

Families and Wealth: New Perspectives on Economic Wellbeing

23-24 April 2015, Cologne

Overview

Wealth is a central dimension of social stratification and vital for the economic wellbeing of individuals and their families. Wealth is important to cushion adverse life course events and to enable individuals and families to make sustainable investments in their futures within and across generations. At the same time, demographic trends such as later partnership formation and lower partnership stability affect wealth accumulation of families. In addition, these trends may create tensions between the accumulation of collective wealth in families and the economic wellbeing of their individual members.

The aim of this workshop is to bring scholars from different disciplines together to stimulate discussion and exchange of innovative perspectives on these issues from a dynamic family perspective.

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Programme

Thursday, 23 April 2015

- 12:30-13:45 Lunch
13:45-14:00 Welcome
14:00-14:45 “Recent findings on household debt”
Moshe Semyonov (Tel Aviv University)
14:45-15:30 “Exploring debt and money management in young adult relationships”
Fenaba R. Addo (University of Wisconsin-Madison)
15:30-16:00 Coffee break
16:00-16:45 “Wealth distribution within couples and financial decision making”
Markus M. Grabka (DIW, Berlin)
16:45-17:30 “Exploring gender differences in wealth holdings”
Alyssa Schneebaum (Vienna University of Economics and Business)
19:00 Dinner
Location: Gilden im Zims (Heumarkt 77, 50667 Cologne)

Friday, 24 April 2015

- 09:15-10:00 “Issues and Strategies in the Study of Intergenerational Financial Linkages”
Seymour Spilerman (Columbia University)
10:00-10:45 “Falling Behind: The Black-White Wealth Gap in Life Course and Intergenerational Perspective”
Alexandra Killewald (Harvard University)
10:45-11:15 Coffee break
11:15-12:00 “Keeping it in 'the family': the distribution of wealth within 'nuclear' families and between generations”
Karen Rowlingson (University of Birmingham)
12:00-13:00 Farewell
15:30-17:00 Video link “Wealth Inequality Conference 2015” (University of Michigan)
Presenters: Lisa Keister (Duke University), Gabriel Zucman (London School of Economics)

Workshop Venue

GESIS, Conference Room West II
Address: Unter Sachsenhausen 6, 50667 Cologne
Closest public transportation: Hauptbahnhof / Central Station

Registration

To register please send an email to sekretariat-hank@wiso.uni-koeln.de. Places are limited.

Workshop fee

The workshop is free of charge. Travel and accommodation costs cannot be covered.

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