

**2<sup>nd</sup> (LIS)<sup>2</sup>ER workshop**

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

**25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

The Cross-national Data Center LIS and LISER convene the second international scientific workshop in the realm of the (LIS)<sup>2</sup>ER 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 25<sup>th</sup>** mid-day through **Friday November 26<sup>th</sup>** mid-afternoon. It will consist of 8 invited contributions. Thursday evening, a keynote lecture will be delivered by Rense Nieuwenhuis (Stockholm University <https://www.su.se/profiles/rniee-1.193817>). A policy roundtable, lead by Margaret O’Brian (UCL <https://iris.ucl.ac.uk/iris/browse/profile?upi=MOBRI59>), 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**

Petra Sauer (LIS, LISER)

Marie Valentova (LISER)

Philippe Van Kerm (LISER, University of Luxembourg)

Merve Uzunalioglu (LISER, UCL)

## Detailed program

### Day 1: Thursday, 25 November 2021

- 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): “LIS data - Avenues for comparative research on Inequality and Work-life reconciliation Policy”

## Day 2: Friday, 26 November 2021

9:30 – 11:00

### *Session 3: Unintended Consequences 1*

Ann-Zofie Duvander (Stockholm University): “Who should be able to use the parental leave and what does it lead to? The case of parents’ labor market participation in Sweden”

Hyojin Seo (KU Leuven): “Gendered labour market patterns across Europe: Does family policy mitigate feminisation of outsiders?”

15’ break

11:15 – 12:45

### *Session 4: Unintended Consequences 2*

Pia Schober (University of Tübingen): “Optional familialism in Germany: unintended consequences for social inequalities in work-care arrangements”

Christina Gathmann (LISER): “Provision and prices of childcare and its impact on families”

12:45 – 13:30

Lunch break

13:30 – 15:00

### *Policy Roundtable “Looking ahead: How to go forward with work-life reconciliation policy in Luxembourg and Europe?”*

Introduction by Margaret O’Brien (UCL)

With the participation of Marie Valentova (LISER) and Luxembourgish policy experts and practitioners

15:00 – 15:15

Concluding remarks: Marie Valentova