthcoming events is available at the ESPE website: [espe.org](http://espe.org) >> [Events](#)