The seminar will be held on 11-12 September 2008 in Madrid, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Campus de Getafe.

Understanding Children’s Work Project plays an active role in efforts to increase awareness and facilitate the exchange of information about child labour. In this framework, the Project has begun a series of seminars and workshop in collaboration with leading institutions, aiming at presenting research findings on child labour and discussing their implication for policy. The first seminar of this series took place in Washington in April 2007 and the second in Paris in December 2007.

The ILO estimates that 218 million children were engaged in child labour in 2004. Of these, well over half (126 million) were in hazardous forms of work, meaning work “likely to jeopardize/harm their health, safety or morals” (ILO Conventions Nos. 138 and 182). Children are often forced to work because their survival and that of their families depend on it: vulnerability plays perhaps the most important role in determining child labour. Nonetheless, multiple and overlapping factors contribute to child labour. Child labour may form part of a household’s strategy for dealing with risk, making them less vulnerable to losses of income arising from individual or collective shocks. Access to basic services, credit availability, social safety net coverage and
cultural attitudes towards schooling, inter alia, are other factors that research suggests are linked to child labour. Child labour is also closely related to youth employment outcomes, as early labour force involvement prevents the accumulation of the human capital necessary for gainful employment during early adulthood and beyond. From a long term perspective, the child labour represents a major failure to build human capital, and perpetuates poverty.

Child labour and children’s right to education are also closely linked. Parents may involve their children in labour rather than school because the school is inaccessible, or is of poor quality and therefore not seen as being worth the investment of their children’s time. Indeed, there is broad consensus that the single most effective way to stem the flow of school age children into work is to extend and improve access to school, so that families have the opportunity to invest in their children’s education and it is worthwhile for them to do so. With no access to quality education, millions of children are left to work, often in dangerous and exploitative conditions. The international community's efforts to achieve Education For All (EFA) and the progressive elimination of child labour are therefore inextricably linked.

UCW Project and the Instituto Figuerola of Universidad Carlos III de Madrid are organizing a two-day seminar to present recent research on child labour and its linkages with educational and youth employment outcomes. The seminar will also aim at identifying key information gaps relating to these themes, thereby helping to guide future research efforts.
Agenda

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Opening Remarks (14:00 – 14:30)

Alvaro Escribano, Vicerrector de Relaciones Internacionales y Cooperación, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid.

Joan R. Roses, Universidad Carlos III

Furio C. Rosati, Understanding Children’s Work Project, University of Rome ‘Tor Vegata’

Guillermo Dema, IPEC Coordinator for Central America, Dominican Republic and Haiti

Afternoon session I (14:30 – 15:00)

Introduction

Alessandro Cigno, University of Florence

Afternoon session II (15:00 – 17:00)

Education

Chair: Eric Edmonds

The determinants of school attainment in Turkey and impact of extension compulsory education

Presenting author: Idil Goksel (Bocconi University)

Child labour and school attendance: evidence from MICS and DHS surveys

Presenting author: Friedrich Huebler (UNICEF)

Child labour and education: evidence from SIMPOC data

Presenting author: Federico Blanco (ILO/IPEC)

Child labour and education in Latin America: an empirical review

Presenting author: Zafirs Tzannatos (World Bank)

Discussant: Harry Patrinos
Coffee break (17:00 – 17:30)

Afternoon session II (17:30 – 19:30)
The labour market: child labourers and youth employment

Chair: Alessandro Cigno

Child labour demand
Presenting author: Furio C. Rosati (UCW)

The effect of child labour and low education on adult’s labour market experience: the case of Guatemala
Presenting author: Francesca Francavilla (University of Florence)

What hides behind extended youth employment duration in Bosnia and Herzegovina: evidence from individual level data
Presenting author: Yonca Gurbuzer (Université Paris I)

El trabajo infantil y los problemas de la inserción laboral juvenil en Centroamérica, Panamá y República Dominicana
Presenting author Guillermo Dema (IPEC/ILO)

When manna comes from abroad. Remittances and youth labour market behavior in Albania
Presenting author: Michela Braga (Bocconi University)

Discussant: Joan Roses
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Breakfast (9:00 – 09:30)

Morning session I (9:30 – 11:15)
Child labour and the worst forms of child labour

Chair: Lorenzo Guarcello

A positive stigma for children’s work
Presenting author: Harry Patrinos (WB)

Lifetime health consequences of child labour in Brazil
Presenting author: Chanyoung Lee (Bank of Korea)

Measuring the worst forms: the case of begging children in Senegal
Presenting author: Maurizia Tovo (World Bank)

Hazardous child labour in Peru: lessons from research
Presenting author: Anna Ensing (IREWOC)

Discussant: Eric Edmonds

Coffee break (11:15 – 11:45)
Morning session II (11:45 – 13:30)

Children and vulnerability

Chair: Zafiris Tsannatos

Building resilience, ensuring protection: responses to child vulnerability in the context of rising food prices
Presenting author: Charlotte Harland (UNICEF)

Family income and child outcomes: the 1990 cocoa price shock in Cote d’Ivoire
Presenting author: Rémi Jedwab (Paris School of Economics)

Child labor and schooling responses to production and health shocks in northern Mali
Presenting author: Andrew Dillon (Cornell University and IFPRI)

Discussant: Lorenzo Guarcello

Lunch Break (13:30 – 14:30)
Afternoon session I (14:30 – 17:15)
The impact of policies

**Chair:** Harry Patrinos

**The heterogeneous impact of conditional cash transfer programs on child labour: the case of Tekoporã in Paraguay**
Presenting author: Guilherme Issamu Hirata (International Poverty Centre – UNDP)

**Leveling the intra-household playing field: compensation and specialization in child labour allocation**
Presenting author: Ximena del Carpio (World Bank)

**Microfinance, street children and the capability approach**
Presenting author: Badreddine Serrokh (University of Bruxelles)

**Poverty alleviation and child time allocation**
Presenting author: Eric Edmonds (Darthmouth College, IZA and NBER)

**Discussant:** Zafiris Tzannatos

Coffee Break (17:15 – 17:45)

Afternoon session II (17:45 – 19:30)
Round Table: Intervention Strategies

Panelists from the following institutions are expected to participate:
ILO/IPEC, Manuel Garcia (Coordinator for South America)
UCW, Furio Camillo Rosati
UNICEF, Charlotte Harland
Carlos III de Madrid, Alvaro Escribano
World Bank, Harry Patrinos
World Bank, Maurizia Tovo
Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores de España, María Noguerol