



Newsletter – Fall 2018

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1. 2018 Executive Committee and Council

Executive Committee 2018

<i>President</i>	Michèle Belot	European University Institute
<i>President-Elect</i>	Shelly Lundberg	University of California, Santa Barbara, USA
<i>Treasurer</i>	Marco Caliendo	University of Potsdam, Germany
<i>Secretary</i>	Priscila Ferreira	University of Minho, Portugal

Council Members 2018

Ghazala Azmat	Sciences Po (Paris Institute of Political Studies), France
Adeline Delavande	University of Essex, UK
Paul Devereux	University College Dublin, Ireland
Libertad González	Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain
Randi Hjalmarsson	University of Gothenburg, Sweden
David Ribar	University of Melbourne, Australia
Kjell G. Salvanes	Norwegian School of Economics, Norway
Marianne Simonsen	Aarhus University, Denmark
Wilbert Van Der Klaauw	Federal Reserve Bank of New York, USA
Marco Francesconi	University of Essex, UK

2. Message from the President, Michèle Belot

The year 2018 has seen another fantastic edition of the ESPE meetings. The 32nd conference took place from June 25 to June 27 at the University of Antwerp. The local organizers (Sunčica Vucić and Stijn Baert) went out of their way to make this conference unique and a number of innovations were introduced: childcare was offered for the first time, morning workouts were organized and we had a policy maker speaking at one of the social events.

We had a busy schedule with a large number of papers presented over the 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.

Professor Uta Schoenberg gave the introductory keynote lecture on “The Impact of Immigration on Regions and Workers”, with interesting insights into why different approaches to the analysis of the effects of immigration can give very different results. Professor Jérôme Adda (Bocconi University) gave the second keynote on “Love, Ethnicity or Legal Status? Natural Experiments in Marriage Markets”, with interesting evidence on how changes in immigration laws affected the marriage market in Italy.

The first social event was held at the Felix Pahuys (an old warehouse that was used in the 19th century to store coffee, grain, cheese and tobacco). The conference dinner took place at the impressive Art Nouveau Grand Café of Horta, and we were entertained by a local band until midnight.

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, Suncica and her team of local organizers did a truly exceptional job – everything has worked perfectly and the innovations were really fantastic add-ons. Shelly Lundberg did the hard work of selecting the papers and putting together the program, coordinating the work of a team of expert reviewers. The programme was fantastic, with homogenous and intellectually stimulating sessions. Our two keynote speakers Uta Schoenberg and Jerome Adda gave very clear and inspiring keynote lectures.

The conference and the Society could not exist without the commitment of the Council and, especially, its Treasurer, Marco Caliendo, and Secretary, Priscila Ferreira. Special thanks go to David Ribar who served his last year as member of the ESPE council.

The next ESPE meeting will take place in Bath, from June 20 to June 22, 2018. Kjell Salvanes (Norwegian School of Economics) will chair the scientific program and Jonathan James, Kerry Papps, Matt Dickson and Eleonora Fichera will be the local organizers.

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

Michèle Belot

ESPE President 2018

3. 32nd General Assembly in Antwerp

a) The 32nd General Assembly of the European Society for Population Economics was held on Wednesday, June the 27th, 2018 at the Aula Rector Dhanis, University of Antwerp, Antwerp, Belgium. The President of the Society, Michèle Belot, chaired the meeting.

Michèle started by thanking the local organizer Suncica and her team for having done such a great job in hosting ESPE 2018's annual conference. She also thanked all the researchers who accepted to be part of the 2018 Scientific program Committee. And the two keynote speakers for such exciting presentations. Being a female President, Michèle could not be happier with the rate of participation of women in the conference and their involvement in Committees of the Society.

The President thanked all researchers that accepted taking part on the elections for Council members, welcomed the new members and bid farewell to David Ribar who will leave the Council of ESPE after six years in office. Michèle Belot informed that in 2019 Shelly Lundberg will be the President of the Society, and Kjell Salvanes will be the President-elect thus acting as program chair of the 2019 conference.

It was also informed that the Council agreed on changing the Ph.D. student subsidy on the fees for the ESPE membership and for the conference from 2019 onwards. Please see the Table of fees breakdown at the end of these minutes.

b) On behalf of the Treasurer, Priscila Ferreira, the Secretary of the Society, presented the 2017 accounts. The accounts have been audited and approved by Jonathan James and Manuela Prieto. The participants in the General Assembly also approved the accounts.

c) The annual conference of ESPE in 2019 will take place in Bath, U.K., at the Apex Hotel on June 20-22. Jonathan James represented the local organizers and presented their plans for 2019. All are most welcome to Bath in 2019.

d) Michèle announced that the annual conference of ESPE in 2020 will be in Barcelona, Spain.

Fee breakdown from 2019 onwards:

Current fee	Early registration	Late registration	Includes
Regular participant	300 EUR	350 EUR	ESPE membership
PhD student	250 EUR	300 EUR	ESPE membership
ESPE accompanying person	180 EUR		Participation in the social events

4. 2017 Elections: President-elect and Council Members

Online-elections will take place in November 2018. 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 five new Council members. One candidate for President-elect and eight candidates for the Council are proposed and their biographical details are listed alphabetically below.

Candidate for President of ESPE in 2021:

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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 behaviour and expectations, educational investment and finance, and econometric approaches to causal impact 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 currently serves as co-editor of *Labour Economics*.

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Candidates for the Council of ESPE (2019-2021)

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Charles Bellemare is Full Professor of Economics in the Department of Economics at Laval University (Canada). He obtained a PhD in Economics from the University of Tilburg in the Netherlands in 2004. His areas of expertise include behavioral and experimental economics, as well as applied econometrics and structural modelling. His research has been published in leading journals including *Econometrica*, *Journal of Business and Economic Statistics*, and *Games and Economic Behavior*. He is currently Associate Editor of the *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, Associate Editor at *Empirical Economics*, and serves on the editorial board of *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics*. Professor Bellemare currently heads the Disability, Employment, and Public Policies Initiative research grant

(<http://deppi.org>), a multidisciplinary research project jointly funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. This project aims to use behavioral economics to develop public policies that facilitate the labor market integration of people living with disabilities.

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European Economic Association, the *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, *European Economic Review*, *Labour Economics*, etc.

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She gained her PhD in Economics from the University of Helsinki in 2005. She has been a visiting scholar at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2009-2010) and more recently, a visiting scholar at the University College London and CReAM (2016-2017). Kristiina is also research fellow in the IZA research network.

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chapters for a book, published by Oxford University press, documenting life-course smoking patterns of seven cohorts of men and women in ten countries. He is an editorial board member of the *Journal of Longitudinal and Life Course Studies* and advisory board member for the US Census Data Research Center at the University of Kentucky, the Center for Health Economics and Policy Studies at San Diego State University, and several ongoing cross-national data projects.

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5. Call for Papers: 2019 ESPE Meeting in Bath

The 32nd Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics (ESPE) will take place on June 20-22, 2019, in Bath, UK, at the Apex Hotel. The local organisers are Jonathan James, Kerry Papps, Matt Dickson and Eleonora Fichera. Kjell Salvanes (Norwegian School of Economics) will serve as the program chair. The keynote speakers will be Kevin Lang (Boston University) and Oriana Bandiera (LSE). The presidential address will be given by Shelly Lundberg (University of California, Santa Barbara).

Papers must be submitted on-line at <http://editorialexpress.com/conference/ESPE2019/>

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, 2018.

The submission deadline is February 1, 2019.

Acceptance decisions will be announced by March 9, 2019.

Accepted papers will only be included in the final programme if presenting authors have registered by April 1, 2019.

The conference program will be available from May 1, 2019.

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