



INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP INVESTING IN CHILDREN: POLITICS, POLICIES, AND OUTCOMES

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Thursday, May 25th

Sala de Prensa

09:00 h **OPENING** (Margarita León
Autonomous University of Barcelona)

09:15 h **1st PLENARY: CHILDREN'S AGENCY AND THE SOCIAL INVESTMENT AGENDA**

Speakers:

Policy developments from a comparative perspective

- Mary Daly, *University of Oxford*

Social Investment and its critics

- Anton Hemerijck, *European University Institute*

Chair: Elin Peterson, *Stockholm University*

10:45 h **COFFEE BREAK**

11:00 h **1st PANEL: INEQUALITY AND INTERGENERATIONAL EQUITY: INVESTMENT IN THE EARLY YEARS**

Speakers:

Inequalities in the early years: ethnicity, disability and family background

- Lucinda Platt, *LSE*

Intergenerational transfers: pro-elderly welfare states in a child-oriented Europe

- Pieter Vanhuyse, *University of Southern Denmark*

Equality of opportunity and early childhood care and education: in search for alternatives

- Christian Morabito, *Save the Children Europe and UNESCO International Bureau of Education*

Chair: Héctor Cebolla, *UNED, Madrid*

13:00 h **LUNCH BREAK**

14:30 h **2nd PLENARY: INEQUALITIES AND PUBLIC INVESTMENTS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD**

Speakers:

Welfare states and child poverty. What can be done?

- Bea Cantillon, *University of Antwerp*

Obstacles to childcare for disadvantaged children

- Giuliano Bonoli, *University of Lausanne*

Chair: Rossella Ciccía, *Queen's University Belfast*

16:00 h **COFFEE BREAK**

16:30 h **2nd PANEL: DOES DIVERSITY MATTER? UNDERSTANDING CHILDCARE CONTEXTS, POLICY DESIGNS AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORKS**

Speakers:

Childcare provision and the Matthew effect

- Wim Van Lancker, *Universiteit Antwerpen*
- Emmanuele Pavolini, *Macerata University*

Childcare policies in Europe: the capabilities approach

- Mara Yerkes, *Utrecht University*
- Jana Javornik, *University of East London*

Childcare provision in segmented labour markets

- Costanzo Ranci, *Politecnico Milano*
- Stefania Sabatinelli, *Politecnico Milano*
- Margarita León, *UAB*

Chair: Erik Neimanns, *University of Konstanz*

20:00 h **DINNER**

Friday, May 26th

Sala de Prensa

This half-day session is oriented towards empirically-lead discussions on childcare and interventions in the early years. Specific attention will be given to the Spanish context and its territorial complexity although within a comparative framework and broader academic debates.

9.30-11.30h Guiding topics for discussion*:

- Inequality, child poverty and issues of redistribution
- Intersecting and intergenerational inequalities
- Equal opportunities for vulnerable children

Brief introductions by:

- Gabriela Carvalho (UAB) and Alec Curtis (UAB): ***trends in child poverty and social policy/public expenditure***
- Pau Marí-Klose: ***trends in child poverty and redistributive impact in Spain***

Chair: Pau Marí-Klose (*University of Zaragoza*)

11.30-11.45h

COFFEE BREAK

11.45-13.30h Guiding topics for discussions*:

- The politics of investing in children/public opinion.
- Different forms of governance and impact on access and quality of childcare
- Access to childcare (efficiency of targeted versus universal programmes)
- Quality of childcare and early years education

Brief introductions by:

- Eric Neimmans (*University of Konstanz*): ***Public opinion and policy reforms in early childhood education. The Spanish case in comparative perspective***
- Daniel Gabaldón (*University of Valencia*): ***Transitions home-school and access to childcare services by income groups: the case of Valencia***

Chair: Margarita León

13:30 h

LUNCH

Speakers, Chairs and discussants:

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- Bea Cantillon, *University of Antwerp*
- Héctor Cebolla, *UNED, Madrid*
- Rossella Ciccía, *Queen's University Belfast*
- Mary Daly, *University of Oxford*
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