

## ***Ensuring Work-Family Balance***

**Panel discussion in observance of the International Day of Families 2012**

### **Biographical Notes of Panellists**

**Professor Margaret O'Brien** (Ph.D., 1984, London School of Economics) co-directs the University of East Anglia Centre for Research on the Child and Family in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

She is a clinical psychologist with long-standing research interests in: fatherhood and work-family policy; and fathers, parenting and family life, in which areas she has published widely. Professor O'Brien serves on the editorial board of the *Journal of Fathering* and on several international and national advisory and government boards including: the Equality and Human Rights Commission Working Better Programme; the Caribbean Support Initiative Programme on Child-Rearing Research; the UNICEF international consultative group on child-friendly cities; and the International Network on Leave Policies and Research. In 2011 she contributed to the UN Report *Men in Families and Family Policy in a Changing World*.

**Dr. Jody Heymann** is the Founding Director of the Institute for Health and Social Policy, the World Policy Analysis Centre, and the Project on Global Working Families. An internationally renowned researcher on health and social policy, Dr. Heymann holds a Canada Research Chair in Global Health and Social Policy. She has authored and edited over 200 publications, including *Changing Children's Chances* (Harvard University Press, Forthcoming), *Profit at the Bottom of the Ladder* (Harvard Business Press, 2010), *Raising the Global Floor* (Stanford University Press, 2009), *Trade and Health* (McGill Queens University Press, 2007), *Forgotten Families* (Oxford University Press, 2006), *Healthier Societies* (Oxford University Press, 2006) and *Unfinished Work* (New Press, 2005). This research provides an in-depth look at how social policies affect the ability of individuals, families and communities to meet their health needs across the political, economic and social spectrum worldwide.

Deeply committed to translating research into policies and programs that will improve individual and population health, Dr. Heymann has worked with leaders in North American, European, African, and Latin American Governments as well as a wide range of intergovernmental organizations including the World Health Organization, the International Labor Organization, UNICEF, and UNESCO. Central to her efforts are bridging the gap between research and policymakers, and Dr. Heymann's research has been presented to heads of state and senior policymakers around the world.

**Dr. Meejung Chin** is an Associate Professor in the Department of Child Development and Family Studies at Seoul National University. She received her Ph.D. in Human Development and Family Studies from Pennsylvania State University and completed her post-doctoral fellowship at the Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago.

Her research interests include family policy and family demography. Her projects have examined family policy development, work-family balance, family friendly community, and changes in family structure in the Republic of Korea. Recently she has started a nine year

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**Dr. Corina Rodríguez Enríquez** is an economist at the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina. She holds an MA in Public Policy and Administration from the Institute of Social Studies at the Hague and a PhD in Social Sciences from the Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

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**Dr. Nurper Ulkuer** is Senior Advisor for Early Childhood, and Head of Early Childhood Development Programmes at UNICEF in New York.

Dr. Ulkuer has worked as UNICEF Area Advisor in Central Asian Republics and Kazakhstan (CARK), providing technical and professional support to UNICEF Country Offices and their national counterparts in Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan. She started her career with UNICEF in 1989, as a national education officer in Turkey, also covering areas of Early Childhood Development, Communication for Women, Research and Monitoring, Child Protection, Policy Planning and Advocacy. Prior to UNICEF, she was as an Associate Professor, and the Chair of Child Development at Gazi University in Ankara, Turkey.

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