



The Rationale of Parenthood Choices

Call for papers

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Attitudes towards parenthood are at the core of all economic and social problems raised by the decline in fertility rates and the ageing process of Europe's population.

In this context, the question of the influence of labour market conditions on fertility choices and the question of the adequacy of public policies in order to facilitate the combination between employment and parenthood have to be raised.

These have been the central question of the MOCHO research project (**Motherhood choices: The influence of employment conditions and of public policies**¹) during the last three years. The aim of the project was to study how the motherhood decision is affected by labour market conditions and how public policies can be designed in order to promote parenthood by dual career couples, which is becoming the normal way of life in the European Union's member states.

To go beyond the issues raised within this project and to establish a general state of the art of where research stands in this domain as well as to broaden the perspective, a call for papers has proven an interesting method. The call involves the following themes which are often interdependent:

- **Household decision-making analyses**
- **Family policy: design and evaluation**
- **Labour market conditions and fertility**
- **Parenthood and earnings**
- **Timing of parenthood**
- **Future employment and demographic trends**

Papers need to conform to the tradition of conferences organised by the Applied Econometrics Association and need to be based on a rigorous scientific analysis of data.

If you wish to present a paper, then submit the full paper (preferably) or a one page summary by filling the "Paper Registration" sheet on the Conference Web site (<http://www.aea.Fed-Eco.org/2005Pau/fr>) no later than January 8, 2005.

Decisions of the scientific committee concerning the papers to be presented will be sent to the authors by January 31, 2005.

Working languages during the Conference will be English and French.

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