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The Economic Child

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For over 200 hundred years economics has never consider children as economic agents, as it has always focused on the world and activities of adults (possibly young, western, and with a disposition to play lotteries).

Things are now changing, both because markets and firms are more and more interested in children behavior and consider them as important consumers but also because studying children behavior helps in understanding the development process behind the establishment of certain patterns of individual and interactive choice.

Comparing adults' and children behavior may shed light on the works of factors important for economic behavior such as equity concerns, attribution of intentions, frames, formation of norms, reciprocity, trust and so on).

A more fundamental question, investigated especially in experimental psychological, refers to the very possibility to investigate children economic behavior using the same paradigm developed for adults. Differences in choices and outcome should be interpreted as violations of the standard view of rationality or as instances of a different model of rationality?

The conference "The economic child" has the ambition of gathering scientists from all over the world and from different disciplines with the intent of producing a first synthesis of experimental and theoretical works on this subject.

Topics of Interest Include Experimental or Field Researches on:

- Children & behavioral economics
- Children's development of economic behavior
- Cognitive and neuro-scientific approaches to the development of economic behavior
- Bargaining by children
- Psychology of children's understanding of market and economic forces

Keynotes speakers:

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Paper Format and Submission

Authors must submit a two-page extended abstract.

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