



Newsletter – Fall 2017

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1. 2017 Executive Committee and Council

Executive Committee 2017

<i>President</i>	Marco Francesconi	University of Essex, UK
<i>President-Elect</i>	Michèle Belot	European University Institute
<i>Treasurer</i>	Marco Caliendo	University of Potsdam, Germany
<i>Secretary</i>	Priscila Ferreira	University of Minho, Portugal

Council Members 2017

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2. Message from the President, Marco Francesconi

The year 2017 has seen another fantastic edition of the ESPE meetings. The 31st conference took place from June 14 to June 17 in the charming and gritty city centre of Glasgow where the University of Stathclyde is based. We had a large number with a busy schedule that has filled up all three days of the conference. It was really nice to see many familiar faces, as well as many new people who attended the conference for the first (and hopefully not the last) time. As always, the conference brought together many promising doctoral students and more senior researchers at various stages of their careers, working on education, labour and human capital, ageing and retirement, health, migration, fertility, development, experiments, and a few other topics in the broad field of population and household economics.

We had a great welcome reception at the Drygate brewery, just 10 minutes walk from George Square, the heart of the city, a nice evening reception at the impressive Glasgow City Chambers and a really special Scottish dinner at Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum with Scottish pipes, haggis, and whiskey. On Saturday, after the conference we also had an interesting whiskey tour in the Highlands, just outside Glasgow.

As always, the conference was a productive and stimulating event in a friendly and relaxed setting. Thanks for this to all participants! Of course, some of the participants deserve a special word of thanks. First, Robert Wright and his team of local organizers did a truly exceptional job – everything has worked perfectly. Michele Belot did the hard work of selecting the papers and putting together the program, coordinating the work of a team of expert reviewers. She has been great. Wilbert van der Klaauw gave an inspiring keynote lecture on student debt, its determinants and its consequences. Janet Currie delivered another inspirational keynote speech on inequality in mortality over the life cycle.

The conference and the Society could not exist without the commitment of the Council and, especially, its Treasurer, Marco Caliendo, and Secretary, Priscila Ferreira, who started her job last year and integrated perfectly. Special thanks go to Mikael Lindahl and Andrea Weber who served their last year as members of the ESPE council.

The next ESPE meeting will take place in Antwerp, June 25 to June 27, 2018. Shelly Lundberg (University of California, Santa Barbara) will chair the scientific program and Suncica Vujic (University of Antwerp) and Stjin Baert (University of Gent) will be the local organizers. Keynote speakers will be Jerome Adda (Bocconi) and Uta Schoenberg (University College London), and Michele Belot (European University Institute and University of Edinburgh) will give the presidential address.

For more information, see: www.especonferences.org. I hope you will all join us in Antwerp next June!

Marco Francesconi
ESPE President 2017

3. 31st General Assembly in Glasgow

3.1 The 31st General Assembly of the European Society for Population Economics was held on Thursday, June the 15th, 2017 at the John Anderson Lecture Theatre, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland. The President of the Society, Marco Francesconi, chaired the meeting.

Marco Francesconi started by thanking the local organizer Robert E. Wright and his team for having done such a great job in hosting ESPE 2017's annual conference. He also thanked the researchers who accepted to be part of the 2017 Scientific program Committee.

The President informed that Michèle Belot will be the President of the Society in 2018, and Shelly Lundberg will be the President-elect and thus act as program chair of the 2018 conference in Antwerp.

Marco has also expressed his gratitude to Mikael Lindahl and Andrea Weber, who are leaving the Council of ESPE after six years in office.

The Council agreed on changing the fees for the ESPE membership and for the conference from 2018 onwards. **Fee breakdown from 2018 onwards:**

Current fee	Early registration	Late registration	Includes
No subscription to the JpopEc	300 EUR	350 EUR	ESPE membership
Online subscription to JpopEc	320 EUR	370 EUR	ESPE membership and online access to the Journal
Print subscription to JpopEc	350 EUR	400 EUR	ESPE membership, online and print access to the Journal
PhD student without subscription to the JpopEc	230 EUR	280 EUR	ESPE membership
PhD student with online subscription to the JpopEc	250 EUR	300 EUR	ESPE membership and online access to the Journal
PhD student with print subscription to the JPopEc	280 EUR	330 EUR	ESPE membership, online and print access to the Journal
ESPE accompanying person	180 EUR		Participation in the social events

3.2 Marco Caliendo, the Treasurer of the Society, presented the 2016 accounts. The accounts have been audited and approved by Jonathan James and Manuela Prieto. The participants in the General Assembly also approved the accounts.

3.3 Priscila Ferreira, Secretary of ESPE, presented the report of the Journal of Population Economics given that no representative of the Journal could be present at the meeting.

3.4 The annual conference of ESPE in 2018 will take place at the University Antwerp, Belgium. Sunčica Vujić represented the local organizers and presented their plans for 2018. All are most incentivized to attend the conference in 2018

3.5 Marco Francesconi announced that the annual conference of ESPE in 2019 will be in Bath, U.K.

4. 2017 Elections: President-elect and Council Members

Online-elections will take place in October/November 2017. 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 two new Council members. One candidate for President-elect and four candidates for the council are proposed and their biographical details are listed alphabetically below.

Candidate for 2019 President-Elect

Kjell Salvanes



Kjell G. Salvanes is Professor in Economics at the Department of Economics at the Norwegian School of Economics (NHH). He is the research director of CELE, and the Deputy Director of a center of excellence, FAIR at NHH, and a Research associate at CEPR, IZA, HCEO, CES-ifo and CEE at LSE. He is a joint Managing Editor of The Economic Journal. His main area of research is in family economics and the economics of education. More specifically his research focus has been on intergenerational mobility, early investment in children and adult labor market outcomes, as well as long-term effects of early schooling. He has published extensively in top

economics journals like the AER, JPE, QJE, REStat, Economic Journal, JEEA, and in top field journals like JOLE, JPubE, JHR as well as contributed in Elsevier's Handbook of the Economics of Education.

More details at: <https://www.nhh.no/en/employees/faculty/kjell-gunnar-salvanes/>

Candidates for the Council (2018-2020)

Ghazala Azmat



Ghazala Azmat is a Professor of Economics at Sciences Po, Paris. She is a Research Associate at the Centre for Economic Performance (LSE), Research Fellow at IZA, Research Affiliate at CEPR, and Research Fellow at CESifo. Her main research interests are in applied and empirical microeconomics. In particular, her research focuses on issues relating to competition, incentives and organizational structure, as well as on topics in labor, education and public economics. She received her PhD in Economics from London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) and has published in several international journals such as Journal of Political Economy, Management Science, RAND Journal of Economics, Journal of European Economic Association, the Journal of Labor Economics, and the Journal of Public Economics. Her current editorial roles include Co-editor of Labour Economics, a Panel Member of Economic Policy, and Associate Editor of SERIEs.

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Adeline Delavande



Adeline Delavande is Professor of Economics at the Institute for Socio-Economic Research of the University of Essex. She holds a PhD from Northwestern University (2004). She held previous positions at the RAND Corporation and Nova School of Business & Economics. Her research covers a broad range of topics related to education, family, health and development economics. An important part of her research agenda focuses on understanding how individuals make decisions under uncertainty using elicited subjective expectations, in particular on how best to elicit probabilistic expectations from survey respondents and on how to

incorporate expectations into econometrics model to make inference on behaviour. She has published in the Review of Economic Studies, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, the International Economic Review, the Journal of Development Economics and the Proceedings of National Academy of Sciences, among others.

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Helmut Rainer



Helmut Rainer is Professor of Economics at the University of Munich and Director of the Centre for Labour and Demographic Economics at the ifo Institute. Helmut Rainer's principal areas of interests span the fields of Family Economics, Labour Economics and Public Economics. His past research has, among other things, addressed issues related to work-conditioned welfare programs, preferences for redistribution, social capital, the geographic dispersion within families, the link between public policy and fertility and the effects of public transit strikes. His current research includes work on domestic violence and the integration of immigrant children. Helmut Rainer studied Economics at the University of Graz. He received his PhD at the University of Essex in

2005. He was Assistant and Associate Professor at the University of St. Andrews from 2005 to 2009.

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Stefanie Schurer



Stefanie Schurer is an Associate Professor (with tenure) in the School of Economics at the University of Sydney. Her research interest is the Economics of Human Development. Most of her current projects explore the evolution of skills, preferences, and health over the lifecourse and the role that parents and the public sector play in shaping these skills. She is a principal investigator of several NHMRC-funded, linked

administrative data projects in Australia, evaluating, among others, the impact of early-life medical interventions and cash/in-kind transfers on children's skill development. Her work has been published in the Economic Journal, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Applied Econometrics, and Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, among others. As of August 2017, she serves as Associate Editor of the Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization. She is a University of Sydney SOAR Fellow and an ARC Discovery Early Career Fellow. She held positions at Victoria University of Wellington and University of Melbourne and is a Visiting Scholar at The University of Chicago, a Research Fellow at the IZA Bonn, and an affiliate of the Human Capital and Economic Opportunity Global Working Group.

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5. Call for Papers: 2018 ESPE Meeting in Antwerp

The 32nd Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics (ESPE) will take place on June 25-27, 2018, at the University of Antwerp, Belgium. The local organisers are Sunčica Vujić and Stijn Baert and Shelly Lundberg (University of California, Santa Barbara) will serve as the program chair. The keynote speakers will be Jérôme Adda (University of Bocconi) and Uta Schoenberg (University College London). The presidential address will be given by Michèle Belot (European University Institute).

Papers must be submitted on-line at <http://editorialexpress.com/conference/ESPE2018/>

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 their student status.

Important deadlines

The paper submission site will open by November 1, 2017. The submission deadline is February 1, 2018. Acceptance decisions will be announced by March 9, 2018. Accepted papers will only be included in the final programme if presenting authors have registered by April 1, 2018. The conference program will be available from May 1.

For more details, please visit the conference web page: www.especonferences.org

6. Call for Contributions to the ESPE website

The ESPE website provide 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