

# “Women researchers in economics: challenges and opportunities”

May 11 (10:30–13 AM)

Room 13.001 **NEW** Ramon Turró Building, Ciutadella Campus,  
Universitat Pompeu Fabra

The Barcelona School of Economics is pleased to invite you to a special session on the challenges and opportunities faced by women that pursue a research career in economics. The idea is to give participants the opportunity to listen to, and discuss with, some of Barcelona’s leading women economists regarding career prospects in economics.

The activity is mainly intended for female participants, although all interested students are welcome to attend.

If you are interested in participating, please write to Olga Adame ([oadame@crei.cat](mailto:oadame@crei.cat)) and let her know so you can be included in the mailing list.

## **Mentors:**

[Libertad González](#) (Professor of Economics, UPF and BSE, organizer)

Libertad González is a professor of Economics at Universitat Pompeu Fabra and Affiliated Professor of the BSE. Originally from Dos Hermanas (Spain), she holds a PhD in Economics from Northwestern University, and has been a visiting scholar at Columbia University and Boston University. Her research lies in the areas of labor, public, and health economics. She has worked on topics that include the economic effects of immigration, and the effects of public policy on fertility, female labor supply, and child health.

[Elisa Giannone](#) (Researcher, CREI-UPF and BSE)

Elisa Giannone is a researcher at CREI and an Affiliated Professor at the BSE. She is Italian and received her PhD in Economics from the University of Chicago in 2017. Prior to joining CREI, she was a post-doctoral fellow at the International Economics Section at Princeton University in 2017-2018, and an Assistant Professor of Economics at Penn State University. Her research interests include macroeconomics, regional and urban economics, international trade, and development economics.

[Emilia Simeonova](#) (Professor, John Hopkins University and NBER)

Emilia Simeonova is a professor of Economics at Johns Hopkins University (currently visiting Pompeu Fabra). She is originally from Bulgaria, and has a PhD in Economics from Columbia University (2008). Her research is in the areas of health economics, education economics, and intergenerational mobility. Her work has been published in many top international journals.

[Sandra Pérez Rodríguez](#) (PhD candidate, Maastricht University)

Sandra Pérez is a PhD student at Maastricht University. Originally from Spain, she received her Bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Oviedo in 2018, and then her Master's from Maastricht University. Her research interests are in the areas of labor and education economics. In her dissertation, she investigates the relationship between information, preferences, expectations, and study choice.

### **Schedule (tentative)**

#### **10:30-11:30 Room 13.001 Short presentations by mentors (+ discussion)**

Each mentor will give a short presentation discussing some aspect of her career (e.g., how they decided to study economics, what they like/don't like about their job, why they decided to become a researcher/get a PhD, what their day-to-day life as an economist is like). There will also be time for questions and discussion from the group.

#### **11:30-11:50 Pati Anglès Coffee break**

#### **11:50-12:40 Rooms 13.001, 13.002, and 13.003 Small group meetings**

Each mentor will be assigned to a small group of students, and they will have a smaller gathering where they should be able to talk more openly about different issues, such as: any questions the students may have about what studying economics is like, different job opportunities/career paths, etc.

#### **12:45-13 Room 13.007 Farewell Remarks**

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