

Dear friends of COSME,

Welcome to the 5th edition of our newsletter. In this edition you will find three interesting pieces that I am sure you will enjoy reading: An interesting article by Juan José Dolado about the recent evolution of gender gaps in Europe; an article by Manuel Bagües, Irma Clots, and Natalia Zinovyeva about how academic staff use their time and finally an interview with Barbara Petrongolo, who is COSME's keynote speaker at the next Simposio de Análisis Económico in Barcelona. I would like to give special thanks to Irma Clots and Rosa Ferrer for their work in assembling this newsletter.



This year, COSME organized the X annual Gender Economics Workshop (GEW), which is sponsored by Fundación Ramón Areces and the Asociación Española de Economía. On behalf of COSME, I would like to take this opportunity to thank both our sponsors. This year's GEW was a success again. We had 82 submissions, 15.9% from Spain followed by the UK and Italy with 13.4%, Germany with 9.8%, France and the USA with 8.5%, and the rest from other countries.

One of the keynote speakers of GEW 2017 was Seema Jayachandran from Northwestern University who talked about *"Understanding Why Increasing Mothers' Bargaining Power Improves Children's Health"*. Seema also talked to us about development and the worsening problem of *missing women* in India and how she believes cultural perceptions about gender roles in developing countries can be reverted (watch it [here](#)). The other keynote speaker was Juan José (Juanjo) Dolado from the European University Institute. Juanjo presented his joint work with Cecilia García-Peñalosa and Linas Tarasonis on the *"Changing Nature of Gender Selection into Employment: Europe over the Great Recession"*, which explains why the gender wage gap increased in Southern Europe in recent years. [Here](#) you may watch the interview (in Spanish) where Juanjo explains the main idea behind this interesting work. We also had nine presenters and nine discussants coming from 14 different universities or research institutes (see the program [here](#)).

As always, GEW's program covered a variety of topics related to gender: schooling and educational choices, fertility decisions and child custody, gender quotas, and domestic violence, to name a few. Some of our speakers and discussants gave interesting interviews about their current work. You may watch [here](#) Manuel Bagües (in Spanish) talking about gender quotas in Spain, or Monica

Costa Dias ([here](#)) talk about gender pay gap and finally Gema Zamarro ([here](#) in Spanish) talk about how parents can influence their children STEM enrolment.

COSME is also fortunate to host one of the invited session in the next Simposio de Análisis Económico in Barcelona. We at COSME are very happy to have Barbara Petrongolo as our invited speaker talking about *The remaining gender gaps: new perspectives and the role of gender norms*. I am sure Barbara's talk will be enlightening.

In January 2017, Ignacio Conde Ruiz (Fedea and Univ. Complutense) and Pedro Mira (CEMFI) replaced Libertad González (Universitat Pompeu Fabra) and Catarina Calsamiglia (CEMFI) as board members of COSME. At the end of 2017, it will be my turn, together with Marcos Vera, to leave COSME. I joined COSME in 2013 and I must say I will miss my fellow board members and COSME's activities. I plan to keep attending GEW in the coming years and I am sure it will continue to be a reference for Gender Economics in Europe. I would like to welcome Virginia Sánchez Marcos (Universidad de Cantabria) as the 2018 president of COSME. I am sure her tenure will be a success.

Finally, in the last elections, AEE members elected Raquel Carrasco (UC3M) and Joan Lull (MOVE, UAB) as new board members of COSME. They are an excellent addition to our board, I would like to give them my warmest welcome.



Some of attendees to the Gender Economics Workshop, Fundación Ramón Areces, Madrid, May 2017