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Why do English-speaking countries have relatively high fertility?

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A free public seminar on

Thursday 25 March 2010, 10:00 am – 11:15 am

to be followed by morning tea

(please arrive by 9:50 am to be seated)

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Seminar room, Level 20, 485 La Trobe Street, Melbourne



In his 1990 work, Danish sociologist Gøsta Esping-Anderson classified developed countries into three distinct welfare-based categories: liberal, conservative and social democratic.

European countries with very low fertility and those with sustainable fertility levels match the Esping-Anderson classification of these countries as “conservative” and “social democratic”.

By contrast, English-speaking countries, essentially the “liberal” countries, have the highest fertility rates among the classified countries, despite theories that predict the opposite.

So why do English-speaking countries have higher comparative fertility?

Join Professor McDonald as he examines and discusses this unexpected trend.

View the [abstract and presenter bio](#).

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