
Gender economics and the economics of discrimination

PhD reading group

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The aim of the reading group is to look at recent work on gender. In each session two students will present a paper each on a common topic.

Structure: 6 x 2-hour sessions

There will be a brief initial meeting to allocate papers and make the planning of the reading group sessions. We propose a number of topics here but are open to suggestions of topics and/or articles. If you have a suggestion for a topic/paper, please put in the shared Dropbox (that we will create) at the latest five days before the organizational meeting.

Meetings: Mondays 14h-16h, every two weeks over the period November-February

Dates:

Early October - initial meeting to distribute papers (30 minutes)

November 2nd, 16th, 30th

December 14th

January 8th,

February 1st, 15th.

Note that there are 7 rather than 6 dates – this is in order to have some flexibility as Roberta and Cecilia are likely to have to cancel one session. We will let you know asap.

Suggested sessions

1. Labour Supply

- Ngai, R., Olivetti, C., & Petrongolo, B. (2022). Structural Transformation over 150 years of Women's and Men's Work. Forthcoming *Journal of Political Economy*.
- Gottlieb, C., Doss, C., Gollin, D., & Poschke, M. (2024). The gender division of work across countries.
- Agte, P., Attanasio, O., Goldberg, P. K., Gottlieb, C., Lakshmi Ratan, A., Pande, R., ... & Zilibotti, F. (2025). Gender gaps and economic growth: Why haven't women won globally (yet)?

2. Technology

- Ager, P., Goñi, M., & Salvanes, K. G. (2026). Gender-biased technological change: Milking machines and the exodus of women from farming. *American Economic Review*, 116(1), 246-286.
- Esther Arenas Arroyo (Vienna University of Economics and Business): "The Queen of Inventions: How Home Technology Shaped Women's Work and Children's Future"

3. Academia & innovation

- Funk, P., Iriberry, N. and N. Venus (2026). "Women in Editorial Boards: An Investigation of Female Representation in Top Economic Journals"
- Lubczyk, M. & Moser, Petra (2026), "The Ms. Allocation of Talent" *R&R JPE*.

4. Fertility

- Rossi, P., & Xiao, Y. (2023). Spillovers in Childbearing Decisions and Fertility Transitions: Evidence from China. *Journal of the European Economic Association*
- Victor Gay & Paula E. Gobbi & Marc Goñi (2026). "Revolutionary Transition: Inheritance Change and Fertility Decline," *Journal of Political Economy*.

5. Global patterns

- Burzstyn et al. (2025), How Are Gender Norms Perceived?, *R&R AER*
- Henrik Kleven, Camille Landais & Gabriel Leite-Mariante. The Child Penalty Atlas » Forthcoming *Review of Economic Studies*.

6. Education

- Feng, Y., Ren, J., & Rendall, M. (2023). *The Reversal of the Gender Education Gap with Economic Development*. Centre for Economic Policy Research.
- Vincenzo Galasso and Paola Profeta (2025) "Gender differences in Math Tests: The role of time pressure"

7. Policies – Paternity leave

- Henrik Kleven, Camille Landais, Anne Sophie Lassen, Philip Rosenbaum, Herdis Steingrimsdottir & Jakob Søgaaard "Expanding Paternity Leave: Effects on Beliefs, Norms & Gender Gaps" NBER Working Paper #34862
- Gonzalez, L. and H. Zoaby (2026) "Does Paternity Leave Promote Gender Equality within Households?" forthcoming, *Journal of the European Economic Association*.