

CALL FOR PAPERS

Day care services for children in the Visegrad countries



A team of researchers sponsored by the Visegrad fund have launched a project to explore the evolution of day care services for children aged 0-6 in the Visegrad countries.

Provisions for pre-school child care vary considerably across EU member states, depending on the welfare regime, attitudes, and to some extent, on labour market institutions. Recent reforms in many of the EU-15 have signalled a convergence towards the Nordic model, which seems to answer concerns both about employment levels and gender equality in reconciling work and family responsibilities.

There is no such clear trend in new EU member states, and changes are scarcely documented. In particular, while there may be some studies available in national languages, very little evidence seems to be available in English concerning the influence of the wider social and political context and the impact of the provision of day care services to children aged 0 to 6.

The aim of the project is to contribute to filling this gap in the literature. To this end, we organise a workshop in Budapest, on the 20/21 September 2011 to discuss the impact of day care services in the region. The best papers of the workshop will be translated into English and published in an electronic book, along with a dataset on the take-up, costs and quality of day care services for small children in the Visegrad countries.

We invite submissions of papers for the workshop on the

impact of child care provision on female employment or fertility or income redistribution.

Submission criteria:

- papers already published in a local language (other than English) or manuscripts may be submitted
- the paper should concern at least one of the Visegrad countries (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia)
- papers that employ multi-variate econometric analysis will be given priority.
- papers covering most of the period from 1988 to 2010 will be given priority.

Submissions should include the full paper in one of the Visegrad languages and an English abstract. Please submit your paper by email to the team member of your country or to Ágota Scharle.

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The deadline for submissions is 31 July 2011.

Invitations to the workshop in Budapest will be sent by 3 September the latest.

The workshop will be held in Budapest, on 20/21 September 2011. Travel and accommodation costs of invited speakers will be reimbursed.

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Results of the previous stage of this project are available on the Budapest Institute website: http://www.budapestinstitute.eu/research/prj/The_evolution_of_day_care_provision_for_children_under_4_in_Visegrad_countries