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Early Career Fellow, Leverhulme Trust, University of Cambridge
Non-stipendiary Research Fellow, Darwin College

Research Interests

Labour force participation, Gender equality, Subjective well-being, Life course studies

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, August 2002 - May 2007

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

Dissertation title: *“Adaptation, Assets, and Aspirations. Three Essays on the Economics of Subjective Well-Being”*

Advisor: Richard A. Easterlin, University Professor and Professor of Economics

Master of Arts in Economics, August 2002 - August 2005

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

Bachelor of Arts in European Economic Studies, October 1998 - September 2001

Otto-Friedrich-Universität, Bamberg, Germany

Research Appointments

Postdoctoral Research Fellow

April 2010 - present

Leverhulme Trust Early Career Fellowship and Isaac Newton Trust, Cambridge

Faculty of Politics, Psychology, Sociology and International Studies, University of Cambridge

Research Associate

March 2008 - March 2010

ESRC Gender Equality Network

Faculty of Politics, Psychology, Sociology and International Studies, University of Cambridge

Research Associate

May 2007 - February 2008

Centre for Economics & Policy, IfM, University of Cambridge

Research Assistant

Fall 2004 - Summer 2006

for Richard A. Easterlin, Department of Economics, USC

Research Funding

Leverhulme Trust Early Career Fellowship

April 2010 - present

Project title: *Female labour force participation and well-being*

Isaac Newton Trust, Cambridge

April 2010 - present

provides matching funding for Leverhulme Trust Early Career Fellowship

Honors and Awards

Non-stipendiary Research Fellowship

Darwin College, Cambridge

October 2009-2012

Best Dissertation Award

International Society for Quality of Life Studies (ISQOLS)

November 2007

SOEP-Prize 2007, Second Prize

Best publication by a junior researcher using the German Socio-Economic Panel

May 2007

Final Year Dissertation Fellowship

USC College of Letters, Arts and Sciences

August 2006 - May 2007

Poster award, Second Prize

Fourth International Positive Psychology Summit, Washington, DC

September 2005

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award

Department of Economics, USC

Spring 2004

Journal Publications

Anke C. Plagnol and Jacqueline Scott. "What matters for well-being: Individual perceptions of quality of life before and after important life events". *Applied Research in Quality of Life*. (forthcoming).

Anke C. Plagnol. "Financial satisfaction over the life course: The influence of assets and liabilities". *Journal of Economic Psychology*. 32(1), pp. 45-64, 2011.

Anke C. Plagnol. "Subjective well-being over the life course: Conceptualizations and evaluations". *Social Research: An International Quarterly*. 77(2), pp. 749-768, Summer 2010.

Anke C. Plagnol and Felicia A. Huppert. "Happy to help? Exploring the factors associated with variations in rates of volunteering across Europe". *Social Indicators Research*, 97(2), pp. 157-176, June 2010.

Anke C. Plagnol, Emma Rowley, Paul Martin and Finbarr Livesey "Industry perceptions of the barriers to commercialization of regenerative medicine products in the UK". *Regenerative Medicine*, 4(4), pp. 549-559, July 2009.

Jacqueline Scott, Jane Nolan and Anke C. Plagnol. "Panel data and open-ended questions: Understanding perceptions of quality of life". *21st Century Society*. 4(2), pp. 123-135, June 2009.

Anke C. Plagnol and Richard A. Easterlin. "Aspirations, attainments, and satisfaction: Life cycle differences between American women and men" *Journal of Happiness Studies*. 9(4), pp. 601-619, December 2008.

Richard A. Easterlin and Anke C. Plagnol. "Life satisfaction and economic outcomes in Germany pre- and post-unification". *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization* 68(3-4), pp. 433-444, December 2008.

Anke C. Zimmermann and Richard A. Easterlin. "Happily ever after? Cohabitation, marriage, divorce, and happiness in Germany". *Population and Development Review*. 32(3), pp. 511-528, September 2006.

Book Chapters

Anke C. Plagnol. "Chasing the 'good life': gender differences in work aspirations of American men and women", chapter in: Elizabeth Eckermann (ed.). *Gender, Lifespan and Quality of Life: International Perspectives*. Springer, forthcoming.

Jacqueline Scott, Anke C. Plagnol and Jane Nolan. "Perceptions of quality of life: Gender differences across the life course", chapter in Jacqueline Scott, Rosemary Crompton and Clare Lyonette (eds.). *Gender Inequalities in the 21st Century: New Barriers and Continuing Constraints*, Edward Elgar, pp. 193-212. Edward Elgar (2010).

Work in Progress

Jacqueline Scott, Shirley Dex and Anke C. Plagnol (eds.). *Gendered Lives: Gender Inequalities in Production and Reproduction*. Edward Elgar (forthcoming 2012).

Jacqueline Scott and Anke C. Plagnol. "Work-family conflict in Northern Europe - does policy mitigate, gender and life course effects?" in Jacqueline Scott, Shirley Dex and Anke C. Plagnol (eds.). *Gendered Lives: Gender Inequalities in Production and Reproduction*. Edward Elgar (forthcoming 2012).

Olga N. Shemyakina and Anke C. Plagnol. "Ethnicity, subjective well-being and armed conflict: Evidence from Bosnia-Herzegovina".

Kelly Musick and Anke C. Plagnol. "Trajectories of change in fertility intentions over the life course".

Presentations

Seminar "Greater gender equality, (un)happier families?", University of Cambridge	Dec. 2010
Quantitative Social Science seminar, Institute of Education, University of London	March 2010
Darwin College Humanities Group seminar, Cambridge	March 2010
Workshop on Happiness and the Economy, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco	Sept. 2009
9th Conference of the European Sociological Association, Lisbon, Portugal	Sept. 2009
IX International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies conference, Florence, Italy	July 2009
Third Conference of the European Survey Research Association, Warsaw, Poland	July 2009
Sociology Seminar, Department of Sociology, University of Cambridge	October 2008
GeNet Gender Equality Symposium, Queens' College, University of Cambridge	Sept. 2008
Social Stratification Research Seminar, Clare College, Cambridge	Sept. 2008
International Workshop on Adaptation and Reference Values, Brunel University	Nov. 2007
International Conference on Hedonic Adaptation and Predictions, Harvard University	Sept. 2007
7th Conference of the International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies (ISQOLS)	
Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa	July 2006
IAREP/SABE Congress, Paris, France	July 2006
3rd European Conference on Positive Psychology, Braga, Portugal	July 2006
Population Association of America, 2006 Annual Meeting, Los Angeles	April 2006
Symposium on the Economics of Happiness	
University of Warwick, USC Institute for Economic Policy Research, Los Angeles	March 2006
Fourth International Positive Psychology Summit, Washington, DC	Sept. 2005
Second Workshop on Capabilities and Happiness, Milan, Italy	June 2005
Population Association of America, 2005 Annual Meeting, Philadelphia	March 2005
Sixth International Society for Quality of Life Studies Conference, Philadelphia	Nov. 2004

Academic Contributions

Conference and Seminar Organisation:

Organised Humanities and Social Sciences seminar, Darwin College (2010-2011)

Co-organised McMenemy seminars, Trinity Hall, Cambridge (2009)

Co-organised seminars at the University of Cambridge on gender equality:

- GeNet Gender Equality Symposium, Queens' College, Cambridge, September 2008
- The Credit Crunch: Gender Equality in Hard Times, Queens' College, Cambridge, March 2009
- Gender Inequalities in the 21st Century, Queens' College, Cambridge, March 2009
- Gender Equality in Paid and Unpaid Work, London, December 2009

Co-organised workshops in London and at the University of Cambridge on the future of regenerative medicine (September and November 2007)

Helped organised symposium on subjective well-being at USC with 20 invited international speakers (March 2006)

Journal Refereeing:

British Journal of Industrial Relations, International Review of Economics Education, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Journal of Happiness Studies, Journal of Social Science and Medicine, Journal of Socio-Economics, Schmollers Jahrbuch, Social Indicators Research, The Sociological Quarterly

Training:

University Teaching Associate University of Cambridge, 2008-2010

Trainer on courses organized by the Student Development Programme at the University of Cambridge.

Teaching Assistant Fellow Center for Excellence in Teaching, USC, 2006-2007

Contributed to the development of training curricula for teaching assistants by combining personal teaching expertise with research on best practices of learning and teaching.

Public Engagement and Impact

Co-organised seminar held as part of the ESRC Festival of Social Science

- The Credit Crunch: Gender Equality in Hard Times, Queens' College, Cambridge, March 2009

Research cited in numerous newspapers and magazines, including:

Research on concepts of quality of life (2010)

- Telegraph; Independent; New Zealand Herald; Express; The Medical News; Cambridge News; WM Magazine

Research on aspirations (2008):

- BusinessWeek; Daily Mail; Ottawa Citizen; USA Today; Telegraph; Washington Post

Research on marriage and happiness (2006):

- Los Angeles Times

Teaching Experience - University of Cambridge

Lecturer Quantitative Methods, Michaelmas Term 2009 and 2010

Faculty of Politics, Psychology, Sociology and International Studies

Four hours of lectures on quantitative research methods in social sciences. Setting of essay questions and reading lists, marking essays. Lectures are part of Int Ia and Ib, Inquiry and Analysis I.

Supervisor Small group tutorials for Quantitative Methods, Michaelmas Term 2009 and 2010

Advised undergraduate students on writing 2,500 word essays on quantitative research methods.

Teaching Experience - University of Southern California

Lecturer (Instructor) Sophomore Seminar, *The Science of Happiness*, Spring 2007

A 2-unit seminar with 10 students from all majors. The seminar introduced participants to interdisciplinary research on subjective well-being.

Head Teaching Assistant for Econ 205 - Introduction to Macroeconomics (Prof. Easterlin)

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Spring 2004

Introductory undergraduate class in macroeconomics with almost 300 students. Coordinated and supervised four teaching assistants and taught one discussion session with about 20 students.

Invited guest lecturer Department of Economics:

Econ 432 - Economics of Happiness (Prof. Easterlin), 2 guest lectures, Fall 2006

Econ 432 - Economics of Happiness (Prof. Easterlin), 4 guest lectures, Fall 2005

Econ 499 - Economics of Happiness (Prof. Easterlin), 2 guest lectures, Fall 2004

Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics:

- Econ 340 - Economics of Less Developed Countries (Prof. Tan), Fall 2003
Graded exams and assignments in a class of 30 undergraduates.
- Econ 348 - Current Problems of the American Economy (Prof. Moore), Fall 2003
Graded class papers in a class of 40 undergraduates.
- Econ 205 - Principles of Macroeconomics (Prof. Al-Sabea), Spring 2003
Taught two discussion sessions with 20-30 students each.
- Econ 203 - Principles of Microeconomics (Prof. Al-Sabea), Fall 2002
Taught two discussion sessions with 20-30 students each.

Special courses taken:

GRSC 850ab: *The Future Professoriate*, Center for Excellence in Teaching, USC, 2005-2006

Selected from a university-wide pool of applicants to participate in an intensive year-long program on the development of practical skills and theoretical knowledge necessary for leadership, research, and teaching within the academic field.

Languages

German: native

English: fluent, written and spoken

French: advanced, written and spoken

Spanish: intermediate, written and spoken

Portuguese: intermediate, written and spoken