### Symposium:
**How Social Policies Impact Family Life**

October 25, 2016  
Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore  
(Catholic University of the Sacred Heart) Largo A. Gemelli, 1  
Milano, Italy

### Agenda

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<td><strong>Opening and introductions</strong></td>
<td>Guido Merzoni</td>
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<td><strong>What’s driving the decline in fertility? How capitalism, feminism and the welfare state shape family life</strong></td>
<td>Neil Gilbert, University of California, Berkeley</td>
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<td><strong>The role of separation in fertility dynamics: Policy contexts and recent developments in Western Europe</strong></td>
<td>Michaela Kreyenfeld, Hertie School of Governance</td>
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<td><strong>Marriage penalties: What can Europe teach the United States?</strong></td>
<td>Douglas Besharov, University of Maryland</td>
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<td><strong>Lunch</strong></td>
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<td>Hosted at the restaurant of Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Via Necchi, 9, 20123 Milano.</td>
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<td><strong>Changing care diamonds in Europe and Asia: Asianization of Europe and Europeanization of Asia</strong></td>
<td>Emiko Ochiai, Kyoto University</td>
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15:00  “The social consequences of the role of families in early childhood education”
Chris de Neubourg, Tilburg University and E. de Neubourg, Maastricht University

15:45  “Family policies and the emancipation process: Lesson from Spain”
Antonio López Peláez, Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia

16:00  Break

16:45  Panel Presentation: The Italian Experience

“Families in Italy today: Challenges and opportunities”
Rosa Rosnati, Università Cattolica di Milano

“Taxation of families in Italy”
Emilio Colombo, Università Cattolica di Milano

“Work/family reconciliation policies in Italy”
Egidio Riva, Università Cattolica di Milano

18:00  Adjourn

20:00  Dinner
Location TBD.
Dutch Treat, in an informal setting.
Expected attendance: 8-10.