

WEEKS 2-5:

Labour force, Structural transformation, and Gender

Population Studies, MSc INTECO

2324-2-F5602M032

The objective of this course module (weeks 2-4) is to investigate the determinants of female labour force participation (FLFP) in comparative and historical perspective.

What causes women of working age to shift from housework to market work (or back)? Why do women work more in some countries (or in some countries' regions) than in others? Does culture affect labour supply decisions? Does technological development improve or harm women's labour market position? What are the origins of gender roles?

Week 2

LECTURE 3 - Tuesday 5 March, 12.30, U6-16

Female labour supply over time: the Feminization U

Douarin E, Uberti LJ (2023). [‘The Feminization U’](#). In: Zimmermann, K.F. (eds) *Handbook of Labor, Human Resources and Population Economics*. Springer, Cham (read pp. 1-22)

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LECTURE 4 - Friday 8 March, 13.30, U3-07

Female labour supply across countries: Culture and historical legacies

Alesina A, Giuliano P, Nunn N. (2013). [‘On the Origins of Gender Roles: Women and the Plough’](#). *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 128 (2): 469-530 (read pp. 469-508)

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Week 3

LECTURE 5 - Tuesday 12 March, 12.30, U6-16

Historical legacies and the Feminization U

Uberti LJ, Douarin E (2023). [‘The Feminisation U, cultural norms, and the plough’](#). *Journal of Population Economics*, 36; 5–35 (fairly short article)

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LECTURE 6 - Friday 15 March, 13.30, LAB 711 (lab session)

Cultural transmission: Migration

Fernández R, Fogli A (2009). '[Culture: An Empirical Investigation of Beliefs, Work, and Fertility](#)'. *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics*, 1 (1): 146-77 (can skip section VI)

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Week 4

LECTURE 7- Tuesday 19 March, 12.30, U6-16

Cultural transmission: the Family

Fernández R, Fogli A, Olivetti C (2004). '[Mothers and sons: preference formation and female labor force dynamics](#)'. *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 119: 1249–1299 (skip section I, “The Model”)

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LECTURE 8 - Friday 22 March, 13.30, LAB 711 (lab session)

Sex ratios and FLFP

Grosjean, P., Khattar, R. (2019). '[It's raining men! Hallelujah? The long-run consequences of male-biased sex ratios](#)', *Review of Economic Studies*, 86, 723-754 (fairly short article)

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Week 5

LECTURE 9 - Tuesday 26 March, 12.30, U6-16

Technology and FLFP

Coen-Pirani D., Leon, A., Lugauer, S. (2010). '[The effect of household appliances on female labor force participation: Evidence from microdata](#)'. *Labour Economics*, 17: 503-513 (short article)

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