

2nd (LIS)²ER workshop

“Policies to Fight Inequality: The Case of Work-life Reconciliation and Family Policies”

25th & 26th November 2021

The Cross-national Data Center LIS and LISER convene the second international scientific workshop in the realm of the (LIS)²ER initiative.

In this workshop we address ***“The Case of Work-life Reconciliation and Family Policies”***, a theme which lies at the intersection of the labour market, families and households and early years of child development. Family policies are crucial in easing the often-competing responsibilities between work and family when young children are present. Acknowledging the diversity of policies and research studying the how, why, and what of these entitlements this workshop will focus on two interrelated family policies: provision of care for young children and parental leave. It will discuss inequalities as causes and consequences at three levels: inequalities in access due to eligibility rules, inequalities in use due to (un)affordability of the right, and unintended consequences of the given right. Against this background, this workshop aims to offer a space to discuss novel insights on inequalities related to work-life reconciliation policies, to present LIS data as source for comparative research, and provide scholars whose work captures inequalities within the scope of work-life reconciliation policies with an opportunity to unite and exchange ideas.

The workshop will take place from **Thursday November 25th** mid-day through **Friday November 26th** mid-afternoon. It will consist of 8 invited contributions. Thursday evening, a keynote lecture will be delivered by [Rense Nieuwenhuis](#) (Stockholm University). A policy roundtable, led by [Margaret O’Brien](#) (UCL), will take place Friday early afternoon. It will be possible to follow the event virtually. Registration details and further information will be announced end of October.

Organising Committee

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Detailed program

Day 1: Thursday, 25 November 2021

- 12:00 – 13:00 Arrival & light lunch
- 13:00 – 13:30 Welcome: Aline Muller (LISER), Peter Lanjouw (LIS),
Petra Sauer, Philippe Van Kerm (Organisers)
- 13:30 – 15:00 *Session 1: Inequalities in Access – the regional level*
- Mara Yerkes (Utrecht University): “Care policies in local settings: Municipal regulation and provision of care services”
- Agnes Blome (WZB Berlin): “Changing attitudes and childcare policy reforms in the Federal States of Germany”
- 15’ break
- 15:15 – 16:45 *Session 2: Inequalities in Usage*
- Merve Uzunalioglu (LISER, UCL): “Competing powers: what matters for the timing and duration of fathers’ parental leave”
- Wim Van Lancker (KU Leuven): “Inequality in childcare use: What do we know and what do we need to know?”
- 15’ break
- 17:00 – 18:30 *Keynote*
- Rense Nieuwenhuis (SOFI, Stockholm University):
“Economic inequality and the family policy research agenda: what role(s) for LIS?”
- 19:30 Workshop dinner, Esch-sur-Alzette, Restaurant Moustache

Organisational details

LIS and LISER will host the workshop in the LISER seminar room, 1st floor on the Belval campus of the University of Luxembourg (Maison des Sciences Humaines, Campus Belval, 11 Porte des Sciences, L-4366 Esch-sur-Alzette, Luxembourg). We will set up a hybrid event which enables the majority of participants on site to exchange with the two participants who agreed to join virtually. We will also allow for the broader public to register and follow the event virtually as 'attendees' via Zoom.

Considering the development of the Covid19 pandemic situation and regulative responses, we aim to keep health risks to a minimum, but would also like to enable interaction and exchange between people. Conforming to Luxembourgish regulations, we will thus register the event as *Covid-safe*, implying that all participants on site will have to prove whether they are vaccinated, tested or have been infected.