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**LEVY INSTITUTE CONFERENCE GATHERS LEADING ECONOMISTS,
SOCIAL SCIENTISTS, AND OTHER ANALYSTS TO DISCUSS
TIME USE AND ECONOMIC WELL-BEING**

**Two-Day Conference, October 28–29, Will Explore Measures of Household
Well-Being, Valuing Unpaid Household Production, and Other Topics**

ANNANDALE-ON-HUDSON, N.Y.—When policymakers and the media discuss economic well-being, the focus is often on economic growth, unemployment rates, wages, and other broad economic measures. Yet, for many everyday people, a key and often overlooked component of well-being is household production, especially when it comes to time use and the many unpaid hours that everyday people work preparing meals, cleaning, doing laundry, ironing, and performing other household chores. As policymakers consider economic well-being and inequality, it is vital that they examine the trends and disparities in household production.

On **October 28–29**, **The Levy Economics Institute of Bard College** hosts a conference, **Time Use and Economic Well-Being**, focusing on issues and topics related to time allocation and household production. The conference will gather leading economists, social scientists, and other analysts to discuss a range of topics, including an analysis of how working parents preserve time for their children, working-hour arrangements and income inequality, the impact of nonmarket production on earnings inequality, and comparisons of international differences in market work and household production. Speakers will also explore methods of incorporating the value of household production into national income accounts, problems associated with statistical methodology and data in dealing with the topics listed above, as well as difficulties of using theoretical perspectives and models with these topics.

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Program:

Time Use and Economic Well-Being

The Levy Economics Institute of Bard College

Friday, October 28

- 8:30–9:00 a.m.** BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION
- 9:00–9:15 a.m.** WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION
Dimitri B. Papadimitriou, president, *Levy Institute*
- 9:15–11:00 a.m.** **SESSION 1. Determinants of Household Production I**

Suzanne M. Bianchi, *University of Maryland*
“‘What Gives’ When Mothers Are Employed?”
Daniel S. Hamermesh, *University of Texas at Austin, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) and Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA)*
“Time to Eat: Household Production under Increasing Income Inequality”
DISCUSSANT: **Susan Himmelweit**, *Open Univeristy*, United Kingdom
- 11:00–11:30 a.m.** **Break**
- 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** **SESSION 2. Determinants of Household Production II**

Lyn Craig, *Social Policy Research Centre, University of New South Wales*
“Where Do They Find the Time? A Time-Diary Analysis of How Working Parents Preserve Their Time with Children”
Charlene Kalenkoski, *Ohio University*; **David Ribar**, *The George Washington University*; and **Leslie Stratton**, *Virginia Commonwealth University*
“Parental Child Care in Single Parent, Cohabiting, and Married Couple Families: Time-Diary Evidence from the United States and the United Kingdom”
DISCUSSANT: **Jean Kimmel**, *Western Michigan University*
- 1:00–2:30 p.m.** LUNCH
- 2:30–4:00 p.m.** **SESSION 3. Labor Market Developments and Workers’ Time Allocation Patterns**

Joachim Merz, *University of Lüneburg, Research Institute on Professions (Forschungsinstitut Freie Berufe, FFB); Center for Research in Entrepreneurship, Professions and Small Business Economics (CREPS); and IZA*
“Working Hour Arrangements and Income Inequality—An Earnings Treatment Effects Approach by Fragmentation and Timing of Work”

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Irina Soboleva, *Center for Labor Market Studies, Institute of Economics, Russian Academy of Sciences.*
“Time Allocation of Employed Population in Russia”
DISCUSSANT: **Irina Paley**, *Brown University*

4:30–6:00 p.m.

SESSION 4. Time-use, Macroeconomic Modeling, and Social Policy

Alfred Latigo and **Omar Abdourahaman**, *United Nations Economic Commission for Africa*; **Ismaël Fofana**, **Bernard Decaluwe**, and **John Cockburn**, *University of Laval*

“From National Satellite Accounts of Household Production to Macroeconomic Modeling in African Countries”

Robert E. Goodin and **James M. Rice**, *Australian National University*
“The Temporal Welfare State: A Cross-national Comparison.”

DISCUSSANT: **Marzia Fontana**, *University of Sussex*

6:00–9:00 p.m.

RECEPTION AND DINNER

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: **Nancy Folbre**, *University of Massachusetts-Amherst*

“Valuing Time”

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

8:30–9:15 a.m.

BREAKFAST

9:15–11:00 a.m.

SESSION 5. Measurement Issues in Time-Use Research

N. Anders Klevmarcken, *Uppsala University*

“Using Auxiliary Data to Compensate for Noisy Time-Use Data”

Jonathan Gershuny, **Muriel Egerton**, and **Kimberly Fisher**, *Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of Essex*

“Examining the Dynamics of Child Care Using the American Time-Use Survey and the American Historical Time-Use Study”

DISCUSSANT: **Diane Herz**, *U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics*

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

SESSION 6. Household Production and Economic Inequality

Ajit Zacharias, *Levy Institute*

“Household Production and the Distribution of Economic Well-Being in the United States”

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Harley Frazis and Jay Stewart, *U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics*
“How Does Nonmarket Production Affect Earnings
Inequality? Evidence from the American Time-Use
Survey”

DISCUSSANT: **Frank Stafford**, *University of Michigan*

1:00–2:30 p.m.

LUNCH

2:30–4:00 p.m.

**SESSION 7. Well-Being and Deprivation: Subjective and
Objective Measures Utilizing Time-Use Data**

Jens Bonke, Mette Deding, and Mette Lausten, *The Danish
National Institute of Social Research, Copenhagen*
“Time, Money and Satisfaction”

Indira Hirway, *Centre for Development Alternatives*
“Developing Poverty Indicators Using Time-Use Statistics:
A Study in India.”

DISCUSSANT: **Lars Osberg**, *Dalhousie University*

4:00–4:30 p.m.

BREAK

4:30–6:00 p.m.

SESSION 8. International Comparisons of Time Allocation

Richard B. Freeman, *Harvard University and NBER*; and **Ronald
Schettkat**, *Bergische Universität Wuppertal*
“International Differences in Market Work and Household
Production”

Elsa Fontainha, *ISEG - Technical University of Lisbon*
“Elderly Time Allocation and Well-Being: What Changes
after Retirement? An International Comparison”

DISCUSSANT: **Younghwan Song**, *Union College*

The conference will take place at The Levy Economics Institute of Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY. To register for attendance, call 845-758-7700; e-mail info@levy.org; or register online on the Levy Institute’s website: www.levy.org.

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