

Call for COST Sustainability@Leave training school „*Work-care policies, gender and social inequalities*“

17-19 April 2024, Dubrovnik, Croatia



University of Zagreb, Faculty of Law, at Center for Advanced Academic Studies CAAS, Dubrovnik
<http://www.caas.unizg.hr/>

COST Action's "Parental Leave Policies & Social Sustainability" (CA21150) training school provides early-career researchers with the opportunity to advance their knowledge of theories, concepts and methodologies on work-care policies and inequalities. It provides a space to critically discuss cutting-edge developments with leading international scholars in sociology, social policy, gender studies and demography, focusing on conceptual and methodological challenges in researching the interconnections between work-care policies and gender and social inequalities. This is highly relevant in the context of precarious, underinsured, and nonstandard employment, informal economies, climate change, migration, family changes, and growing financial strains for carers, making it necessary to train future-generation-researchers working towards a better understanding of social divisions in care and employment practices and advancement of work-care policies. The training school will be a combination of lectures by renowned scholars and early-career researchers' presentations with a strong focus on providing in-depth feedback on their work. Combining intensive work with socialising on the beautiful Croatian coast, participants will have an excellent opportunity to build supportive and sustainable networks with colleagues working on related topics.

Summer school will be organised by the University of Zagreb, Faculty of Law at the University of Zagreb Center for Advanced Academic Studies (CAAS) in Dubrovnik: <http://www.caas.unizg.hr/>

Trainers: **Rossella Ciccia** (University of Oxford, UK), **Andrea Doucet** (Brock University, CA); **Ann-Zofie Duvander** (Stockholm University, SE), **Wim van Lancker** (KU Leuven, BE), **Sonja Blum** (Bielefeld University, DE), **Ivana Dobrotić** (University of Zagreb; HR)

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WHO CAN APPLY? Early-career researchers working on work-care policies, engaged in an official research programme as a PhD student or postdoctoral fellows. Training is open to a broad range of methodological approaches and analytical perspectives. We encourage comparative papers, but we are also interested in studies focusing on a single country, region or sector. Admitted participants will be expected to submit their paper by 31 March 2024 and give a 15-minute presentation, which will be followed by in-depth individual feedback from a senior scholar and peers. We welcome papers at all stages of PhD/postdoc.

HOW TO APPLY? Please send a **500-word abstract and a short bio** to sonja.blum@uni-bielefeld.de by **15 December 2023**. We will respond to you upon the final budget approval, the latest by 20 December 2023.

DO YOU IDENTIFY AS A MINORITY OR A PERSON FROM A DISADVANTAGED GROUP? When applying, please explain in what ways you belong to a minority or a disadvantaged group (up to 200 words).

COSTS AND REIMBURSEMENT RULES: For applicants from the COST countries, the training school is **free** and participants will be reimbursed for travel costs **after the event** according to COST rules: 1) the daily allowance of €191 is provided to participants to cover accommodation which will be arranged in CAAS facilities in Dubrovnik, lunches, dinners and local transport; 2) the long-distance travelling costs are covered, by choosing the most economical means of transportation. Please, read carefully the [COST Annotated Rules](#). You will need to provide long-distance travelling itineraries and invoices in order to be reimbursed. Be aware that cancellation insurance fees are eligible to be reimbursed and COST recommends buying them.

More about the COST Action “Sustainability@Leave” (CA21150) [here](#).

