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Executive Committee and Council Members in 2024

Executive Committee 2024

President	Emilia Del Bono	ISER, University of Essex
President-Elect	Helmut Rainer	University of Munich
Treasurer	Daniel D. Schnitzlein	Leibniz Universität Hannover
Secretary	Sunčica Vujić	University of Antwerp

Council Members 2024

Kamila Cygan-Rehm	Dresden University of Technology (TUD)
Adeline Delavande	University of Essex
Libertad González	University of Pompeu Fabra
Kristiina Huttunen	Aalto University
Arizo Karimi	Uppsala University
Astrid Kunze	Norwegian School of Economics (NHH)
Olivier Marie	Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR)
Cheti Nicoletti	University of York
Birgitta Rabe	University of Essex
Marian Vidal-Fernandez	University of Sydney
Dinand Webbink	Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR)

Executive Committee and Council Members in 2024



Message from the President Libertad González



Message from the President, Libertad González

Dear ESPE crowd,

I am very happy to have served as ESPE President this year. The conference was fantastic, and I want to thank Lara Lebedinski for the great local organization, and Emilia Del Bono for an amazing program. It was great to see many of you, and I really enjoyed Belgrade and the social activities, as well as the academic contents, including our two wonderful keynotes, Martha Bailey and Stefania Albanesi.

This year, we welcomed Astrid Kunze, Cheti Nicoletti and Birgitta Rabe as new council members, replacing Marianne Simonsen and myself. Ghazala Azmat and Randi Hjalmarsson will be leaving the council next, and I want to thank them for their work over the past few years. I welcome our next batch of council members – Kamila Cygan-Rhem and Arizo Kairimi, as well as Daniel D. Schnitzlein in the role of a Treasurer! I also want to welcome Emilia Del Bono, who will become President in 2024. We are also very lucky that Helmut Rainer agreed to run for future president.

Next year, we will meet again in Rotterdam for what I'm sure will be another great conference. Please submit your papers! The call for papers will be out soon. I'm also excited to announce that ESPE 2025 will take place in beautiful Naples.

Last but not least, I want to thank all of you for making this a wonderful community. I am so happy to be part of it, and I really hope that you all continue to participate and share your contributions to all fields related to population economics. ESPE has always been my favorite conference, with its unique combination of academic rigor and friendly collegiality. It's an honor to have been an active part of it for the past few years.

See you all in Rotterdam,

Libertad



The 36th ESPE Council Meeting in Belgrade

During the ESPE Council Meeting in Belgrade, we discussed the report by the President (Libertad González) on the issues regarding the Society and the organisation of the Annual Conference. Further, we discussed the report by the President-Elect (Emilia Del Bono) on the program. There were 518 submissions and 321 accepted papers. Out of 321 accepted papers, 252 colleagues initially registered and were assigned to the program; 12 papers were withdrawn up to the last few days before the start of the conference. The final program consisted of 240 scheduled papers, out of which one-third were presented by PhD students.

We then discussed the report by the local organisers (Lara Lebedinski) regarding the organisation of the Annual Conference.

We further had presentations by the local organisers of ESPE 2024 in Rotterdam (Elisabeth Leduc, Olivier Marie and Dinand Webbink) and ESPE in 2025 in Naples (Roberto Nisticò and Monica Langella).

We then discussed the nominations of the future Executive Committee and Council Members. We had 6 nominations for the ordinary Council Members: Kamila Cygan-Rehm, Arizo Karimi, David A. Jaeger, Joan Lull, Oskar Nordström Skans, and Nikki Shure. We had one nomination for the President-Elect: Helmut Rainer. Later in this Newsletter, you can read about the results of the elections and who are the new ESPE Council Members.

This year, the conference also had the special conference issue of the *Journal of Demographic Economics*. Colleagues who presented their paper at the conference in Belgrade were invited to submit it to this special conference issue by September 15, 2023. The Editor of this issue is Libertad González. She promised that the refereeing process will be speedy, and the special issue will be published in 2024.

The ESPE auditors remain David Ribar (in his second term) and Nabanita Datta Gupta (in her first term). Sunčica Vujić will continue in her role as the Secretary for the Society (in her first term).

The Treasurer (Thomas Siedler) presented the current budget. The Society ended a year with a small negative saldo. The Society currently has 268 members. The main ongoing discussion is the new registration of the Society, which will be on the agenda in 2024 again. Due to family reasons, Thomas will step down in his role as a Treasurer. The Treasurer for the next three-year period will be Daniel D. Schnitzlein (Leibniz Universität Hannover).

ESPE Council Meeting



2023 Elections

ESPE 2023 Elections: President-Elect and Council Members

The online-elections took place between September 25 and October 9, 2023 (two weeks). The e-voting system was provided to all ESPE members who registered as ESPE members in 2023 and for whom we had a valid e-mail address. We have elected the President-Elect and two council members. One candidate for President-Elect (Helmut Rainer) and six candidates for the ordinary Council Members (Kamila Cygan-Rehm, Arizo Karimi, David A. Jaeger, Joan Llull, Oskar Nordström Skans, and Nikki Shure) were presented.

Out of 268 members, 131 casted their votes. With 102 votes, Helmut Rainer was elected for President-Elect in 2024. With 61 and 50 votes, respectively, Kamila Cygan-Rehm and Arizo Karimi were elected to be ordinary Council Members for the next three years.

We congratulate the new council members and provide below their short biographies.

ESPE President-Elect (2024)

Helmut Rainer is a Professor of Economics at the University of Munich and Director of the Center for Labor and Demographic Economics at the ifo Institute. He previously was a faculty member in the School of Economics and Finance at the University of St. Andrews and has held visiting positions at the University of Victoria, University of Oslo, Aarhus University, and the University of California, San Diego. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Essex in 2005. Helmut's research spans the fields of Family Economics and Labor Economics, and covers topics such as fertility, marriage, divorce, domestic violence, and the integration of immigrant families.

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ESPE Council Members (2024-2026)

Kamila Cygan-Rehm is a tenure-track professor of Quantitative Methods, esp. Econometrics at the Dresden University of Technology (TUD). She received her Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU). She is also affiliated with the IflBi, CESifo, IZA, and LASER, and a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the German Research Data Centre (FDZ) of the Statistical Offices of the Federal and State Governments. Her research interests are in applied microeconomics, mainly labor, education, and family economics, as well as public health. Her current work focuses on the lifetime consequences of schooling interventions and the role of public policies in the emergence or balancing of early childhood inequalities.

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Arizo Karimi is an associate professor of economics at the department of economics at Uppsala University. She defended her PhD dissertation in 2014, entitled “Impacts of Policies, Peers, and Parenthood on Labor Market Outcomes. The overarching stylized fact motivating her research is the marked and persistent gender wage gap observed in all Western societies, including Sweden. She has studied how parenthood in general, and parental leave policies in particular, affect the labor supply- and job choice decisions of women and men, and the consequences of these decisions for wage earnings, as well as how they impact children’s human capital outcomes, and firm performance. Her research has been published in leading academic journals.

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2023 Elections



Call for Papers 2024: The 37th ESPE Conference in Rotterdam

The 37th Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics (ESPE) will take place in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, between June 27-29, 2024. The local organising team consists of Elisabeth Leduc, Olivier Marie and Dinand Webbink.

Professor **Helmut Rainer** (University of Munich ) will serve as the program chair.

The keynote speakers will be Professor **Matthias Doepke** (London School of Economics and Political Science ) and Professor **Katrine Løken** (Norwegian School of Economics ). The presidential address will be given by Professor **Emilia Del Bono** (ISER, University of Essex )

You are cordially invited to submit the paper online via the Oxford Abstracts: <https://app.oxfordabstracts.com/stages/7077/submitter>

Each participant may present at most one paper but can co-author more than one paper in the program.

Important deadlines

The paper submission site will open by December 1, 2023.

The submission deadline is February 1, 2024.

Acceptance decisions will be announced by March 15, 2024.

Accepted papers will only be included in the final programme if presenting authors have registered by April 5, 2024.

The conference program will be available from May 3, 2024.

For further information, please visit the conference webpage:

<https://esperotterdam2024.com/>



Call for Papers 2024

Erasmus
School of
Economics



Call for Contributions to the ESPE Newsletter and Website

The ESPE website provides information on the society's activities, and contains links to related institutions and organizations. All members are kindly invited to use the ESPE website to make announcements of events in the field of population economics.

Please send all contributions to the Secretary by email to info@espe.org

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