

***The environmental and social  
factors of maternal/child health -  
What are the most critical issues  
to be tackled in Taiwan?***

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# Agenda

- The mission of maternal-child health research
- The environmental and social factors of maternal-child health
- Fertility, sterility and fertility rate
- What we ought to do

# *Maternal-child health research – The mission and strategy*

- ***Mission:***

Promote social well-being by improving maternal-child health

- ***Strategy:***

(1) Propose an integrated approach to improve fertility and maternal-child health.

(2) Provide evidence to arouse social consciousness and to help shaping policy.

# *Major problems*

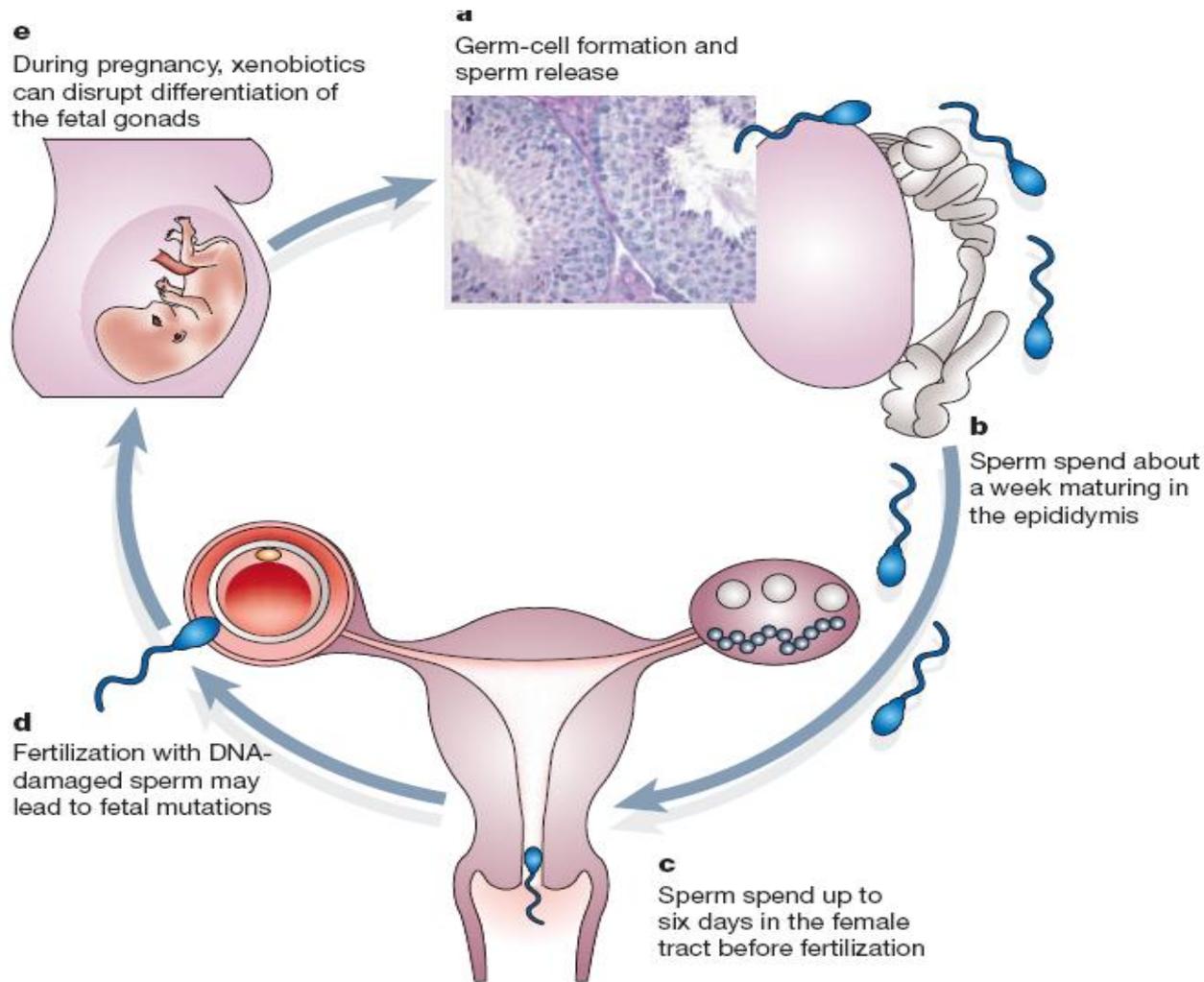
- Infertility (sub-fertility)
- Pregnancy complications as well as high-risk infants
- Congenital anomalies, genetic syndromes, developmental delay/intellectual deficit
- Allergic disease and immune dysfunctions
- Mental health



***Prenatal , perinatal, postnatal factors all contribute to all of these problems.***

# *Developmental origin of health and disease (DOHaD) hypothesis*

- Early life exposures can influence disease outcomes throughout the entire lifespan of an organism
- **Examples:**
  - (1) Obesity and metabolic syndrome
  - (2) Precocious puberty, infertility and reproductive failures
  - (3) Allergic diseases
  - (4) Mental health and neurobehavioral problems
  - (5) Endocrine-related tumors
  - (6) Cardiovascular disease (and others)



## Seeds of Concern

During the past few decades, worries about environmental threats to human health have centered on the possible induction of cancers. Now risks to the male germ line, both real and potential, are also causing disquiet.

*Nature 2004;432:48*

**Dermal exposure**  
Cosmetics, body creams  
Deodorants  
Shampoos  
Perfumes

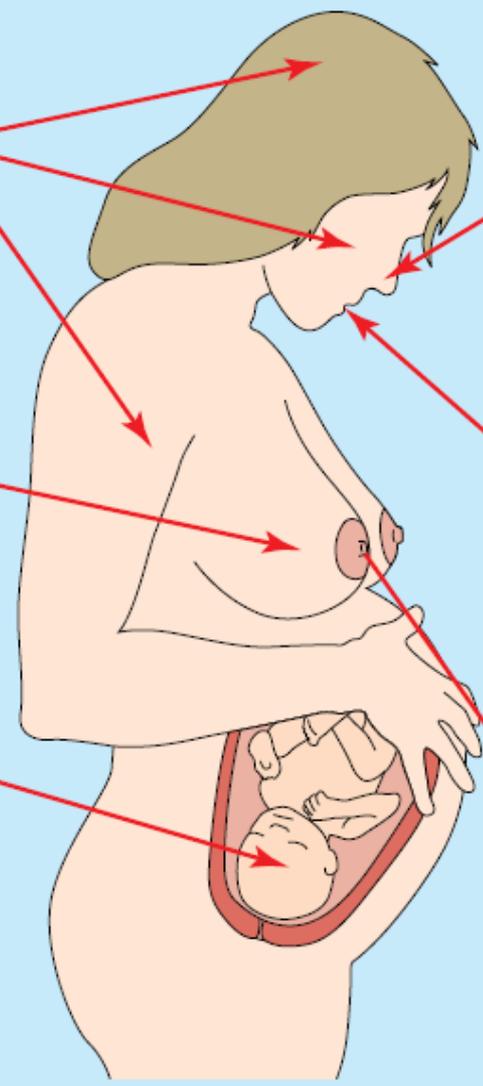
**Inhalation exposure**  
PAHs  
PBDEs  
Plasticisers  
?Heavy metals

Accumulation of lipophylic chemicals (DDT/DDE, PCBs, ?PBDEs)

**Oral exposure**  
Food contaminants  
Plasticisers  
PAHs  
Organochlorines  
Pesticides or fungicides  
Heavy metals

Transfer from mother to fetus or to amniotic fluid, or both

Transfer of lipophylic chemicals to offspring by breast feeding



Richard M Sharpe, D Stewart Irvine  
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**Routes of human exposure to some common environmental chemicals.**

DDE=1,1-dichloro-2, 2-bis(p-chlorophenyl)ethylene,  
DDT=dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane, PAHs=polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons,  
PCBs=polychlorinated biphenyls



# Support mothers to secure future public health

Evidence that long-term health is shaped by the environment in early life calls for prenatal interventions to tackle chronic disease, argue **David Barker** and colleagues.

***Nature Magazine, 2013;504:211***

# *Contaminants of emerging concern (CEC) have been linked to*

- Allergy (asthma, atopic dermatitis, allergic rhinitis)
- Gonad: poor semen quality, premature menopause, poor quality of oocyte (embryo), failed implantation
- Sexual development: precocious puberty, hypospadias, cryptorchidism, micropenis
- Metabolism: obesity, type II DM, PCOD
- Endocrine-related tumors: breast cancer, endometrial cancer; endometriosis, uterine leiomyoma, adenomyosis

# *Other possible links*

- Recurrent miscarriage
- Preterm labor, preeclampsia, gestational DM
- Fetal growth restriction
- Abnormal behavior and learning problems (including ASD, ADHD)
- Thyroid dysfunction
- Autoimmune dysfunction

# Some well known environmental contaminants in Taiwan

- PCB
- Dioxin
- Phthalate
- Nonylphenol
- Heavy metals
- Fine particles



***Are there neglected contaminants?***

# Sources

- Ambient air
- Food
- Water
- Occupation and others
- *Stress (too complicated to be address?)*
- *Poverty (too complicated to be address?)*

# Ambient air (air pollution)

## Environmental Health Perspective 2014

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### Disease Burdens Associated with PM<sub>2.5</sub> Exposure

#### How a New Model Provided Global Estimates

Like traffic jams and cell phones, particulate air pollution is a reality of modern living. Whether it's from cigarette smoking, industrial emissions, or the burning of wood and dung for fuel, fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) has been strongly linked to cardiovascular disease, inflammation, lung cancer, and other lung diseases.<sup>1,2</sup> As part of the Global Burden of Disease Study (GBD) 2010 collaboration,<sup>3</sup> an international



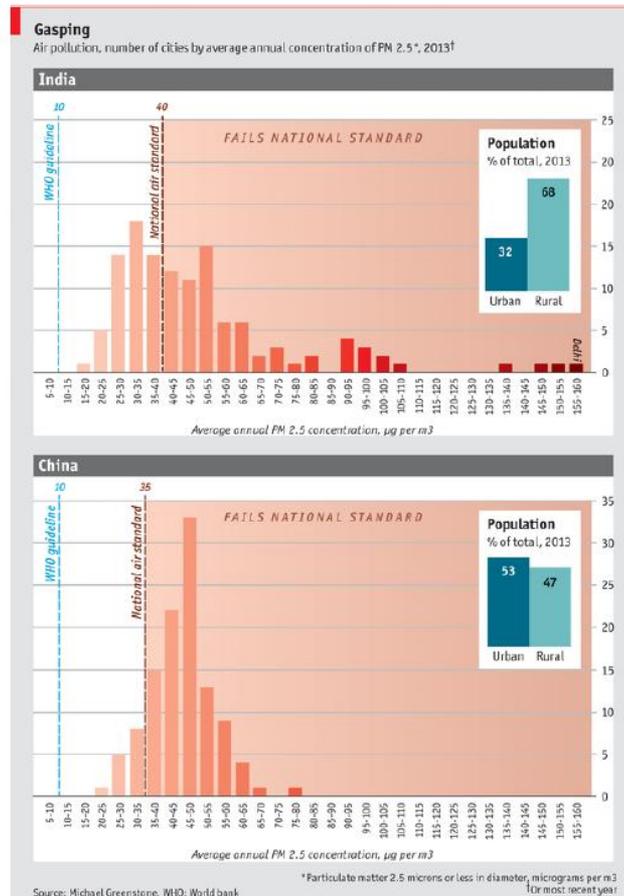
The GBD 2010 team incorporated information about the health risks of PM<sub>2.5</sub> from ambient air pollution, active smoking, secondhand smoke, and indoor burning of solid fuels into an integrated exposure-response model. Clockwise from upper right: © Zlrafek/iStockphoto; © David Young-Wolff/Getty; © Crispin Hughes/Panos; © Mac99/iStockphoto

## The Economist 2016

### India v China

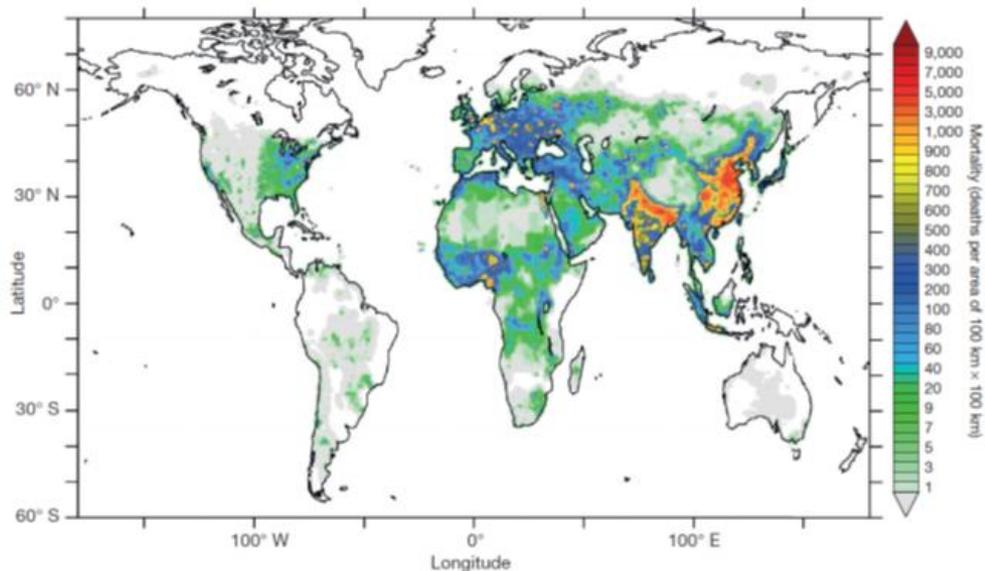
#### Airpocalypse

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## The contribution of outdoor air pollution sources to premature mortality on a global scale

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**Figure 1 | Mortality linked to outdoor air pollution in 2010.** Units of mortality, deaths per area of  $100\text{ km} \times 100\text{ km}$  (colour coded). In the white areas, annual mean PM<sub>2.5</sub> and O<sub>3</sub> are below the concentration–response thresholds where no excess mortality is expected.

# *Air pollution has been linked to*

- Preterm labor
- Stillbirth
- Birth defect
- Fetal growth restriction
- Neurobehavioral development
- Allergic disease



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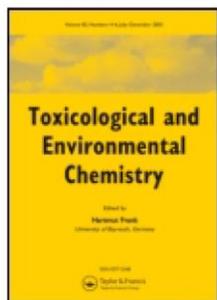


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# Perfluoroalkyl substances (PFASs)

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Research | Children's Health

2015

## Association between Maternal Serum Perfluoroalkyl Substances during Pregnancy and Maternal and Cord Thyroid Hormones: Taiwan Maternal and Infant Cohort Study

Yan Wang,<sup>1</sup> Walter J. Rogan,<sup>1</sup> Pau-Chung Chen,<sup>2,3,4</sup> Guang-Wen Lien,<sup>2</sup> Hsiao-Yen Chen,<sup>5</sup> Ying-Chih Tseng,<sup>6</sup> Matthew P. Longnecker,<sup>1</sup> and Shu-Li Wang<sup>1,5,7</sup>

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2016

## Perfluoroalkyl substances in cord blood and attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder symptoms in seven-year-old children

Guang-Wen Lien<sup>a</sup>, Ching-Chun Huang<sup>a, b</sup>, Jia-Shian Shiu<sup>a</sup>, Mei-Huei Chen<sup>a</sup>, Wu-Shiun Hsieh<sup>c</sup>, Yue-Liang Guo<sup>a, b, \*\*, 1</sup>, Pau-Chung Chen<sup>a, b, d, \*, 1</sup>



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2016

## Association of perfluoroalkyl substances exposure with reproductive hormone levels in adolescents: By sex status

Yang Zhou<sup>a,1</sup>, Li-Wen Hu<sup>a,1</sup>, Zhengmin (Min) Qian<sup>b</sup>, Jen-Jen Chang<sup>b</sup>, Chris King<sup>c</sup>, Gunther Paul<sup>d</sup>, Shao Lin<sup>e</sup>, Pau-Chung Chen<sup>f, g</sup>, Yungling Leo Lee<sup>g, h, \*</sup>, Guang-Hui Dong<sup>a, \*\*, 1</sup>



# *Academic or Public Ignorance?*

- Water
- Heavy metals, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, insecticides, etc.
- Cosmetics, toys, personal-care products, furniture, house wares, etc.
- Occupation hazards
- Stress
- Poverty

## Risk of Stillbirth in the Relation to Water Disinfection By-Products: A Population-Based Case-Control Study in Taiwan

2012

Bing-Fang Hwang<sup>1\*</sup>, Jouni J. K. Jaakkola<sup>2</sup>



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Environmental Research 104 (2007) 390–395

*Environmental  
Research*

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2007

Association between trihalomethane concentrations in drinking water and adverse pregnancy outcome in Taiwan

Chun-Yuh Yang<sup>a,\*</sup>, Zhi-Ping Xiao<sup>a</sup>, Shu-Chen Ho<sup>b</sup>, Trong-Neng Wu<sup>c</sup>, Shang-Shyue Tsai<sup>d</sup>

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OPEN Impacts of Typhoon Soudelor (2015) on the water quality of Taipei, Taiwan

2015

Received: 09 October 2015

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Hoda Fakour<sup>1</sup>, Shang-Lien Lo<sup>1</sup> & Tsair-Fuh Lin<sup>2</sup>

## Relationship between Blood Lead Concentrations and Learning Achievement among Primary School Children in Taiwan<sup>1</sup>

Chao-Ling Wang,<sup>\*,†</sup> Hung-Yi Chuang,<sup>‡,§</sup> Chi-Kung Ho,<sup>†,‡</sup> Chun-Yuh Yang,<sup>§</sup> Jin-Lian Tsai,<sup>†</sup>  
Ting-Shan Wu,<sup>||,¶</sup> and Trong-Neng Wu<sup>†,2</sup>

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## Childhood blood lead levels and intellectual development after ban of leaded gasoline in Taiwan: A 9-year prospective study

Po-Chin Huang<sup>a</sup>, Pen-Hua Su<sup>b,c</sup>, Hsin-Yi Chen<sup>d</sup>, Han-Bin Huang<sup>a,f</sup>, Jin-Lian Tsai<sup>e</sup>,  
Hsin-I Huang<sup>a</sup>, Shu-Li Wang<sup>a,g,\*</sup>

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## *In utero* exposure to environmental lead and manganese and neurodevelopment at 2 years of age

Ching-Chun Lin<sup>a</sup>, Yu-Chuan Chen<sup>a</sup>, Feng-Chiao Su<sup>a</sup>, Chien-Mu Lin<sup>b,c</sup>, Hua-Fang Liao<sup>d</sup>,  
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# Heavy metal effect

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2015

RESEARCH ARTICLE

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Relationship between risk factors for infertility in women and lead, cadmium, and arsenic blood levels: a cross-sectional study from Taiwan

Hsiao-Ling Lei<sup>1</sup>, Hsiao-Jui Wei<sup>2,3</sup>, Hsin-Yi Ho<sup>2,3</sup>, Kai-Wei Liao<sup>1</sup> and Ling-Chu Chien<sup>1\*</sup>

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2014

## Maternal Arsenic Exposure and DNA Damage Biomarkers, and the Associations with Birth Outcomes in a General Population from Taiwan

Wei-Chun Chou<sup>1,2</sup>, Yu-The Chung<sup>2</sup>, Hsiao-Yen Chen<sup>2</sup>, Chien-Jen Wang<sup>2</sup>, Tsung-Ho Ying<sup>3</sup>,  
Chun-Yu Chuang<sup>1,\*</sup>, Ying-Chih Tseng<sup>4,9</sup>, Shu-Li Wang<sup>2,5,\*</sup>

# The Flint Incident

*The Economist*

Poisoned water

That Flinty taste

How Michigan's state government endangered the people of Flint

Jan 23rd 2016 | LANSING | From the print edition



How A Stubborn Pediatrician Forced The State To Take Flint's Water Crisis Seriously

Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha side-stepped the bureaucracy when she discovered what was happening in Flint.

01/21/2016 02:15 pm ET

Chris D'Angelo  
Associate Editor, HuffPost Hawaii



**Pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, insecticides, etc.**

## **The Regulation of Transcriptome Responses in Zebrafish Embryo Exposure to Triadimefon**

*Environ Toxicol 2016*

Li-Sung Hsu,<sup>1,3\*</sup> Bin-Hao Chiou,<sup>2</sup> Tung-Wei Hsu,<sup>1</sup> Chien-Chia Wang,<sup>2</sup> Ssu Ching Chen<sup>2\*</sup>

## Health risk assessment of the intake of butyltin and phenyltin compounds from fish and seafood in Taiwanese population

*Chemosphere 2016*

Ching-Chang Lee <sup>a, b</sup>, Ya-Chen Hsu <sup>d</sup>, Yi-Ting Kao <sup>d</sup>, Hsiu-Ling Chen <sup>c, \*</sup>

## **Increased risk of attention-deficit/ hyperactivity disorder associated with exposure to organophosphate pesticide in Taiwanese children**

*Andrology 2016*

<sup>1</sup>C.-J. Yu, <sup>2</sup>J.-C. Du, <sup>3</sup>H.-C. Chiou, <sup>4</sup>M.-Y. Chung, <sup>5</sup>W. Yang, <sup>6</sup>Y.-S. Chen,  
<sup>7</sup>M.-R. Fuh, <sup>8</sup>L.-C. Chien, <sup>2</sup>B. Hwang and <sup>1</sup>M.-L. Chen

# Occupational hazards

- Subfertility
- Pregnancy complications
- Child development



*Have we paid enough attention to them?*

2005

## Environmental and occupational factors affecting fertility and IVF success

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Edward V.Younglai<sup>1</sup>, Alison C.Holloway and Warren G.Foster

CLINICAL OPINION

www.AJOG.org

OBSTETRICS

## Toxic environmental chemicals: the role of reproductive health professionals in preventing harmful exposures

Patrice Sutton, MPH; Tracey J. Woodruff, PhD, MPH; Joanne Perron, MD; Naomi Stotland, MD; Jeanne A. Conry, MD, PhD; Mark D. Miller, MD, MPH; Linda C. Giudice, MD, PhD

2012

Human Reproduction Update, Vol.18, No.3 pp. 284–300, 2012

Advanced Access publication on March 19, 2012 doi:10.1093/humupd/dms005

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reproduction  
update

## Occupational exposure to chemical substances and time to pregnancy: a systematic review

2012

Claudia A. Snijder<sup>1</sup>, Egbert te Velde<sup>1,2</sup>, Nel Roeleveld<sup>3</sup>,  
and Alex Burdorf<sup>1,\*</sup>

2012

## Occupational exposure to chemicals and fetal growth: the Generation R Study

Claudia A. Snijder<sup>1,2</sup>, Nel Roeleveld<sup>3</sup>, Egbert te Velde<sup>2,4</sup>,  
Eric A.P. Steegers<sup>5</sup>, Hein Raat<sup>2</sup>, Albert Hofman<sup>1,6</sup>,  
Vincent W.V. Jaddoe<sup>1,6,7</sup>, and Alex Burdorf<sup>2,\*</sup>

2012

## Congenital heart defects and parental occupational exposure to chemicals

Claudia A. Snijder<sup>1,2</sup>, Ingrid J. Vlot<sup>1</sup>, Alex Burdorf<sup>2</sup>,  
Sylvia A. Obermann-Borst<sup>1</sup>, Willem A. Helbing<sup>3</sup>, Mark F. Wildhagen<sup>1,4</sup>,  
Eric A.P. Steegers<sup>1</sup>, and Régine P.M. Steegers-Theunissen<sup>1,5,6,\*</sup>

*Occupational Medicine* 2012;**62**:88–97  
doi:10.1093/occmed/kqr198

### IN-DEPTH REVIEW

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## Pregnancy in the workplace

2012

H. M. Salihu<sup>1,2</sup>, J. Myers<sup>3</sup> and E. M. August<sup>3</sup>

# *Stress and maternal-child health*

- Correlation exists between stress, reproductive outcomes, and health of the offspring.
- The female employment rate has been increasing globally.
- There is no absolute correlation between working hours and stress.

# 女性參與勞動比例越來越高

Women in the workforce

## Female power

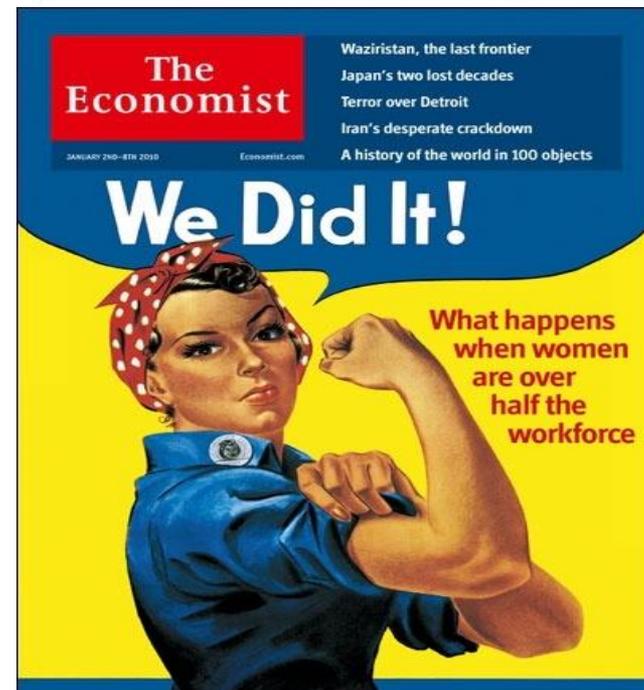
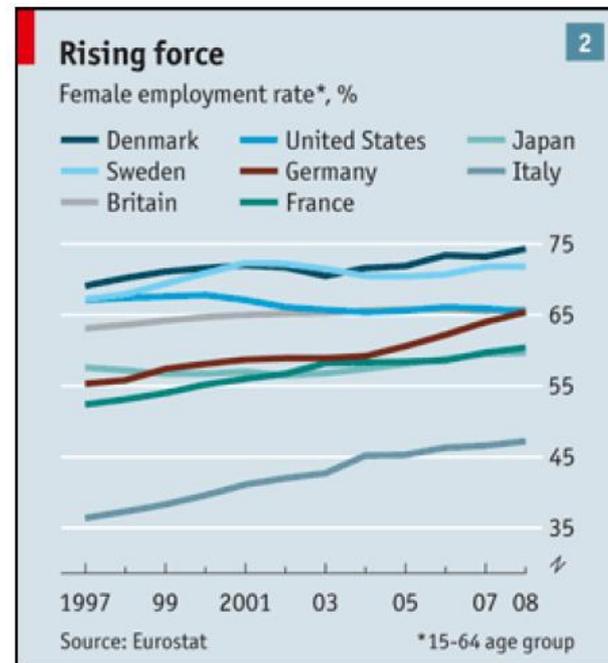
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From *The Economist* print edition

**Across the rich world more women are working than ever before. Coping with this change will be one of the great challenges of the coming decades**



C Dunlop



*The Economist* 2019

## The Economist 1843



What the numbers say

## STRESS TESTING

Working long hours may not be as bad for our health as we think

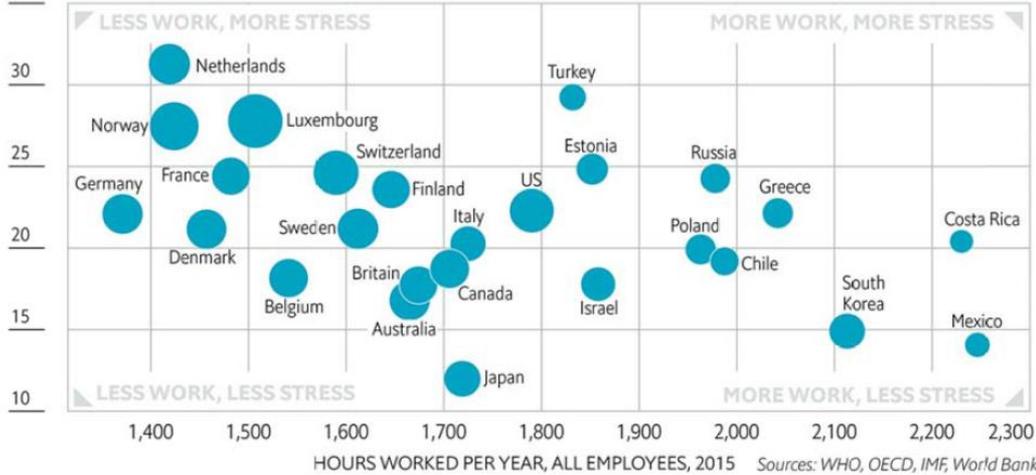
[JAMES TOZER](#) | OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2016

## STRESS LEVELS VERSUS HOURS WORKED

### SELECTED COUNTRIES

YEARS LOST TO ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION PER 1,000 PEOPLE, AGED 30-59, 2012  
35

GDP PER PERSON  
\$, AT PPP\*, 2015



Sources: WHO, OECD, IMF, World Bank  
\*purchasing-power parity

## SUICIDES

### PER 100,000 PEOPLE

South Korea	28.9
Russia	19.5
Japan	18.5
France	12.3
United States	12.1
Germany	9.2
Netherlands	8.2
Britain	6.2
Mexico	4.2
Greece	3.8

*The Economist 1943*

# Working activity and night shift

- (Marginally) increased reproductive risk

*Review*

## Influence of Shift Work on Early Reproductive Outcomes

**Obstet Gynecol 2014**

*A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis*

*Linden J. Stocker, BM, BS, Nicholas S. Macklon, MD, MBChB, Ying C. Cheong, MD, MBChB, and Susan J. Bewley, MD, BMBS*

Int Arch Occup Environ Health (2014) 87:835–849  
DOI 10.1007/s00420-014-0934-9

REVIEW ARTICLE

## Shift work, long working hours and preterm birth: a systematic review and meta-analysis

**2014**

M. J. G. J. van Melick · M. D. M. van Beukering ·  
B. W. Mol · M. H. W. Frings-Dresen ·  
C. T. J. Hulshof

Inequality

## The rich and the rest

What to do (and not to do) about inequality

- Jan 20th 2011 | from PRINT EDITION

# Polarization

## 社會的兩極化

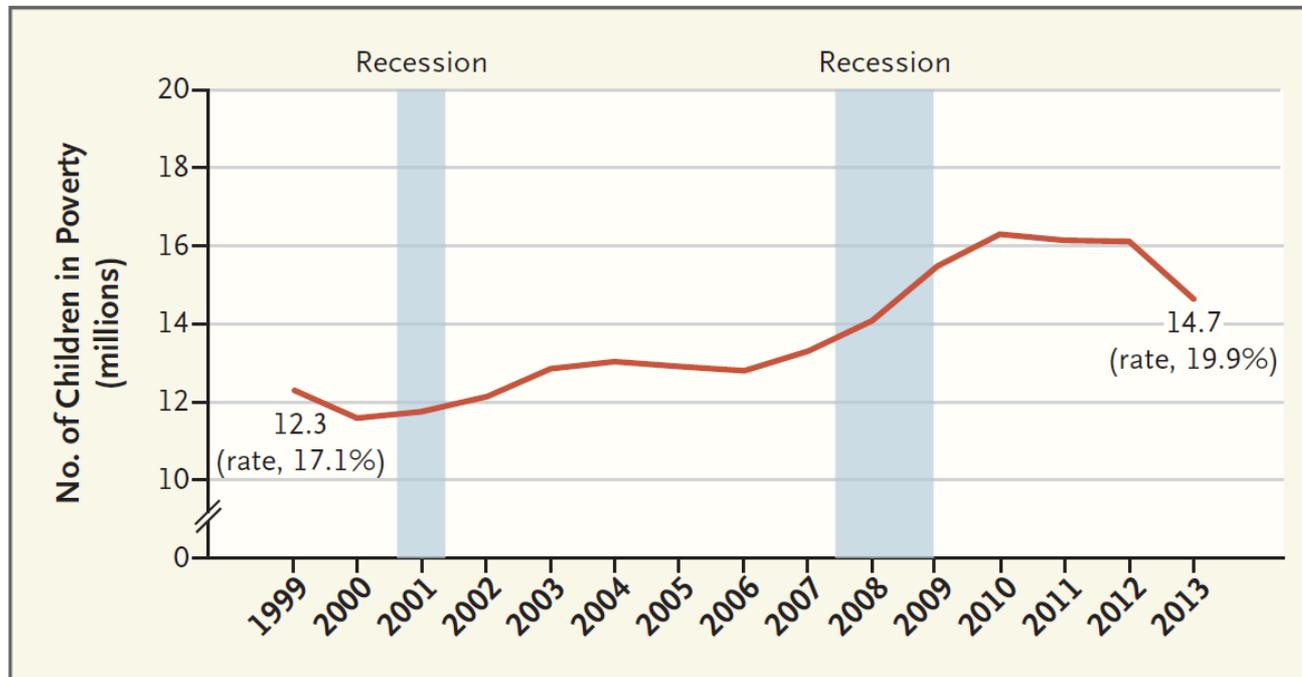


*The Economist 2011*

# Saving Tiny Tim — Pediatrics and Childhood Poverty in the United States

Perri Klass, M.D.

NEJM 2016



Number of Children in Poverty (and Child Poverty Rate) in the United States, 1999–2013.

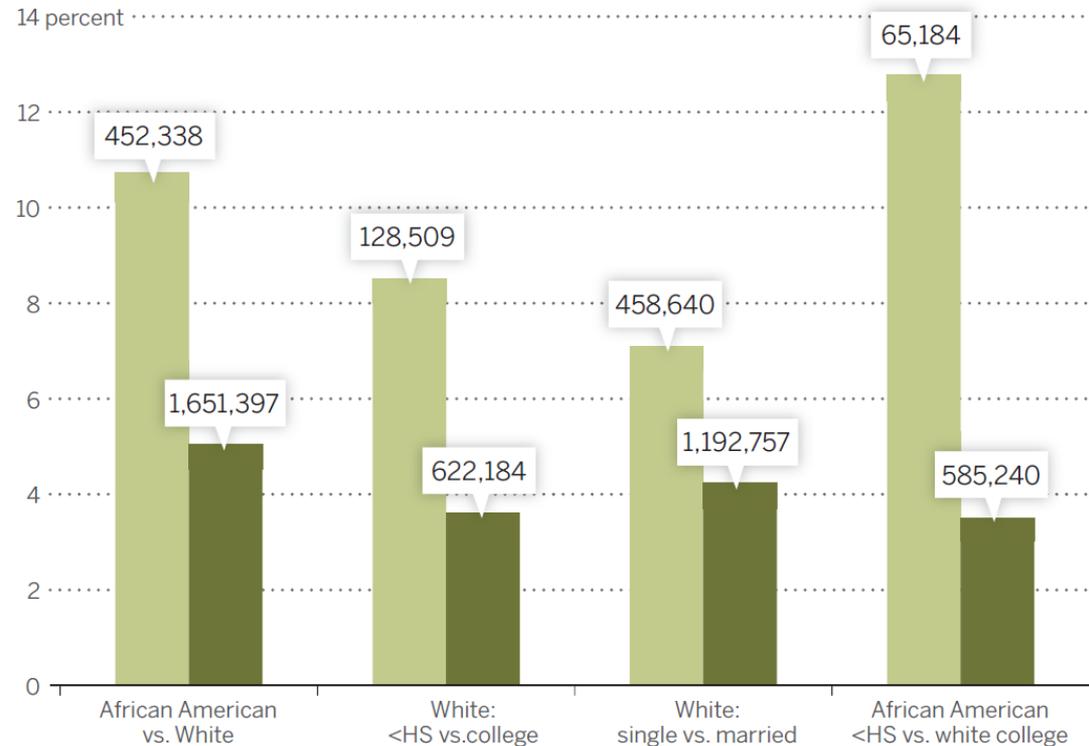
Data are from the U.S. Census Bureau.

# The intergenerational transmission of inequality: Maternal disadvantage and health at birth

Anna Aizer<sup>1,2</sup> and Janet Currie<sup>2,3\*</sup>

## Differences in the percent of U.S. infants with birth weight <2500g, by maternal characteristics, 2011

Low birth weight



## Childhood poverty, chronic stress, and adult working memory

Gary W. Evans<sup>1</sup> and Michelle A. Schamberg

*PNAS 2009*

## Poverty Impedes Cognitive Function

Anandi Mani,<sup>1</sup> Sendhil Mullainathan,<sup>2\*</sup> Eldar Shafir,<sup>3\*</sup> Jiaying Zhao<sup>4</sup>

*Science 2013*

## Family income, parental education and brain structure in children and adolescents

Kimberly G Noble<sup>1,2,32</sup>, Suzanne M Houston<sup>3-5,32</sup>, Natalie H Brito<sup>6</sup>, Hauke Bartsch<sup>7</sup>, Eric Kan<sup>4,5</sup>, Joshua M Kuperman<sup>8-10</sup>, Natacha Akshoomoff<sup>10-12</sup>, David G Amaral<sup>10,13</sup>, Cinnamon S Bloss<sup>10,14</sup>, Ondrej Libiger<sup>15</sup>, Nicholas J Schork<sup>16</sup>, Sarah S Murray<sup>10,17</sup>, B J Casey<sup>10,18</sup>, Linda Chang<sup>10,19</sup>, Thomas M Ernst<sup>10,19</sup>, Jean A Frazier<sup>10,20</sup>, Jeffrey R Gruen<sup>10,21-23</sup>, David N Kennedy<sup>10,20</sup>, Peter Van Zijl<sup>10,24,25</sup>, Stewart Mostofsky<sup>10,25</sup>, Walter E Kaufmann<sup>10,26,27</sup>, Tal Kenet<sup>10,27,28</sup>, Anders M Dale<sup>8-10,29-31</sup>, Terry L Jernigan<sup>10-12,29</sup> & Elizabeth R Sowell<sup>4,5,10</sup>

*Nature Neuroscience 2014*

An epigenetic mechanism links socioeconomic status to changes in depression-related brain function in high-risk adolescents

*Molecular Psychiatry 2016*

JR Swartz<sup>1</sup>, AR Hariri<sup>1,3</sup> and DE Williamson<sup>2,3</sup>

# Socioeconomic Influences on Child Health Building New Ladders of Social Opportunity

JAMA 2014

Neal Halfon, MD, MPH

**Health is an aspiration of health and human need.**

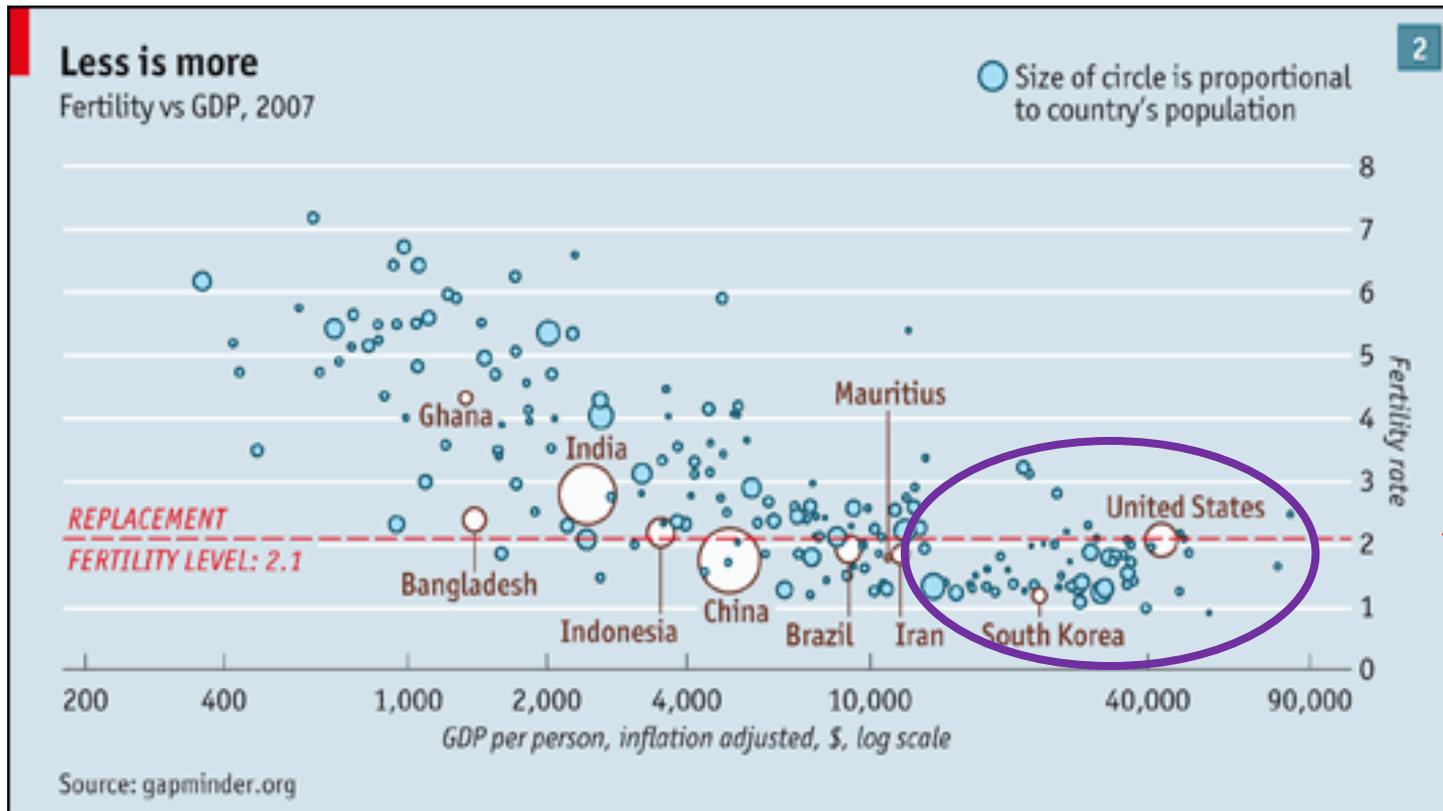
## Original Investigation

# Associations of Housing Mobility Interventions for Children in High-Poverty Neighborhoods With Subsequent Mental Disorders During Adolescence

Ronald C. Kessler, PhD; Greg J. Duncan, PhD; Lisa A. Gennetian, PhD; Lawrence F. Katz, PhD; Jeffrey R. Kling, PhD; Nancy A. Sampson, BA; Lisa Sanbonmatsu, PhD; Alan M. Zaslavsky, PhD; Jens Ludwig, PhD

***Fertility, Sterility, Fertility  
Rate – Complex Intertwining  
issues***

# 在過去，低生育率有助於提升生活水準

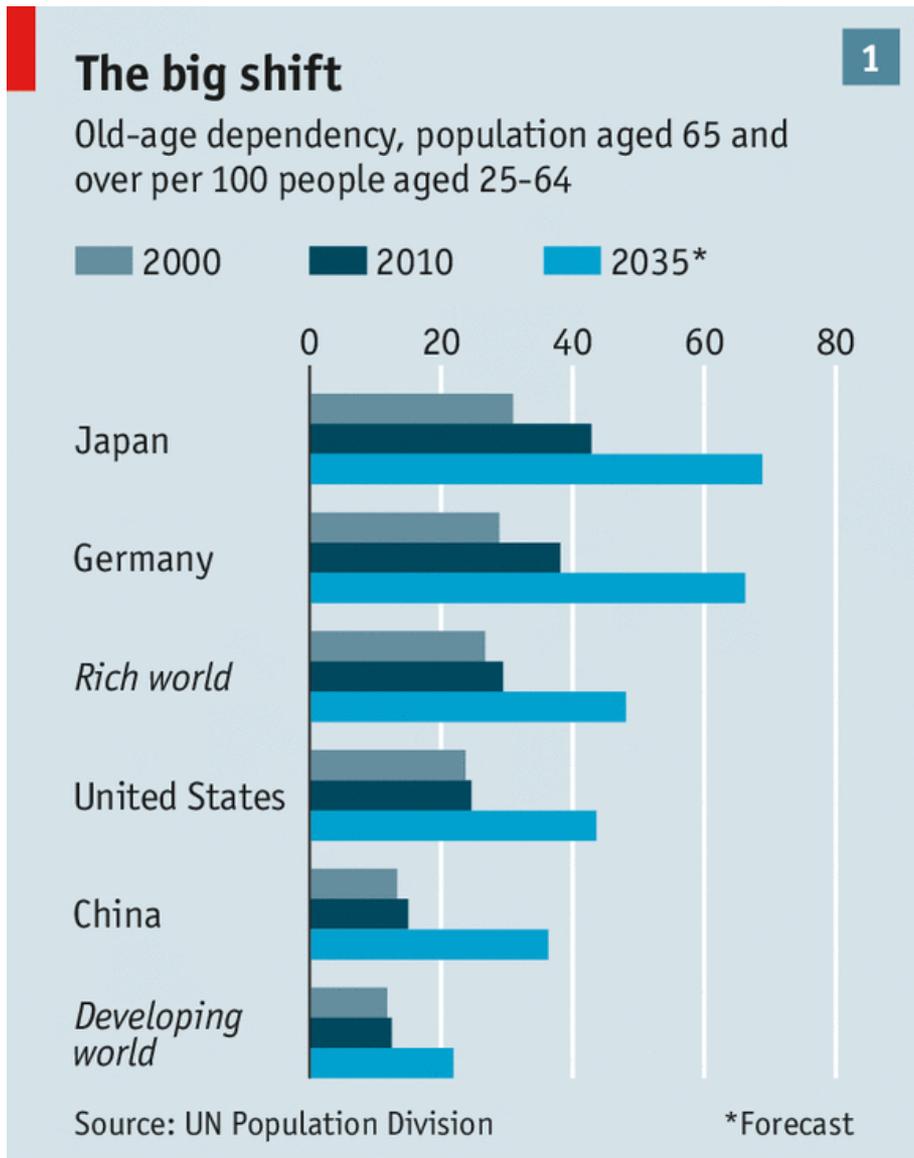


替代生育率 2.1

Fertility and living standards (生育率與生活水平)

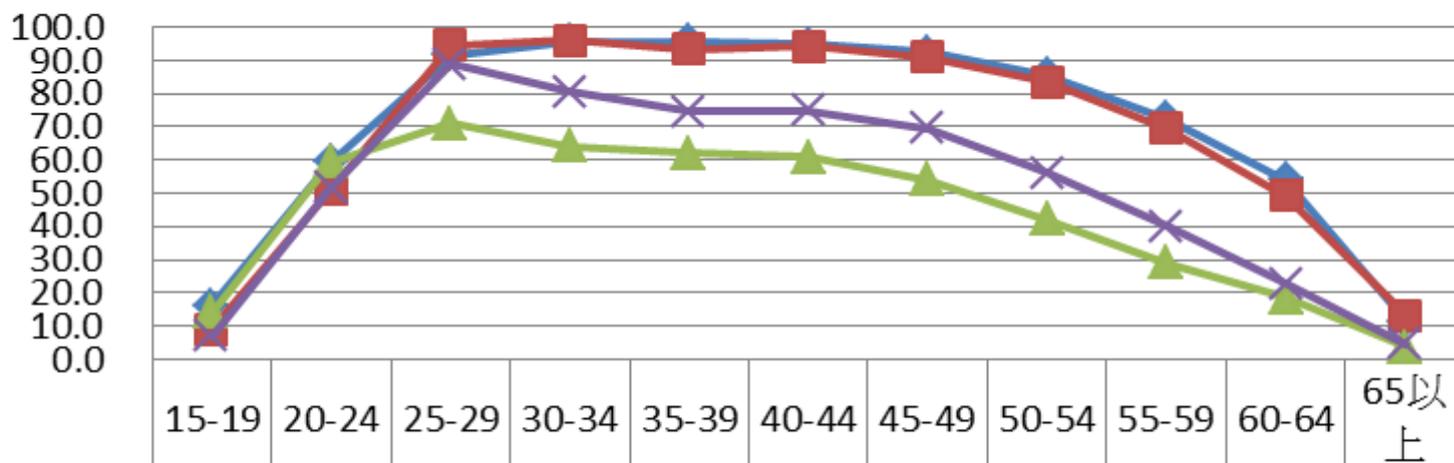
Go forth and multiply a lot less: Lower fertility is changing the world for the better (in the past)

Oct 29th 2009 *The Economist*



*The Economist 2014*

## 台灣男性、女性勞參率 單位：%



◆ 2000(男性)	16.24	59.43	91.49	95.72	95.8	94.91	92.48	85.56	72.59	53.92	11.25
■ 2014(男性)	8.92	50.96	94.58	96.07	93.43	94.32	91	83.46	69.43	49.4	13.31
▲ 2000(女性)	14	59.39	71	64.2	62.21	60.98	54.13	42.14	28.84	18.42	3.73
× 2014(女性)	6.97	51.72	88.84	80.62	74.54	75.02	69.63	56.11	40.04	22.6	4.63

Courtesy of 連賢明教授

# 三頭六臂的女人：如何減少職業婦女的壓力？

*NATUREJOBS | NATUREJOBS BLOG*

## **7 posts to help you find the right work-life balance with children**

04 Mar 2016 | 12:00 GMT | Posted by Jack Leeming | Category: Academia, Blog, Diversity, Faculty



**The Economist**  
**Demography and desire**

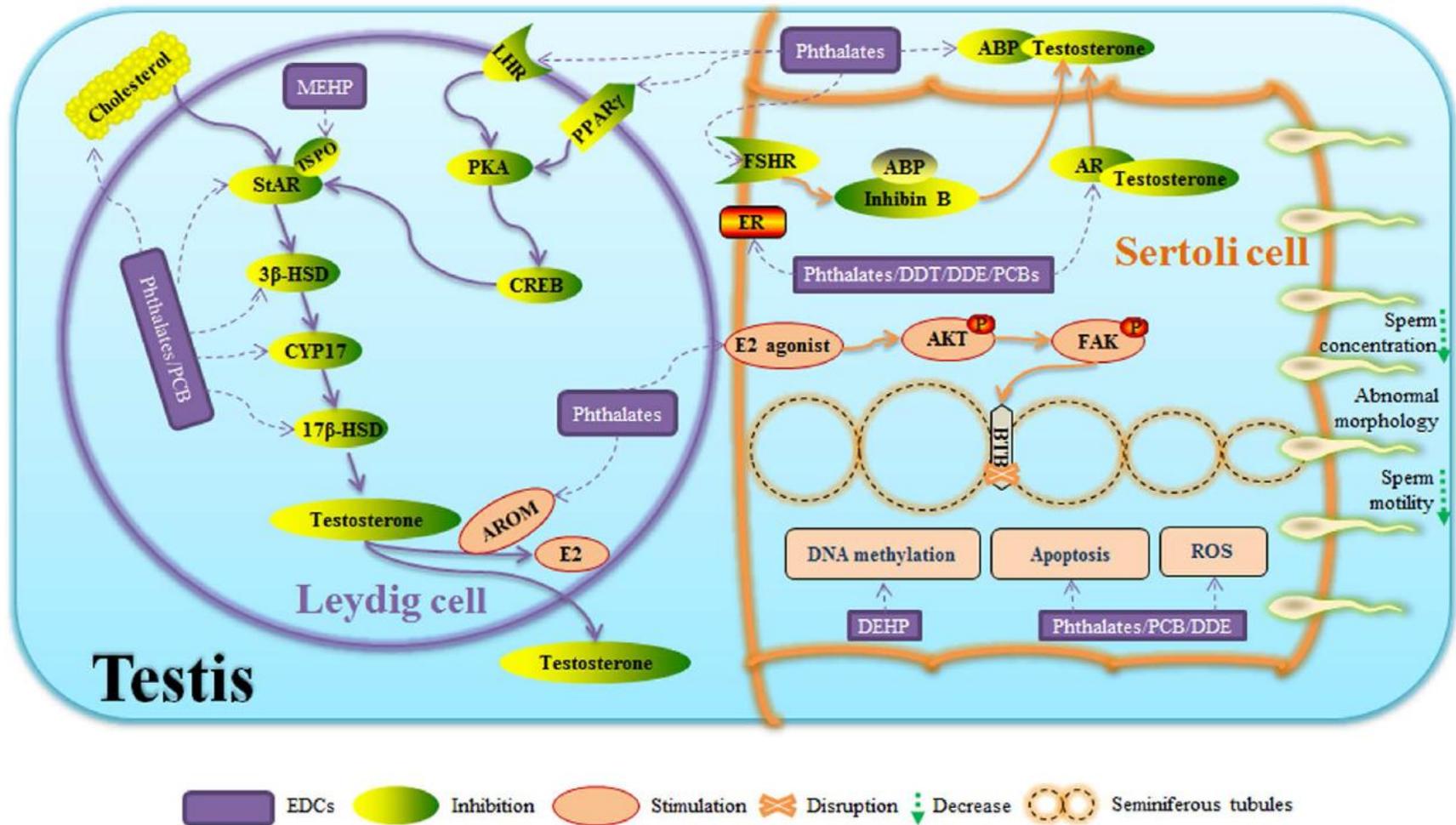
**The empty crib**

Our poll of 19 countries reveals a neglected global scourge: the number of would-be parents who have fewer children than they want—or none at all

**Aug 27th 2016 | ATHENS, LAGOS AND MUMBAI**

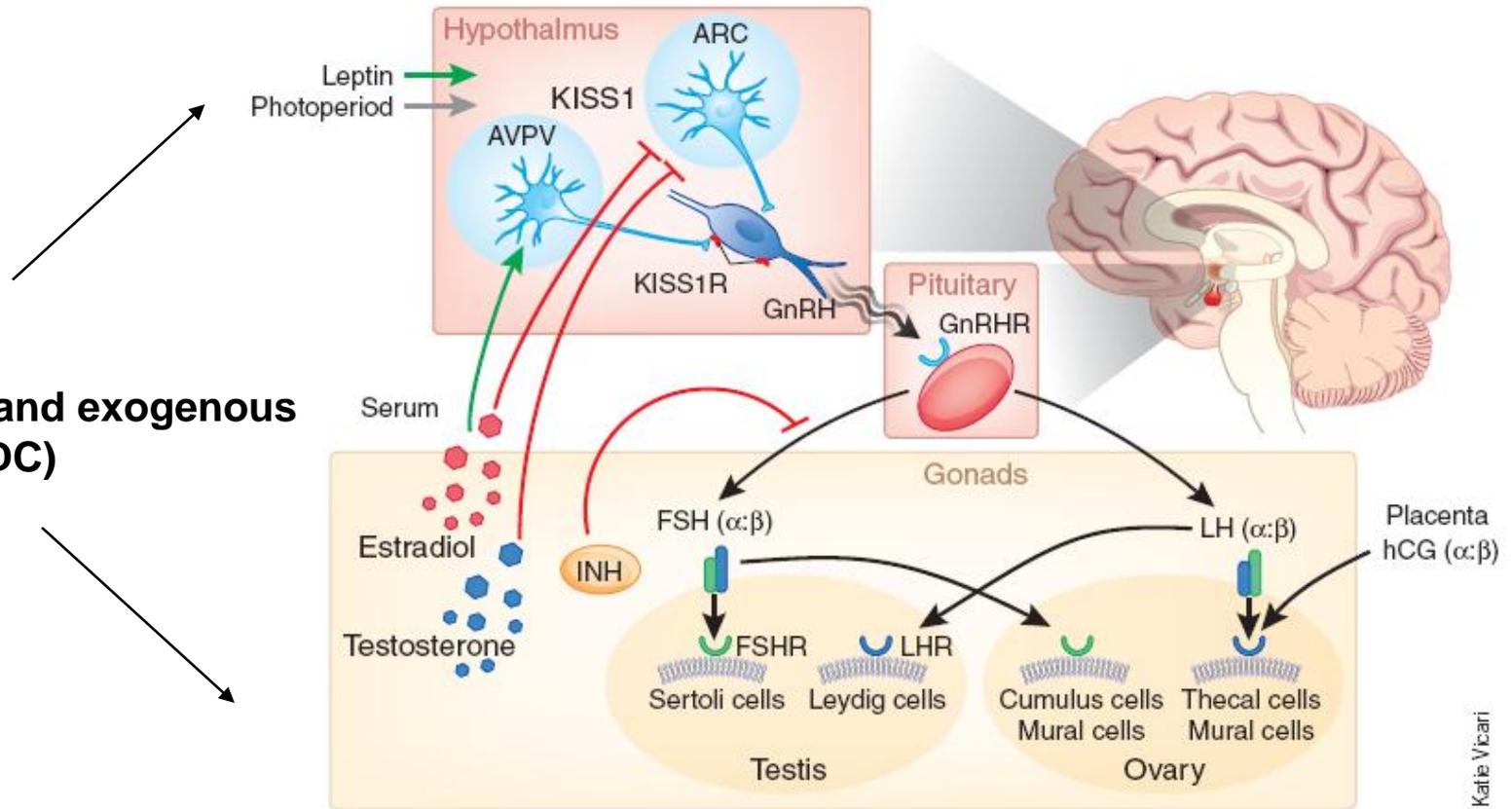


## EDC and spermatogenesis



A schematic mechanism on the effects of phthalate esters and organochlorines on testosterone and sperm quality. The classic EDCs, phthalate esters and organochlorines, in relation to abnormal sperm quality: a systematic review with meta-analysis. [Chao Wang et al. Scientific Reports 2016](#)

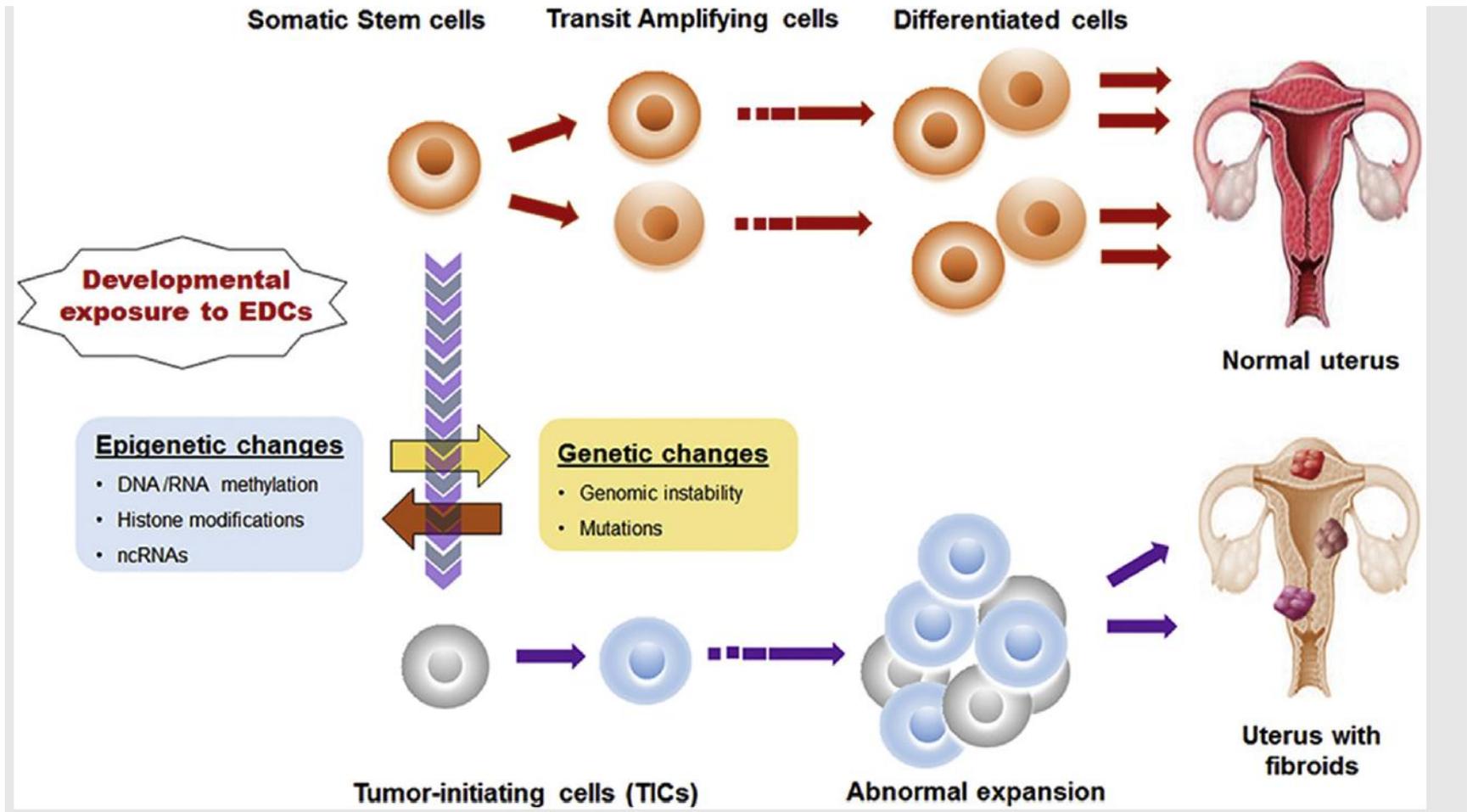
# Environmental contaminants and endocrine dysfunction



## Neuroendocrine control of pituitary and gonadal function

Martin M Matzuk & Dolores J Lamb. **The biology of infertility: research advances and clinical challenges.** *Nature Medicine* 2008 Nov

# EDC and uterine fibroids



Developmental exposure to endocrine-disrupting chemicals (EDCs) induces genetic/epigenetic abnormalities in myometrial stem cells, which lead to uterine fibroid (UF) development. Environmental factors including EDCs induce genetic/epigenetic alterations, thereby leading to the conversion of myometrial stem cells into tumor initiating cells, eventually giving rise to the formation of UFs.

*Tiffany A. Katz et al. EDCs and uterine fibroids. Fertil Steril 2016.*

# *What ought be done?*

- Help couples who crave for babies (but are sub-fertile or miscarry repeatedly).
- Unload environmental and social factors accountable for reproductive problems.
- Provide incentives for child-bearing.

Breaking the baby strike

People in rich countries can be coaxed into having more children. But lazy husbands and lovely cities stand in the way

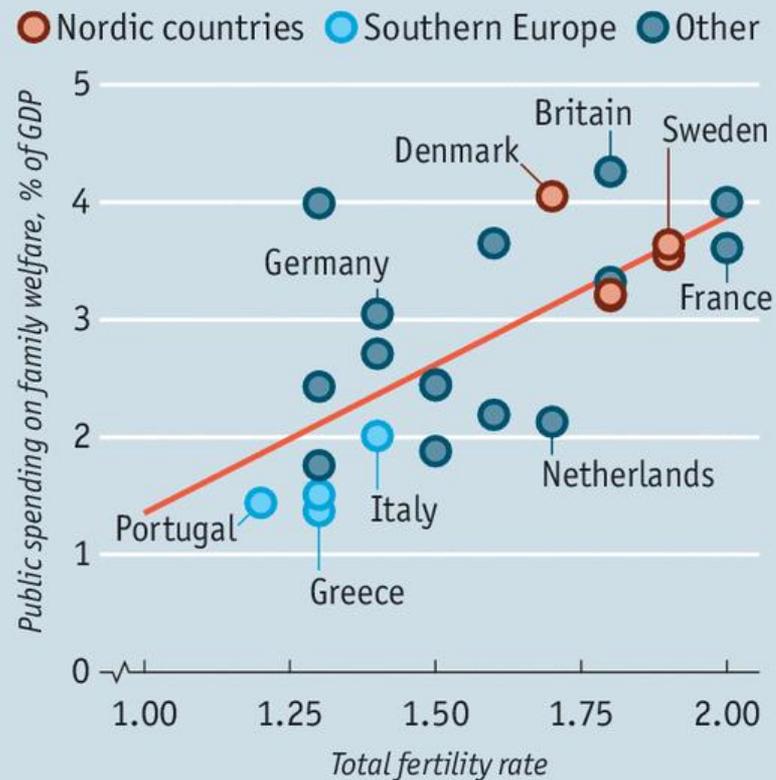
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*The Economist* 2015

## Buy, buy baby

Family-welfare spending and fertility rate in Europe, 2013



Source: OECD

家庭支出與生育率

# 婦幼醫學學門

- 規劃著眼於促進跨領域合作（興利）與打破既有的疆界框架（除弊）兩大目的。
- 導引台灣生命科學領域研究發展之進步。

## • 104年新規劃學門

- 18個學門，47個子學門，33個審查分組。

103.11.10.

新學門	包含學科	學門究主題涵蓋範圍 (scope)
婦幼醫學	婦產醫學	針對婦女及小兒相關疾病；如腫瘤、內分泌、不孕症、更年期、產前、週產期及新生兒、兒童成長與發育、遺傳、兒童及青少年疾病等，研究其病理機轉、診斷、治療與預防之科學。
	小兒醫學	

# *The status quo*

- 最近三年科技部申請計畫，小兒科和婦產科所提出的環境因素和婦幼相關研究計畫都不超過總計畫的10%，通過的比例也未超出平均計畫通過率（大約40%，每年不超過10個計劃）。
- 大部分相關研究經費應該來自科技部其他學門，國衛院、環保署等單位。
- 傳染及免疫疾病是小兒科研究的顯學；婦女癌症是婦產科研究的顯學。「顯學」可能反應次專科之生態或臨床醫師對問題之敏感度。

# 相關單位

- 整合婦幼及環境醫學  
科技部：生命科學研究發展司（ 婦幼醫學學門、社會醫學學門中之環境醫學組、農業環境科學學門 ）、工程技術研究發展司、科教發展及國際合作司、自然科學及永續研究發展司  
前瞻及應用科技司  
衛服部、國衛院

# *What ought to be done?*

- Given over-diversified funding sources, institutional effort is needed to integrate maternal-child health research. (e.g. Generation R study, LIFE study, Project TENDER)
- Establish maternal-child cohort and biobanks
- Identify **priority issues**
- Explore neglected (but critical) issues
- Evidence-based study to reveal disease burden and pave the way to reduce disease burden
- Ethical-legal-social issues: social consciousness, corporate social responsibility (CSR), medical education, the role of governmental regulation, etc.
- Other issues: sin tax and various fiscal tools, energy policy, transformation of industrial structure, etc.

# ***The priority issues - a personal perspective***

- Integrate maternal-child health research (and other environmental health researches) by institutional effort.
- Establish maternal-child cohort, biobanks, as well as **data-sharing policy**.
- All infrastructures are designed to serve common interests of the Taiwanese population by creating a win-win situation for all participants (including academia and study subjects).

# MOCEH Study (Korea)

Science of the Total Environment 481 (2014) 439–445



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