



Open Online Course (OOC)

Parenting Leave Policies and Inequalities

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This open online course (OOC) seeks to advance a comprehensive and critical understanding of the heterogeneity of paid parenting leave policy (PPL) regimes across Europe and their multifaceted implications for social participation, gender relations, and inequality. By engaging in comparative analysis of national policy architectures, participants will critically assess the mechanisms through which policy design can facilitate gender equality, labour market inclusion, and family diversity — or, alternatively, reproduce and exacerbate existing socio-economic disparities.

Each 30-minute session comprises a concise expert presentation on parental leave regulations in a specific country, followed by a moderated discussion that provides space for questions and comments from participants. The online sessions are held weekly on Wednesdays at 16:00 CET and are open to students, early-career and senior researchers, as well as any other interested participants.

The invited speakers include scholars from across Europe, including non-EU countries, who provide insights into the diversity of parental leave arrangements and critically reflect on their potential to address or to perpetuate social inequalities.

The sessions can be accessed via the following link (available until 18 February):

<https://uni-hamburg.zoom.us/j/62029849730?pwd=2NZQwPHyWalbODDV05bnefiX4KeYi8.1>

From 25 February onwards, the sessions can be accessed via the following link:

<https://cesnet.zoom.us/j/93786090857>

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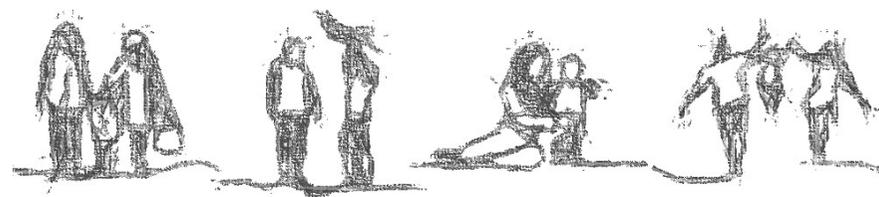
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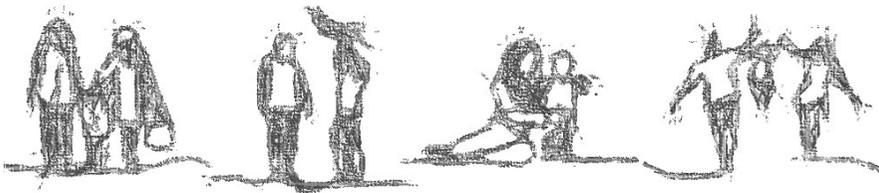
12.11.2025	Parenting Leave Policies & Inequalities: Introduction to the Topic Johanna Lammi-Taskula (Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare)
19.11.2025	Parenting Leave Policies & Inequalities in Bulgaria Elitsa Dimitrova (BAS - Institute for Population and Human Studies)
26.11.2025	Parenting Leave Policies & Inequalities in Spain Gerardo Meil (Universidad Autonoma de Madrid)
03.12.2025	Parenting Leave Policies & Inequalities in Serbia Dejana Pavlović (Institute of Economic Sciences, Belgrade)
10.12.2025	Parenting Leave Policies & Inequalities in Germany Thordis Reimer (Germany)
17.12.2025	Parenting Leave Policies & Inequalities in Estonia Mare Ainsaar (University of Tartu)
07.01.2026	Parenting Leave Policies & Inequalities in Czechia Hana Hašková (Institute of Sociology, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague)
14.01.2026	Parenting Leave Policies & Inequalities in Denmark Christian Christrup Kjeldsen (Aarhus University, DPU)
21.01.2026	Parenting Leave Policies & Inequalities in Cyprus Maria Angeli (Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies)
28.01.2026	Parenting Leave Policies & Inequalities in Belgium Laurène Thil (KU Leuven)





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04.02.2026	Parenting Leave Policies & Inequalities in Malta Anna Borg (University of Malta)
11.02.2026	Parenting Leave Policies & Inequalities in Slovakia Daniel Gerbery (Comenius University in Bratislava, Faculty of Arts)
18.02.2026	Parenting Leave Policies & Inequalities in the Netherlands Mara Yerkes (Utrecht University)
25.02.2026	Parenting Leave Policies & Inequalities in Kosovo Artan Mustafa (University for Business and Technology)
04.03.2026	Parenting Leave Policies & Inequalities in Hungary András Gábos (TÁRKI Social Research Institute)
11.03.2026	Parenting Leave Policies & Inequalities in Croatia Ivana Dobrotić (University of Zagreb, Faculty of Law)
18.03.2026	Parenting Leave Policies & Inequalities in Lithuania Rūta Brazienė (Vilnius University)
25.03.2026	Parenting Leave Policies & Inequalities in Albania Oriola Hamzallari (University Aleksander Moisiu Durres)
01.04.2026	Parenting Leave Policies & Inequalities in the United Kingdom Margaret O'Brien (University College London - Thomas Coram Research Unit)
08.04.2026	Parenting Leave Policies & Inequalities in Finland Johanna Närvi (Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare)



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15.04.2026	Parenting Leave Policies & Inequalities in France Jeanne Fagnani (IRES Institut de recherches économiques et sociales)
22.04.2026	Parenting Leave Policies & Inequalities in Iceland Guðný Björk Eydal & Ásdís Arnalds (University of Iceland)
29.04.2026 15:00 CET	Parenting Leave Policies & Inequalities in Greece Konstantina Rentzou (Panepistimio Ioanninon)
29.04.2026	Parenting Leave Policies & Inequalities in Portugal Marisa Matias Silva (Universidade do Porto)
06.05.2026	Parenting Leave Policies & Inequalities in Slovenia Tatjana Rakar (University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Social Sciences)
13.05.2026	Parenting Leave Policies & Inequalities in Türkiye Murat Mercan (Yildiz Technical University)
20.05.2026	Parenting Leave Policies & Inequalities in Sweden Ann-Zofie Duvander (Stockholm University)

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