

Life Course Dynamics: Insights from Sequence Analysis

An EPC side event organized by Sequence Analysis Association

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Room G - Plesso Belmeloro – Via Andreatta, 8 Bologna

Schedule Overview

9:00-9:10 Welcome and Introduction

Emanuela Struffolino - President of the Sequence Analysis Association

9:10-10:50 Session 1

Chair: Carla Rowold

- **Claudia Reiter**
Fathers' Parental Leave and Couples' Joint Labour-Market Trajectories
- **Margherita Odasso**
U.S. Return Migration and Partnership Trajectories in Mexico
- **Kim McErlean**
Where are All the Egalitarian Couples? A Cross-National Examination of Couples' Work and Family Life Courses
- **Sophia Fauser**
Work-Hour Mismatches among Parents in Germany: A Dynamic Analysis on Post-Birth Employment and Work-Hour Preference Trajectories

Coffee break (10:50-11:10)

- **Ottavio Khalifa**
Clustering Methods for Categorical Time Series and Sequences : a Scoping Review
- **Aart-Jan Riekhoff**
Late-Career Trajectories in Segregated Labour Markets: A Comparative Study of Register Data from Sweden and Finland
- **Jesse Vinnari**
Layered Life Course Dynamics in Ageing Populations: Integrating Single-, Multi-Channel, and Turning-Point Sequence Designs
- **Linda Vecgaile**
When and What Matters in the Late-Career Path to Predict Poverty? A Diagnostic Sequence Approach Using Transformers

Lunch break (13:00-14:00)

- Keynote: **Zachary Van Winkle**, *Science Po Paris*
Trajectories of Spousal Caregiving prior to Widowhood across European Countries
- **Elder Lara Castañeda**, *Science Po Paris*
Applying Sequence Analysis to the Study of Population Dynamics in Marital Status

Coffee break (15:00-15:20)

- **Michał Taracha**
Social Media Use and Union-Formation Trajectories Among Young Adults in Europe
- **Mei Kagawa**
Dynamic Sequence Analysis and the Duration of Early-career Scarring: Cohort Differences in Japan's School-to-work Transitions
- **Shabnam Khezri**
Dynamics of Segregation: Linking Lives and Life Courses across Changing Neighbourhoods
- **Maximilian Reichert**
Describing Accumulation and Depletion of Contextual Resources during Childhood by Analysing Vector Embeddings of Multidimensional Life Course Sequences

Useful Information

The workshop is held at University of Bologna, Plesso Belmeloro Room G – Via Andreatta, 8.

The Sequence Analysis Association (SAA) aims to promote research, teaching and diffusion of sequence analysis (SA) and its relationships with related methods. You can join the association (free of charge) at <https://sequenceanalysis.org/membership>.

The organizing committee is composed by: Danilo Bolano (University of Florence), Kevin Emery (University of Geneva), Carla Rowold (Hertie School of Governance) Dolores Sesma Carlos (University of Valencia) and Emanuela Struffolino (University of Milan).

Participation is free of charge.

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