

CED hosts an international workshop on caregiving responsibilities across the life course. The workshop is part of a new working relationship between the University of Maryland (UMD)'s Population Center and Lund University's (LU) Centre for Economic Demography which serves to foster innovative research on gender and care responsibilities across the life course. Widespread social changes have produced greater complexity in the timing and sequencing of family transitions and young and older adult employment transitions. These changes have prolonged parenthood, increased intergenerational transfers, and involved grandparents in the day-to-day care of grandchildren. Comparative research can improve our understanding of the mechanisms that link gendered caregiving responsibilities with family and employment roles and transitions, and interrelationships with well-being. National context is influential because lives are linked with families that are located within communities and nations. Time and economic pressures experienced by women and men are likely vary by levels of state support for education, families, and health.

The UMD-LU collaboration brings together professors, post-doctoral and PhD students from both universities with interdisciplinary expertise in gender, work, and family and disciplinary training in sociology, family studies, and economic demography. The workshop which takes place May 31-June 1 adds international perspectives through the participation of leading experts in the field, including Almudena Sevilla (UK), Oriel Sullivan (UK), Daniela Grunow (Germany), Ariane Pailhé (FR), Pablo Gracia (IT), Jens Bonke (DK). The research has a common theme and exploits international longitudinal panel study and cross-sectional time diary data. The workshop is funded by the University of Maryland and Lund University together with additional contributions from the *Swedish Research Council* (VR) and the *Swedish Research Council for Health, Working Life and Welfare* (Forte).