

# CARE WORK AND THE ECONOMY

Advancing policy solutions with gender-aware macroeconomic models

**2018 ANNUAL MEETING**  
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**ROUNDTABLE:**  
**HOW DO MACROECONOMIC POLICIES IMPACT PAID AND UNPAID CARE?**

*Monday, October 22 from 4:15-6:00 PM (1 hour and 45 minutes)*  
*Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (Hiroshimastraße 28, 10785 Berlin, Germany)*

**MODERATOR:** Diane Elson (Emeritus Professor of Sociology, University of Essex)

**SPEAKERS:**

- Elissa Braunstein (Professor, Department of Economics, Colorado State University)
- James Heintz (Andrew Glyn Professor of Economics, the University of Massachusetts Amherst)
- Ito Peng (Professor of Sociology, University of Toronto)
- Uta Meier-Gräwe (Professor, Department of Household Science, Justus Liebig University Giessen) (TBC)
- Heike Joebges (Professor of International Economics, HTW Berlin ) (TBC)

**OBJECTIVES:**

The Care Work and the Economy (CWE-GAM) project aims to produce new research that incorporates the care economy and gendered behavior explicitly into macroeconomic policy analyses, demonstrating the importance of understanding the economic and social implications of persistent heavy unpaid work burden of women and the gender care gap. With macroeconomic analysis looking at the economy as a whole, the project examines the impact on care of economy-wide policies such as public spending, taxation, trade, migration, and monetary policies.

The Roundtable explores how the Second Gender Equality Report can be effectively used in Germany to highlight the issue of public investment in care services and impact macroeconomic policymaking. It highlights the work of CWE-GAM researchers, demonstrating the contributions of gender-aware macroeconomic research in evaluating macroeconomic policies and policy options, and ultimately achieve better care provisioning and promote gender equality.

The Roundtable Event brings together German experts and CWE-GAM project scholars to discuss the following issues:

1. Better understand how macroeconomic policies affect the paid and unpaid care sectors.
2. Assess the role of macroeconomic research in shaping policy dialogue and decision-making processes with respect to care.
3. Provide a vision for what a gender-sensitive macroeconomic policy framework on care is.