



Effectiveness of Children's Education around the Globe

Florence, Italy, 9-10 May, 2019

Organizer: Tatyana Zhuravleva, Max Weber fellow, Department of Economics, EUI

This interdisciplinary conference targets the effectiveness of children's education around the globe. The aim of this conference is to reach a better understanding of the contribution of schools, parents, society to the development of children's cognitive and non-cognitive skills, the role of policies (such as maternal and paternal leave, childcare availability etc.) in child development and how (and why) results differ around the globe. In particular, the conference pays special attention to the effectiveness of maternal care versus other forms of childcare arrangements in terms of cognitive and non-cognitive outcomes.

9th May 2019

Session 1. Development of children cognitive skills

13:00-17:30, Emeroteca, Badia

Chair: Tatyana Zhuravleva, Department of Economics, European University Institute

Tatyana Zhuravleva, Department of Economics, European University Institute

Introductory remarks

Nevena Kulic, Department of Political and Social Sciences, European University Institute

Social background and children's cognitive skills: the role of early childhood education and care in a cross-national perspective

Discussant: **Carlos Gil Hernandez**, Department of Political and Social Sciences, European University Institute



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Claudia Zoller, Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods, Bonn & C-SEB & University of Cologne

Busy little bees: An experiment on diligence and endogenous time scheduling in early childhood

Discussant: **Tatyana Zhuravleva**, Department of Economics, European University Institute

Ylenia Brilli, Department of Economics, University of Verona

Mothers' time allocation, child care and child cognitive development

Discussant: **Alexandra de Gendre**, Maastricht University School of Business and Economics

15.30-16.00 Coffee break

Daniela Bulgarelli, Department of Psychology, Turin University

Early childcare, maternal education and family origins: Differences in cognitive and linguistic outcomes throughout childhood

Discussant: **Nevena Kulic**, Department of Political and Social Sciences, European University Institute

Anne Brenoe, University of Zurich

Parenting values moderate the intergenerational transmission of time preferences

Discussant: **Giulia Tura**, Department of Economics, European University Institute

20:00, Social dinner (upon invitation)

Pizzeria San Domenico, Piazza S. Domenico, 11, 50014 Fiesole FI

10th May 2019

Session 2. Children's weight: Does it matter for life-course outcomes and what matters for weight?

10.15-12.00, Emeroteca, Badia

Chair: Nevena Kulic, Department of Political and Social Sciences, European University Institute

Tatyana Zhuravleva, Department of Economics, European University Institute

A dynamic analysis of the demand for childcare: maternal employment and its relationship to childhood obesity in Russia

Discussant: **Fabian Stürmer-Heiber**, LMU Munich.

Carlos J. Gil-Hernández, Department of Political and Social Sciences, European University Institute

Birth weight and early school readiness: Biological destiny or parental response?

Discussant: **Anne Brenoe**, University of Zurich



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12.00-14.00 Lunch - Sala Buonsanti, Badia (upon invitation)

Session 3. Families, policy reforms and educational outcomes

14:00-17:00, Emeroteca, Badia

Chair: Tatyana Zhuravleva, Department of Economics, European University Institute

David Koll, Department of Economics, European University Institute

The fiscal return to child care policies

Discussant: Nils Grevenbrock, Department of Economics, European University Institute

Giulia Tura, Department of Economics, European University Institute

A study of marriage, fertility and divorce: cultural and ethnic socialization of immigrants in Italy

Discussant: David Koll, Department of Economics, European University Institute

Nicolas Salamanca Acosta, University of Melbourne

Parents' Behavioral Response to Teacher Qualifications

Alexandra de Gendre, Maastricht University School of Business and Economics

The effect of college reforms on students' school choice

Tatyana Zhuravleva, Department of Economics, European University Institute

Closing remarks

17.15-19.00 Closing Cocktail - Lower Loggia, Badia



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