

## Prize in memoriam of Etta Chiuri

### 2012 Edition

In compliance with the statutory prescriptions, the Committee in charge of awarding the prize in memoriam of Etta Chiuri, second edition (2012), was composed as follows:

- Prof. Giorgio Brosio, as the President of the Società italiana di economia pubblica (SIEP);
- Prof. Sergio Destefanis, as the President of the Associazione italiana economisti del lavoro (AIEL);
- Prof. Daniela Del Boca, as the Director of the Centre for Household, Income, Labour and Demographic economics (CHILD);
- Prof. Tullio Jappelli, as the Director of the Centre for Studies in Economics and Finance (CSEF);
- Prof. Ernesto Longobardi, on behalf of the “Comitato premio Etta Chiuri”.

The members of the Committee met online systematically, starting from June 17<sup>th</sup> till September 5<sup>th</sup> 2012. Over this period, they examined the 33 articles submitted for the prize both singularly and comparatively.

The work of the Committee was extremely difficult given the overall quality of the papers presented. In the selection process and in the final evaluation, besides the scientific stance and the innovative contribution to the literature, particular attention has been reserved to the closeness of the subject with those of Etta Chiuri's research.

Eventually, the selection process resulted in the decision of awarding the 2012 Etta Chiuri Prize to Eva Garcia-Moràn e Zoë Kuehn for the joint paper: “*With Strings Attached: Grandparent-Provided Child care, Fertility, and Female Labor Market Outcomes*” (April 2012). The motivation for this decision is as follows:

“The Garcia-Moràn-Kuehn paper analyses a very crucial issue for the social welfare of several countries: the role of the extended families in the care of young children. In absence of child care availability and child care subsidies, grandparents play an important role in allowing mothers to continue working after childbirth. The authors use a general equilibrium model to assess the interactions of public policies with family decisions. Using a large data set from Germany, they find positive impacts on fertility and labour market attachment.

The originality of the paper is the explicit consideration not only of the advantages, but also of the spatial restrictions and the potential costs in terms of labour market outcomes implied by grandparents provided child care. When these important factors are taken into account, the results show that hourly wages of mothers residing close to the parents/inlaws are lower than those residing elsewhere.

The paper provides an important contribution to the debate of policies aimed at increasing labour force participation in a more realistic framework.”

In the final decision of the Committee the Garcia-Moràn-Kuehn paper received 4 out of 5 votes, as one member of the Committee, prof. Sergio Destefanis, chose the paper by Roberto Galbiati and Giulio Zanella, “*The Tax Evasion Social Multiplier: Evidence from Italy*” (Draft January 2012).