

An international workshop

## Effects of Early Interventions on Child Health and Education



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Programme

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This workshop will consider the impacts of early interventions on children's health and education. Increasingly administrative data is being made available to look at these issues in new ways. The workshop will explore how researchers are using cutting-edge quantitative techniques to look at a set of related issues on child health and education.

Policy interest in the themes of the workshop is likely to reach a peak coming up to the next general election with proposals already announced on free school meals, out of school childcare and family tax allowance. The approach taken in this workshop will be multi-faceted, covering health, education, and non-cognitive outcomes, and looking across a range of countries.

We welcome you to Guildford and hope that you have an enjoyable and productive time.

Dr Jo Blanden  
Professor Sandra McNally  
Professor Sonia Oreffice



Venue: Oak Suite, University of Surrey

## DAY 1

- 10.20am Registration and Coffee
- 10.50am Welcome from Vasco Gabriel, Head of the School of Economics
- 11.00am **Session 1: Health**  
**Chair: Jo Blanden**
- 12.20pm Lunch
- 1.10pm **Keynote lecture 1: Does Grief Transfer Across Generations? In-Utero Deaths and Child Outcomes**  
**Chair: Sandra McNally**
- 2.10pm **Session 2: Child Wellbeing in Developing Countries**  
**Chair: Sonia Orefice**
- 3.30pm Coffee Break
- 3.50pm **Session 3: Conflict Violence and Child Wellbeing**  
**Chair Sonia Orefice**
- 5.50pm Close of Day 1
- 7.00pm Conference Dinner in Guildford

## DAY 2

- 9.20am **Session 4, Part 1: Early Education**  
**Chair: Harriet Tenebaum**
- 11.00am Coffee Break
- 11.20am **Session 4, Part 2: Early Education**  
**Chair: Corinna Elsenbroich**
- 12.40pm Lunch
- 1.30pm **Keynote Lecture 2: The Intergenerational Transmission of Inequality: Maternal Disadvantage and Health at Birth**  
**Chair: Sandra McNally**
- 2.30pm Coffee Break
- 2.45pm **Session 5: Parental Behaviour and Child Wellbeing**  
**Chair: Jo Blanden**
- 4.45pm Close of Workshop

## Session 1: Health

### Food for the Brain? Breastfeeding and Child Development

Emla Fitzsimons, Institute of Education

### The Intergenerational Transmission of Child Adiposity across Countries

Mimi Xiao, University of Sussex

## Keynote 1

### Does Grief Transfer Across Generations? In-Utero Deaths and Child Outcomes

Paul Devereux, University College Dublin

Paul Devereux returned to Ireland in 2005 after doing his Doctorate at Northwestern University and working at UCLA in the United States. He has published extensively in top journals and made important contributions in the fields of labour economics and applied econometrics. He is a co-editor of the Journal of Human Resources.

## Session 2: Child Wellbeing in Developing Countries

### Missing Girls: Economic Crisis and Sex-Selective Fertility Behaviour

Chiara Orsini, London School of Economics

### The Twin Instrument and the Fertility-Investment Tradeoff?

Sonia Bhalotra, University of Essex

## Session 3: Child Wellbeing in Developing Countries

### The Effects of Terrorism on Birth Outcomes: Evidence from Spain

Climent Quintana-Domeque, University of Oxford

### The Effect of Violence on Birth Outcomes: Evidence from Homicides in Rural Brazil

Martin Koppensteiner, University of Leicester

### Does Prenatal Trauma Reduce Cooperation? Evidence from a Public Goods Experiment in Post-conflict Uganda

Francesco Cecchi, Wageningen University

## Session 4, Part 1: Early Education

### The Effect of Early Childhood Language Training Programmes on the Contemporary Formation of Grammar Skills

Daniel Kamhoefer, University of Duisburg-Essen

### Books are Forever: Early Life Conditions, Education and Lifetime Earnings in Europe

Giorgio Brunello, University of Padova

## Session 4, Part 2: Early Education

### The Impact of Early Education and Childcare on Children's Outcomes

Jo Blanden, University of Surrey and Birgitta Rabe, University of Essex

### The Effect of Early Universal Care on Objective Child Health Outcomes

Verena Lauber, University of Konstanz

## Keynote 2

### The Intergenerational Transmission of Inequality: Maternal Disadvantage and Health at Birth

Anna Aizer, Brown University

Anna Aizer obtained her PhD from UCLA and has been a Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Princeton Center for Research on Child Well Being in the United States. She has specialised in taking an economic perspective on childhood and families for more than ten years. She has published extensively in top journals, and made important contributions in the fields of economics, demography, and public health.

## Session 5: Parental Behaviour and Child Wellbeing

### Targeted Parenting and Child Wellbeing

Francesca Cornaglia, Queen Mary University of London

### Socio-Economic Factors and Children's Health, the Endogeneity of Child Health

Laure De Preux, Imperial College London / LSE

### Early Maternal Time Investment and Child Outcomes

Marco Francesconi, University of Essex

Anna Aizer

Brown University

Sonia Bhalotra

University of Essex

Jo Blanden

University of Surrey

Giorgio Brunello

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