

# Family Decisions

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- Objective: think about the recent parental leave reform in Denmark. How does more leave for fathers affect the labor supply of both parents, their future fertility, and their marriage? Does the policy work as intended? The goal is to understand why (not).

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- The next step is to integrate the complex interactions in a quantitative economic models. This is both the key challenge and the key innovation of this project.
- I want to push the frontier and allow for the joint analysis of marriage/divorce, labor supply, and fertility in a unified framework to facilitate better policy design.

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- Why me? Extensive experience with the models considered, documented in both published and ongoing work. Unique combination of applied/theoretical, computational, and empirical skills.



**Thank you for your attention.**

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