Day 1: October 17

Chair: Fred Deven

9-9.40: Arrival of participants; welcome speeches; introducing the programme


a. Recent evolution of welfare states and impact of the crisis (Bruno Palier, Sciences Po - L'Institut d'études politiques de Paris).
b. Family policy in OECD member states and impact of the crisis (Willem Adema, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development - OECD)

11.15-11.45: Break

11.45-12.45 Session 2. Reviewing the past decade: leave policies in a welfare state and family policy context (continued)

c. Leave policy in OECD member states and impact of the crisis (Olivier Thévenon, Institut national d'études démographiques - INED)

Sessions 1/2 conclude with comments by Tine Rostgaard (Aalborg University)

12.45-14.15: Lunch

Chair: Jeanne Fagnani


a. Nordic states (Guðný Björk Eydal and Ingólfur V. Gíslason, University of Iceland)
b. Southern Europe (Greece; Italy; Spain; Portugal) (Anna Escobedo, University of Barcelona and Karin Wall, University of Lisbon).

d. Central and Eastern Europe or Visegrad countries (Piotr Michoń, Poznań University of Economics)
d. English-speaking world (Margaret O'Brien, University of East Anglia and Marian Baird, University of Sydney)
Day 2: October 18

Chair: Olivier Thévenon

9.30-10.45: Session 5. Reviewing the past decade: the case of France

Participants will be asked to read the country note on France before the seminar to get the basic information about leave and ECEC policies

a. French policy: from a French perspective (Sandrine Dauphin and Anna Hiltunen, CNAF)
b. French policy: from an outside perspective (Laura Merla, Université catholique de Louvain).

10.45-11.15 Break

11.15-12.45. Session 6. Workplace practice and culture: effects before, during and after leave

a. “Taking pappa leave? Great! How will your job get done?” Companies’ gradual accommodation of caregiving fathers in Sweden (Linda Haas, University of Indiana and Philip Hwang, University of Gothenburg)
b. How well do Canada's care leave policies and workplace policies and practices support employees with adult or elder care responsibilities? (Donna Lero, University of Guelph, and Diane-Gabrielle Tremblay, Télé-université of the University of Québec)

Session 6 concludes with comments by Laura den Dulk (Erasmus University, Rotterdam)

12.45-14.15: Lunch

Chair: Peter Moss

14.15-15.00. Session 7. Information from international organisations and about collaborative work

Members are invited to share information about work on leave policies and research being undertaken by international organisations; and about future collaborative work.

15.00-16.15. Session 8. Network business

a. Membership
b. Review
c. Website
d. 2014 seminar
e. Any other business