



7TH EBRD AND CEPR RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM “THE ECONOMICS OF DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGE”

VENUE: EUROPEAN BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT, E14 4BG, LONDON

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Monday, 2 June

12:00-12:50	Lunch and Registration
12:50-13:00	Welcome by Alexander Plekhanov (EBRD)
13:00-14:20	Session 1: Fertility
Paper 1	Session Chair: Alexander Plekhanov (EBRD) Housing and Fertility by Janis Skrastins (Washington University in St. Louis) Co-authors: Bernardus van Doornik (Banco Central do Brasil), Dimas Fazio (National University of Singapore), Tarun Ramadorai (Imperial College London) <i>Discussant:</i> Amrita Kulka (University of Warwick)
Paper 2	The Negligible Effect of Free Contraception on Fertility: Experimental Evidence from Burkina Faso by Pauline Rossi (CREST - Ecole Polytechnique) Co-authors: Pascaline Dupas (Princeton), Seema Jayachandran (Princeton), and Adriana Lleras-Muney (UCLA) <i>Discussant:</i> Britta Augsburg (Institute for Fiscal Studies)
14:20-14:50	Coffee Break
14:50-16:10	Session 2: Firms and labour markets
Paper 3	Session Chair: Cevat Giray Aksoy (EBRD, King's College London, and CEPR) Skilled Immigration and Firm-level Upgrading as Exports Boosters in a Developing Country by Carlo Lombardo (Cornell) Co-author: Leonardo Peñaloza-Pacheco (Cornell) <i>Discussant:</i> Jose P. Vasquez (London School of Economics)
Paper 4	Female Wage Labor and Fertility: Evidence from the Cut-Flower Industry in Kenya by Menna Bishop (University of Warwick) Co-authors: Niclas Moneke (Oxford) and Celine Zipfel (Stockholm School of Economics) <i>Discussant:</i> Dan Anderberg (Royal Holloway, University of London)
16:10-16:40	Coffee Break
16:40-17:40	Keynote 1: The Demographic Future of Humanity by Jesús Fernández-Villaverde (University of Pennsylvania) Introduction by Alexander Plekhanov (EBRD)
18:30	Drinks and Dinner (<i>by invitation only</i>)

Tuesday, 3 June

09:00-09:30 Coffee

09:30-10:50 **Session 3: Household Behavior**

Session Chair: Zsoka Koczan (EBRD)

Paper 5

Delayed Childbearing and Urban Revival: A Structural Approach by Clara Santamaria (Sciences Po)

Co-author: Ana Moreno-Maldonado (University of Mannheim)

Discussant: Guy Michaels (London School of Economics)

Paper 6

Gender Differences in Savings over the Life Cycle: The Role of Financial Literacy by Marta Morazzoni (University College London)

Co-authors: Marta Cota (Nova SBE) and Maria Frech (Toulouse School of Economics)

Discussant: Gabriel Facchini (Royal Holloway, University of London)

10:50-11:20 Coffee Break

11:20-12:20 **Keynote 2: Negotiating Parenthood: An Account of the Changing Relationship between Women's Work and Fertility**

by Matthias Doepke (London School of Economics)

Introduction by Beata Javorcik (EBRD, Oxford University, and CEPR)

12:20-13:20 Lunch Break

13:20-14:40 **Session 4: Fertility transition**

Session Chair: Beata Javorcik (EBRD, Oxford University, and CEPR)

Paper 7

Tuning in to Change: Fertility Transition and Female Empowerment by Alex Armand (Nova SBE)

Co-authors: Marion Richard (Nova SBE) and Yannik Schenk (Nova SBE)

Discussant: Berkay Ozcan (NYU Abu Dhabi)

Paper 8

Economic Uncertainty and Fertility Cycles: Baby Boom and Busts in Twentieth Century America by Bastien Chabe-Ferret (Middlesex)

Co-author: Paula E. Gobbi (Universite libre de Bruxelles)

Discussant: Antonella Bancalari (Institute for Fiscal Studies)

14:40-14:50 Closing remarks (by Beata Javorcik)
