

Fertility.

New Economic Perspectives on an Old Topic.

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Ever since the days of Thomas Malthus, economists have shown an interest in the forces determining human fertility. The topic has gained increased importance during the 20th and 21st centuries, as women have obtained an increasing control over their fertility decisions. This revolution is still ongoing, and is paralleled by similar improvements in prenatal and neonatal care, all of which contribute to improved early life conditions for each new generation. Concomitantly, new perspectives are offered by the spread of modern contraception, (selective) abortion, and IVF techniques. Yet some of the societal and economic consequences of these changes are still not well understood. It is the aim of the conference to contribute to a deeper understanding of how societal changes shape fertility decisions, and of how fertility decisions shape societal outcomes.

Examples of suitable topics

- Financial incentives and fertility
- Timing of child bearing
- Birth order effects
- Career effects/labour supply and fertility
- Methodological issues
- Reproductive health and family planning
- Fertility preferences in developed and developing countries
- Childlessness
- Entry into motherhood and subsequent childbearing
- Fertility and mother/infant health
- Fertility and social mobility – intergenerational transmission
- Policy interventions and fertility
- Gender ratios at birth

Invited speakers

Sonia Bhalotra, University of Essex

Kasey Buckles, University of Notre Dame

Jason Fletcher, University of Wisconsin - Madison

Hans-Peter Kohler, University of Pennsylvania

Petter Lundborg, Lund University

Papers on relevant topics should be sent in pdf format by **28 February 2016** to contact.conference@ibes.uni-due.de. Contributions from young researchers are encouraged. There is no registration fee for the conference.