

CASP Newsletter: Spring 2016

Message from the Director

Issues of social policy and in particular social mobility are never far from the news agenda and the start of 2016 has seen much discussion of intergenerational justice and generational inequality. How much family structures contribute to unequal child outcomes is one of the subjects of our next ESRC sponsored CASP/Child Poverty and Social Mobility Commission seminars taking place this week. The event will help to shed light on the implications of increasing diversity of family forms for children's life chances, more details below.

This follows the final ESRC seminar series event of 2015 in which we welcomed Professor Greg Duncan from the University of California, Irvine, as the key-note speaker at our event looking at the role early education might play in addressing the inequality of life outcomes between better-off and poorer children both in the US and the UK.

In addition to more formal CASP activities, I have been appointed to the Living Wage Commission, which sets the Living Wage each year, not to be confused with the national Living Wage announced by George Osborne which comes into force shortly. Matt Dickson and Kerry Papps have presented research on the impact of minimum wages on job turnover to the Low Pay Commission; Emma Carmel hosted an event in Brussels in January connected to her TRANSWEL project (more on this below) and Tess Ridge will be working with an artist to bring her research on disadvantaged children's voices to life in a visual sense – a new and innovative medium to communicate social research findings.

Paul Gregg, CASP Director

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Forthcoming Events

The next event as part of CASP and the Child Poverty and Social Mobility Commission's ESRC Seminar Series "Child Poverty and Social Mobility: Lessons for Research and Policy" is coming up.

[Child Poverty and Social Mobility: Family Change and Social Inequality](#)

Friday 15 April, 2016 from 10.30 – 16.45 at the ESRC Centre for Population Change at the University of Southampton ([Building 67, Room 1003, University of Southampton \(Highfield Campus\)](#))

Speakers include:

Juho Härkönen (Stockholm), **Mike Brewer** (Centre for Micro-Social Change, Essex), **Brienna Perelli Harris** (Southampton), **Wendy Sigle** (LSE), **Tina Haux** (Kent), **Susan Harkness** (Bath), **Ann Berrington** (Southampton). There will also be a roundtable discussion: "Future Directions and Policy Implications", led by **Dalia Ben Galim**, Head of Policy and Research, Gingerbread.

Please register for free for this event at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/family-change-and-social-inequality-tickets-22459708593>

The final seminar for this series in the 2015-16 academic year will take place at the University of Essex on **23rd June**, get that date in the diary!

CASP researchers and affiliates will be interested in the Social and Policy Sciences seminar series that takes place monthly on campus and features research and policy discussions covering a range of topics of interest to CASP. The seminar series for 2015-16 is entitled: [Challenging boundaries: connecting debates across disciplines and geographies](#). Unless otherwise specified, all seminars are FREE and will take place at the University of Bath from 13.15-15.05 in 3 West, room 4.7. Coming up in April and May are Christiaan Monden (Oxford) and Andrew Abbott (Chicago).

New and Recent Research Projects

[New paradigms of social protection: Policies, Impacts and Outcomes](#)

Principal Investigator: [Rana Jawad](#)

Dates: February 2016 – May 2016

Funder: GW4

This collaboration aims to build an interdisciplinary GW4 community around the international and comparative study of social protection in regions of the world that are often left underexplored in academic research: the Middle East and North Africa, East and South East Asia, Latin America and Africa.

[Read more>>](#)

[Media and Criminal Justice Studies Network](#)

Principal Investigator: [Sarah Moore](#)

Dates: November 2015 - April 2016

Funder: GW4

A project bringing together academics from the social sciences, arts and humanities, to understand the production, distribution, and reception of as-live courtroom footage, and, in turn, how courtroom broadcasting might influence public confidence, trust, and knowledge about criminal justice.

[Read more >>](#)

[Change, choice and constraint in family and work](#)

Principal Investigator: [Jane Millar and Tess Ridge](#)

Dates: October 2015 - January 2017

Funder: Joseph Rowntree Foundation

This project will examine the nature and role of relationships, especially family relationships, in sustaining work and quality of life, and the experience, meaning and impact of security/insecurity and uncertainty in family life over time.

[Read more >>](#)

[Understanding Britain's Fall in Real Wages from 2008 - 2014](#)

Principal Investigator: [Paul Gregg](#)

Dates: September 2015 - March 2017

Funder: [Nuffield Foundation](#)

A project to improve our understanding of the individual dynamics of wages before and after the great recession and the prospects of a broad based sustained wage recovery.

[Read more >>](#)

[Mobile Welfare in a Transnational Europe: An analysis of Portability Regimes of Social Security Rights \(TRANSWEL\)](#)

Principal Investigator: [Emma Carmel](#)

Dates: February 2015 - January 2018

Funder: NORFACE Network/ESRC

This 4-country, comparative, and interdisciplinary project addresses one of the most important and controversial issues in the European Union today: the social rights of EU citizens from the new EU member states who move to live and/or work in an old member state.

[Read more >>](#)

[How the National Minimum Wage affects flows in and out of employment: An investigation using worker-level data](#)

Principal Investigator: [Kerry Papps](#) (Department of Economics)

Project Team: [Matt Dickson](#) (Department of Social & Policy Sciences)

Dates: March - November 2015

Funder: Low Pay Commission

The project provides a detailed analysis of how various changes to the minimum wage system (and the school leaving age in England) have affected the labour market outcomes of workers of all ages (16 and over), and those of workers aged 16-24 specifically.

[Read more>>](#)

CASP in The Conversation

[Families separated by bars – the home truths about sending mothers to prison](#)

29 March 2016

By Natalie Booth

Being separated from a close family member can be emotionally fraught. It can be especially challenging when that person is incarcerated. And the situation becomes even more devastating when children are deprived of their primary carer. This is what can happen when a mother is sent to prison.

[Spending Review 2015: the experts respond](#)

25 November 2015

By Susan Harkness

Chancellor George Osborne has laid out his plans for UK spending for the next five years.

[Why are the Gulf States so reluctant to take in refugees?](#)

25 September 2015

By Rana Jawad

By refusing to take in Syrian refugees, the Gulf States' governments prove they don't care much about the humanitarian crisis on their doorstep.

Working Papers

CASP has a working paper series to which any member or associate can contribute. The latest two papers are listed below, and the full text of the entire series can be accessed via the CASP website: <http://www.bath.ac.uk/casp/publications/>

CASP14: [The Wage Returns to Education over the Life Cycle: Heterogeneity and the role of experience](#), Matt Dickson (University of Bath) and Franz Buscha (University of Westminster)

CASP13: [Nonlinear Estimation of Lifetime Intergenerational Economic Mobility and the Role of Education](#), Paul Gregg (University of Bath)

If you would like to contribute to the CASP Working Paper series, please contact Matt Dickson at m.dickson@bath.ac.uk