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Welcome to the first edition of the Care Work & the Economy (CWE-GAM) newsletter, brought to your inbox by the CWE-GAM Project Communications team. In the monthly newsletters to follow, we will update you with the project's work – including recently published working papers by our researchers, policy briefs, blogs, and other news about the project as we embark on its fourth year.



PROJECT UPDATES

VIRTUAL WORKSHOP SERIES AMONG COLLEAGUES

This month, we are launching a virtual workshop series for CWE-GAM research teams. The [CWE-GAM Virtual Workshop Series among Colleagues](#) is meant to be a safe space for sharing early work or work-in-progress with the researchers and advisors of the project. Since COVID-19 has derailed our annual project meeting until mid-2021, the virtual workshop series will provide a platform to share our work-in-progress and to engage in stimulating research discussions, such as those we had in Berlin and Glasgow. If you want to have a friendly and thoughtful discussion of your ongoing research, please, click this [link](#) to schedule a workshop date. Each workshop will be about 1.5 hours, at a time that is convenient for at least two continents, and lightly moderated by volunteers from our researchers. The first workshop will take place the week of June 15th so stay tuned and do sign up! We want to know how you are and what you are working on.

KEY PROJECT EVENTS

Three key events :

- CWE-GAM 3rd Annual Meeting along with the Advocacy Policy Analysis Tools Training Workshop Policy Dialogue Conference to take place in Seoul, South Korea; postponed to June 1 – 3, 2021.
- The Intensive Course in Gender-Sensitive Macroeconomic Modeling for Policy Makers (at the Levy Economics Institute); postponed to early July 2021. The exact dates will be determined later this year and a new call for applications will be announced in Fall 2020.



FEATURED BLOGS

Here are some of the recent blogs that have been posted focusing on the varying ways that the current pandemic relates to care work. If you are interested in contributing a blog or would like us to repost a blog from your project or organization, please email careworkeconomy@american.edu. We are always looking for new and interesting content!

[A Time for Reflection on Care](#) – Maria S. Floro

[The Homemade Value-Added Stabilizer](#) – Nancy Folbre (*Re-post*)

[Gender Dynamics and Care in the Midst of the Pandemic](#) – Ito Peng and Maria Floro

[“Being at Home” is Not Free – Making Informal Care Provision Visible](#) – Emiko Ochiai

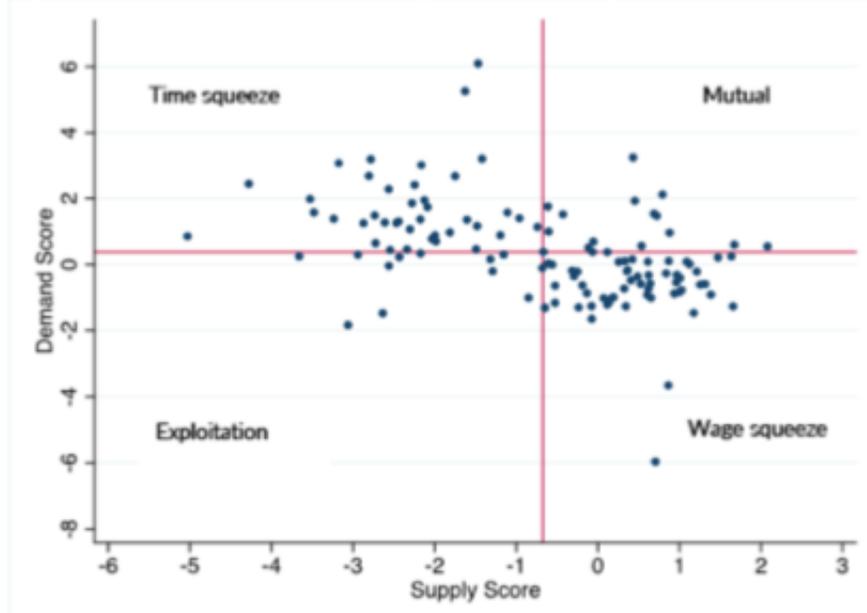
[Those Unprotected by the “Economic Stability Shield”](#) – Emel Memiş, Murat Koyuncu and Şemsa Özar



POLICY BRIEFS

[Estimating the Role of Social Reproduction in Economic Growth](#)

Figure 1. Social reproduction regimes, developing countries 2008-2015



Labor is a resource which must be produced. As a result, care and social reproduction can have macroeconomic consequences independent of their effects on women's work participation, as highlighted in this brief.

[Access to Infrastructure, Women's Time Allocation, And Economic Growth](#)

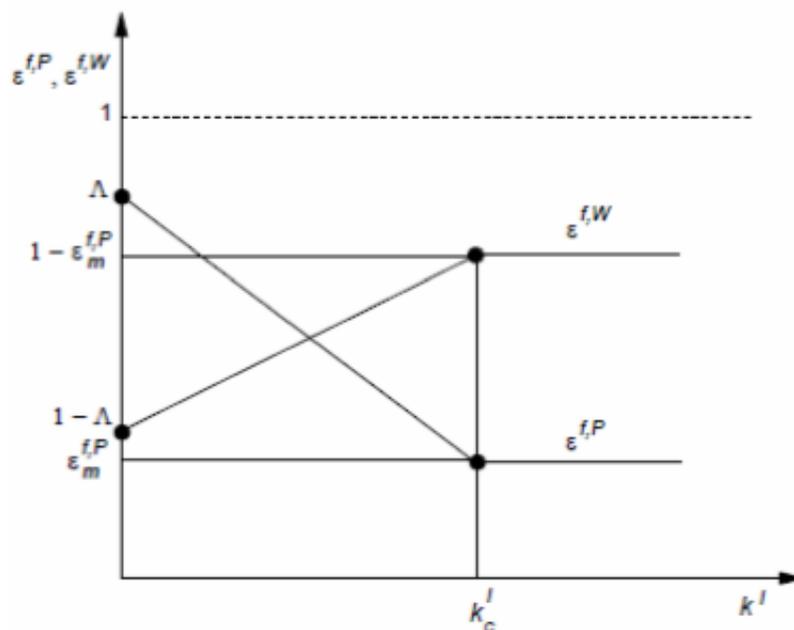
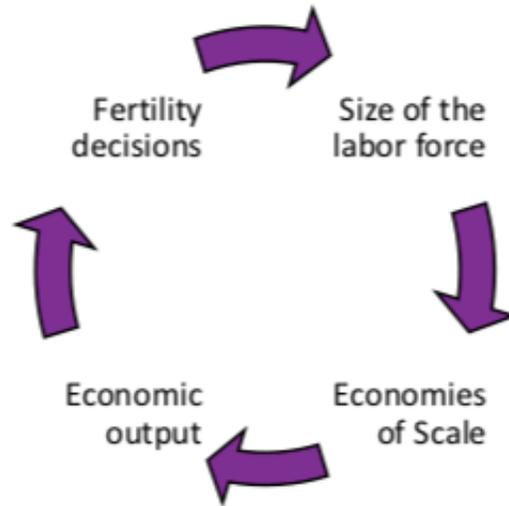


Figure 1: Access to infrastructure and women's time allocation

Improving access to infrastructure generally increases women's time allocations to market

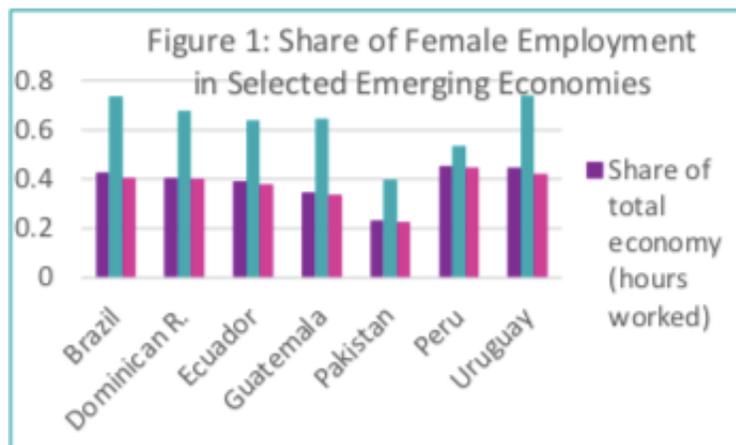
work and a country's overall economic growth. However, these effects depend on the type of infrastructure into which investments are channeled.

"Endogenous Growth, Population Dynamics, and Returns to Scale: Long-Run Macroeconomics when Demography Matters"



The proposed model considers ways that social institutions, structural features of the economy, and macroeconomic outcomes can influence fertility decisions and, by extension, a country's economic growth.

Gender Macroeconomic Analysis and Development: A Theoretical Model for Gender Equitable Development



The proposed three-sector model is designed to serve as a tool for policy analysis and gender-responsive budgeting to develop a policy mix targeted toward more gender-

equitable development.



RETHINKING MACROECONOMICS

Options for Modeling the Distributional Impact of Care Policies using a General Equilibrium (CGE) Framework - Marzia Fontana, Bideriya Byambasuren & Carmen

Estrades

Parental Caregiving and Household Power Dynamics - Ray Miller & Neha Bairoliya

GENDER-AWARE APPLIED MODELING

A Gendered Social Accounting Matrix for South Korea - Hans Lofgren, Kijong Kim,

Marzia Fontana & Martin Cicowicz

The Effects of Public Social Infrastructure and Gender Equality on Output and Employment: The Case of South Korea - Cem Oyvat & Özlem Onaran

Prospects for Gender-Sensitive Macroeconomic Modelling for Policy Analysis in Colombia: Integrating the Care Economy - Mieke Meurs, Maria Floro & Stephan

Lefebvre
