

**THE DETERMINANTS OF GENDER
GAPS: INSTITUTIONAL DESIGN AND
HISTORICAL FACTORS**

Venice International University, San Servolo,
22 – 23 July 2013

PROGRAMME

Monday, 22 July 2013

Session 1

Experimental Evidence on Gender Differences

Chair: Paola Profeta

- 09:30 Welcome
- 09:40 – 10:40 **Keynote Lecture:**
Can Risk-taking Preferences be Modified? Some Experimental Evidence
ALISON L. BOOTH (Australian National University and University of Essex)
- 10:40 – 11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00 – 11:40 **Social Incentives Matter: Evidence from an Online Real Effort Experiment**
MIRCO TONIN (University of Southampton and CEU)
Discussant: Antonio Filippin (University of Milan)
- 11:40 – 12:20 **Are Gender Differences in Decisions under Uncertainty Really Due to Risk Aversion?**
ANTONIO FILIPPIN (University of Milan)
Discussant: Mirco Tonin (University of Southampton and CEU)
- 12:20 – 13:20 Lunch

Session 2

Gender and Politics

Chair: Alessandra Casarico

- 13:20 – 14:00 **What Happens When a Woman Wins an Election? Evidence from Close Races in Brazil**
FERNANDA BROLLO (University of Alicante)
Discussant: Audinga Baltrunaite (Stockholm University)
- 14:00 – 14:40 **Gender Quotas and the Power of the Elderly**
AUDINGA BALTRUNAITE (Stockholm University)
Discussant: Maria De Paola (Università della Calabria)

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- 14:40 – 15:20 **Why are Women less Democratic than Men?
Evidence from Sub-Saharan African Countries**
MATY KONTE (Aix-Marseille University)
Discussant: Fernanda Brollo (University of Alicante)
- 15:20 – 16:00 **Does Female Suffrage Increase Public Support for Government Spending?
Evidence from Swiss Ballots**
KATHARINA E. JARONICKI (University of St. Gallen)
Discussant: Silke Uebelmesser (University of Jena)
- 16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break

**Session 3
Education and Social Policy Issues
Chair: Paola Profeta**

- 16:30 – 17:10 **The Long Run Effects of High School Class Gender Composition**
MASSIMO ANELLI (University of California, Davis)
Discussant: Chiara Daniela Pronzato (University of Turin)
- 17:10 – 17:50 **Working Women and Fertility: The Role of Grandmothers**
AINHOA APARICIO-FENOLL (Collegio Carlo Alberto)
Discussant: Massimo Anelli (University of California, Davis)
- 17:50 – 18:30 **Fighting Lone Mothers' Poverty through In-Work Benefits.
Methodological Issues and Policy Suggestions**
CHIARA DANIELA PRONZATO (University of Turin)
Discussant: Maty Konte (Aix-Marseille University)
- 19:30 Conference Dinner on San Servolo

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Session 4

Historical Determinants of Gender Gaps

Chair: Alessandra Casaricio

- 08:45 – 09:45 **Keynote Lecture:**
**On the Origins of Gender Roles:
Women and the Plough**
PAOLA GIULIANO (UCLA, Anderson School of Management)
- 09:45 – 10:00 Coffee Break
- 10:00 – 10:40 **Family Structure and the Education Gender Gap: Evidence from Italian Provinces**
GRAZIELLA BERTOCCHI (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia)
Discussant: Katharina E. Jaronicki (University of St.Gallen)
- 10:40 – 11:20 **Development versus Legacy: The Relative Role of Development and Historical Legacies in Achieving Gender Equality**
SARAH CARMICHAEL (Utrecht University)
Discussant: Monica Bozzano (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia)

Session 5

Women and Firms

Chair: Paola Profeta

- 11:20 – 12:00 **What Explains the Gender Gap in Entrepreneurship?
A Decomposition Approach Based on Personality**
MIRIAM REUSCHEL (University of Potsdam)
Discussant: Maria Lucia Stefani (Banca d'Italia)
- 12:00 – 12:40 **Credit Access for Female Firms:
Evidence from a Survey on European SMEs**
MARIA LUCIA STEFANI (Banca d'Italia)
Discussant: Miriam Reuschel (University of Potsdam)
- 12:50 Lunch and Conclusion of the Conference