

# Recent Developments in Research on Intergenerational Economic Mobility

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## Friday, June 27

### Mobility and Social Groups

#### 9.30 am .

*Miles Corak\**, (University of Ottawa and Statistics Canada) & *Patrizio Piraino*, (University of Sienna and Statistics Canada)

*The Intergenerational Transmission of Jobs, Employment and Earnings*

Discussant: Carlo Fiorio, University of Milan

#### 10.45 am .

*Debopam Bhattacharya* (Dartmouth College) & *Bhashkar Mazumder\** (Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago)

*A Nonparametric Analysis of Intergenerational Mobility in the United States*

Discussant: Olga Gorbachev, University of Edinburgh

#### 12.00 am .

*Samuel Bowles* (Santa Fe Institute and University of Siena), *Glenn C. Loury\** (Brown University) & *Rajiv Sethi* (Columbia University)

*Is Equal Opportunity Enough? A Theory of Persistent Group Inequality*

Discussant: Maitreesh Ghatak, London School of Economics

### 1.05 pm Lunch

### Mobility Time Trends

#### 2.00 pm .

*Jo Blanden\** (University of Surrey and CEP-LSE) *Stephen Machin* (University College London, Centre for the Economics of Education & CEP-LSE)

*Up and Down the Generational Income Ladder in Britain: Past Changes and Future Prospects*

Discussant: Andy Snell, University of Edinburgh

#### 3.15 pm .

*Daniele Checchi\** (University of Milan), *Carlo V. Fiorio* (University of Milan) & *Marco Leonardi* (University of Milan)

*Intergenerational Persistence in Educational Attainment in Italy*

Discussant: Helena Holmlund (CEP-LSE)

**4.30 pm .**

*Maia Güell* (University of Edinburgh and UPF) *José V. Rodríguez Mora\** (University of Edinburgh and UPF) & *Chris Telmer* (Carnegie Mellon University)  
*Intergenerational Mobility and the Informative Content of Surnames*  
Discussant: Steve Machin (UCL, CEE & CEP-LSE)

**5.35 pm Adjourn**

**7.30 pm Dinner**

**Saturday, June 28**

**Talent, Education and Mobility**

**9.30 am .**

*Anders Björklund\** (Swedish Institute for Social Research, Stockholm University), *Lena Lindahl* (Swedish Institute for Social Research, Stockholm University) & *Matthew Lindquist* (Dept of Economics, Stockholm University)  
*What More Than Parental Income? An exploration of what Swedish siblings get from their parents*  
Discussant: Paul Devereux, University College Dublin

**10.45 am .**

*Andrea Ichino\** (Università di Bologna) *Enrico Moretti* (UC Berkeley) & *Kjell Salvanes* (Norwegian School of Economics)  
*Intergenerational Mobility, Equity and the Efficient Allocation of Talents*  
Discussant: José V. Rodríguez Mora, University of Edinburgh and UPF

**12.00 pm .**

*Omer Moav\** (Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Royal Holloway University) *Zvika Neeman* (Tel-Aviv University and Boston University)  
*Bling Bling, Human Capital, and Poverty*  
Discussant: Ed Hopkins, University of Edinburgh

**1.05 pm Lunch**

**Talent, Education and Mobility (Cont.)**

**2.00 pm .**

*Thomas Gall* (University of Bonn) *Patrick Legos* (ECARES-ULB) *Andrew Newman\** (Boston University)  
*Investment, Nontransferabilities, and Matching Policies*  
Discussant: John Moore, University of Edinburgh and LSE

**Mobility and Gender**

**3.15 pm .**

*Graziella Bertocchi* (Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia)  
*The Enfranchisement of Women and the Welfare State*  
Discussant: John Hassler (IIES, Stockholm University)

**4.30 pm .**

*Raquel Fernández* (New York University)

*Culture as Learning: The Evolution of Female Labor Force Participation Over a Century*

Discussant: Jonathan Thomas, University of Edinburgh

**5.45 pm .**

*Marcos A. Rangel* (University of Chicago and USP)

*Ownership Rights, Marriage Markets and Intergenerational Mobility: Evidence from U.S. Historical Data*

Discussant: Martin Chalkley, University of Dundee

**6.50 pm Adjourn**

**8.00 pm Dinner**

**Sunday, June 29**

**Mobility Comparisons**

**9.30 am .**

*Thomas Dohmen\**, *Armin Falk*, *David Huffman* and *Uwe Sunde*

*The Intergenerational Transmission of Risk and Trust Attitudes*

Discussant: Wen-Hao Chen, Statistics Canada

**10.45 am .**

*Jason Long\** (Colby College) *Joseph Ferrie* (Northwestern University)

*'Everything in Common...But the Language'?: Intergenerational Mobility in Britain and the U.S. Since 1850*

Discussant: Maia Güell, University of Edinburgh and UPF

**12.00 pm .**

*Erik Plug\** (University of Amsterdam) *Mikael Lindahl* (Uppsala University) *Helena Holmlund* (CEP-LSE)

*Estimating Intergenerational Schooling Effects: A Comparison of Methods*

Discussant: Gary Solon, Michigan State University

**1.05 pm Adjourn, Lunch**

**Note:** For each paper: 45 minutes presentation; 10 discussant; 10 general discussion; 10 minutes break (unless it is the last paper).