

# Families and policies

*Invited talk*

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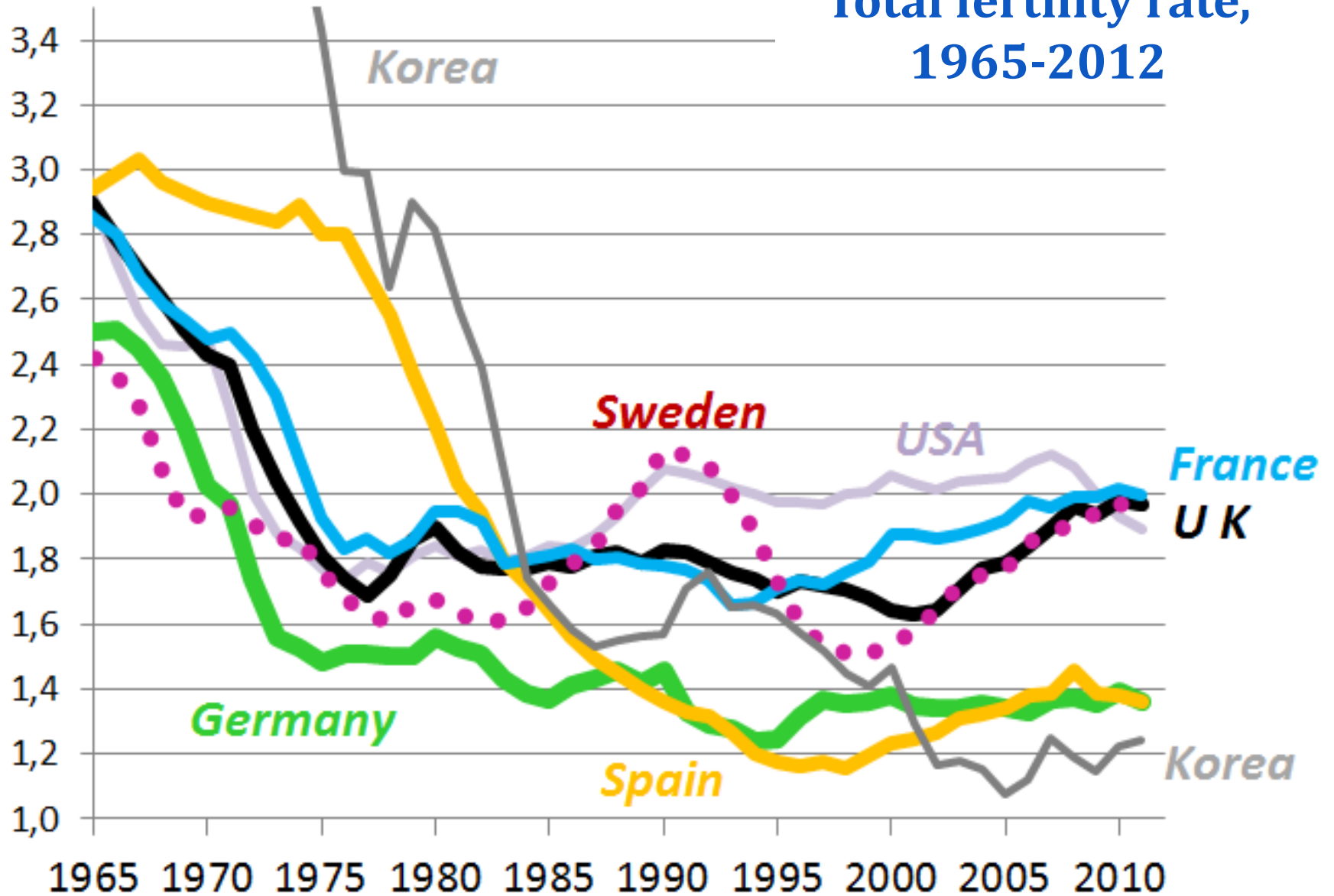
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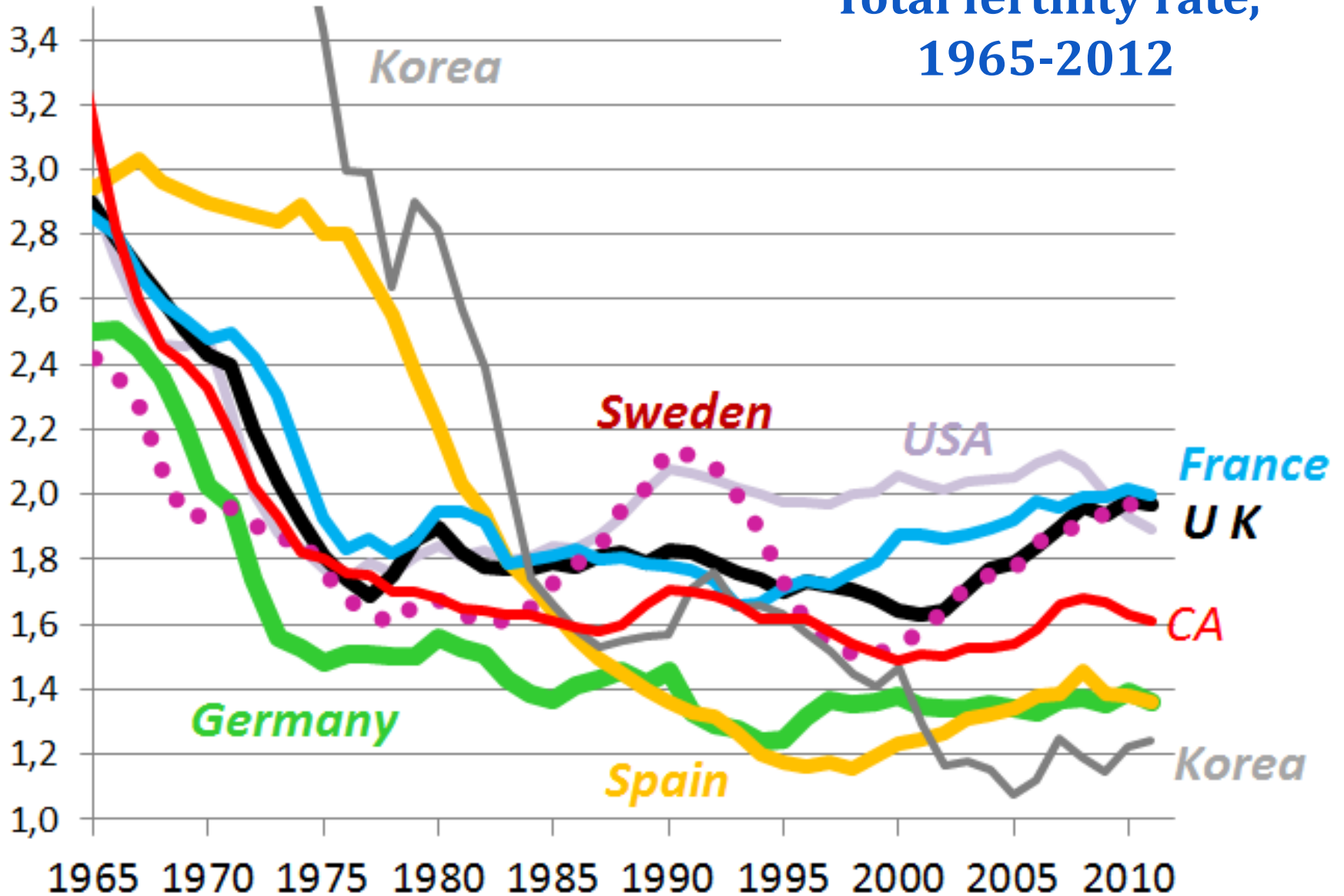
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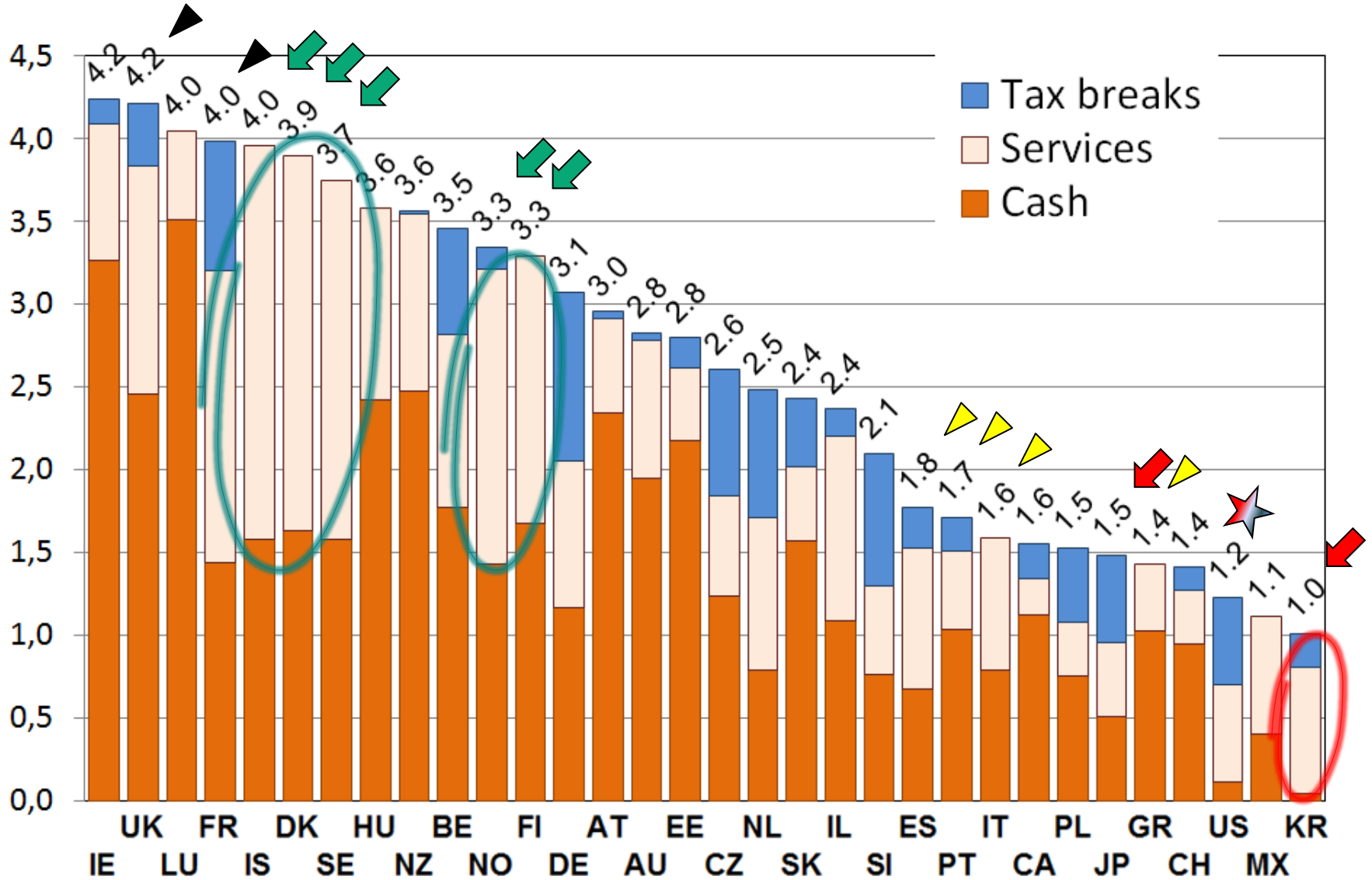


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# Family benefits in cash, services and tax measures

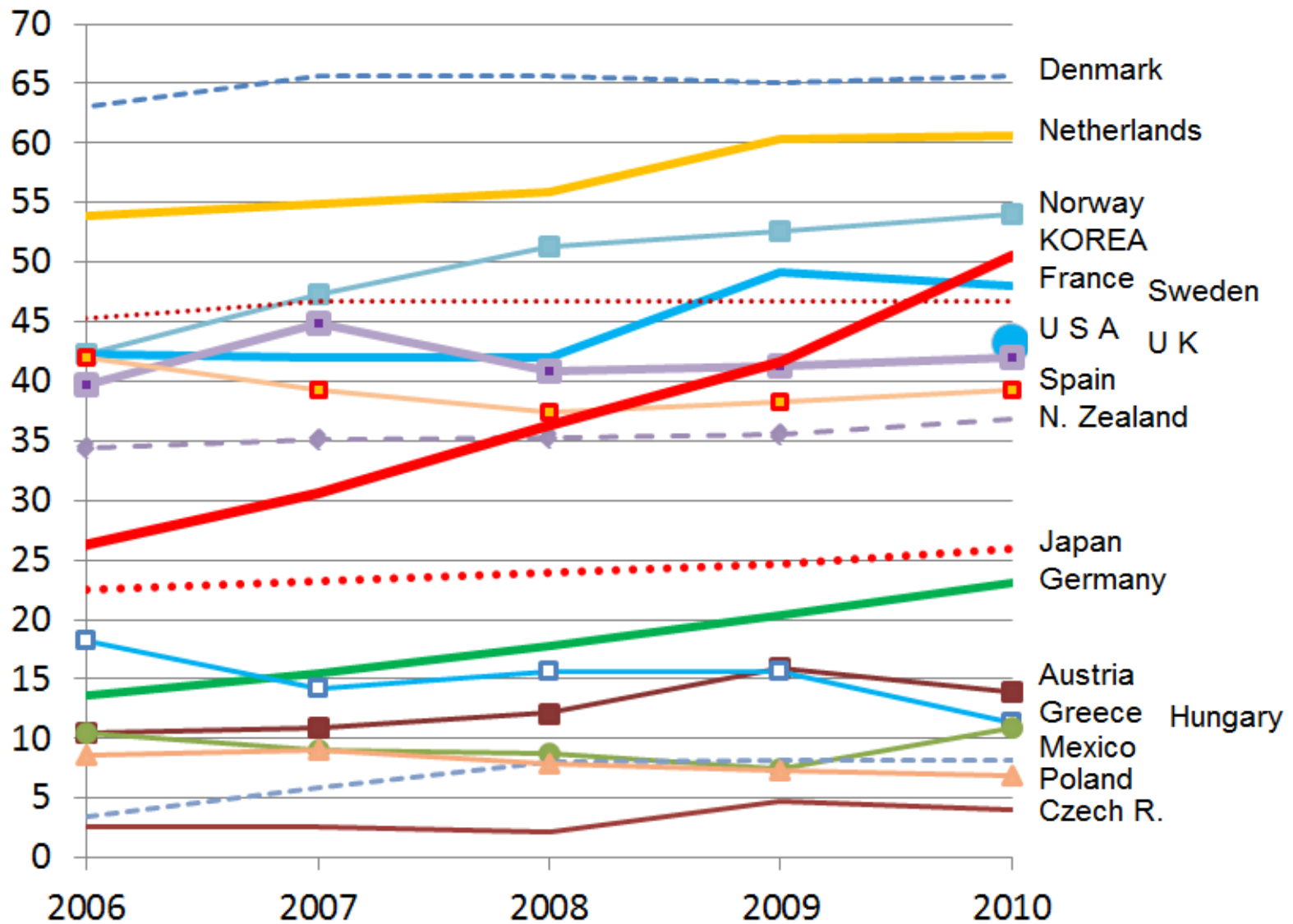
Public spending in % of GDP in OECD countries, 2009



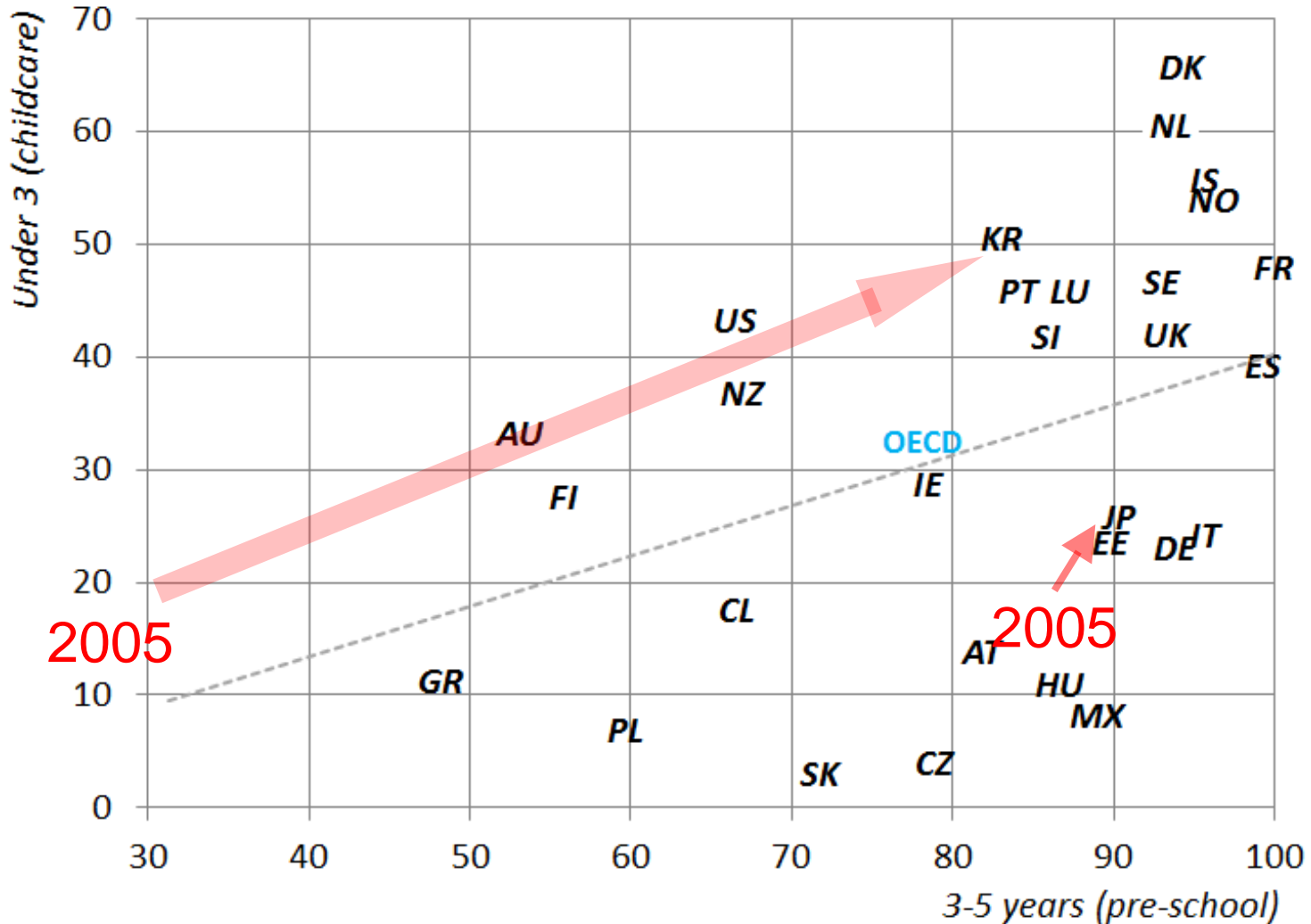
## 3 types of public spending on family benefits (OECD harmonization)

- ❑ **Child-related cash transfers to families with children**
  - Child allowances (sometimes income-tested),
  - Public income support payments during periods of parental leave
  - Income support for sole parents families
  - child tax credits that are paid out in cash to recipients
- ❑ **Public spending on services for families with children**
  - Direct subsidising of providers of childcare and early education facilities
  - Childcare support through earmarked payments to parents
  - Assistance for young people and residential facilities
  - Family services, including centre-based facilities and home help for families in need
- ❑ **Tax expenditures towards families**
  - Tax exemptions
  - Child tax allowances (not included in taxable income)
  - Child tax credits
  - Amounts deducted from the tax liability

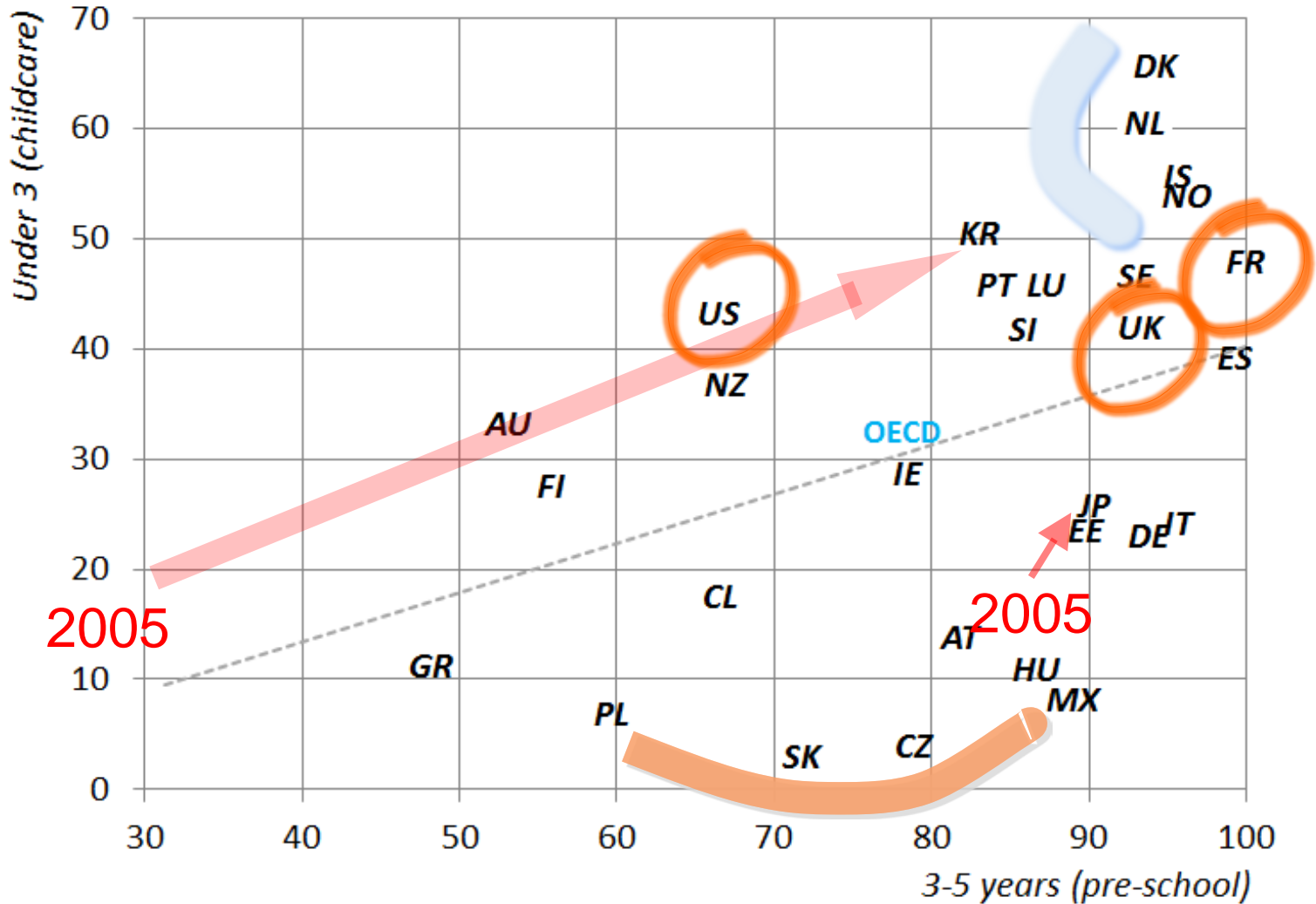
# Enrolment of children aged under 3 in childcare (OECD)



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□ **EICT (US, Korea)**

**Earned Income Tax Credit**

□ **“Quotient familial” (France)**

**Tax-splitting system for family according to the nature and number of consumption units (concerns tax-payers only)**

**THÉVENON Olivier, LUCI-GREULICH Angela (2013).**  
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*European Journal of Population, forthcoming*

- ❑ **Data: 18 OECD countries, 1980-2007**
- ❑ **Develops and discusses, among others:**
  - **Gauthier & Hazius (1997)**
  - **D’Addio & Mira d’Ercole (2005)**
  - **Gauthier (2007)**
  - **Myrskylä, Kohler & Billari (2009)**
  - **Kalwij (2010)**
  - **Sobotka, Skirbekk & Philipov (2011)**

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- ❑ Paid leave**
- ❑ Childcare services**
- ❑ Financial transfers**

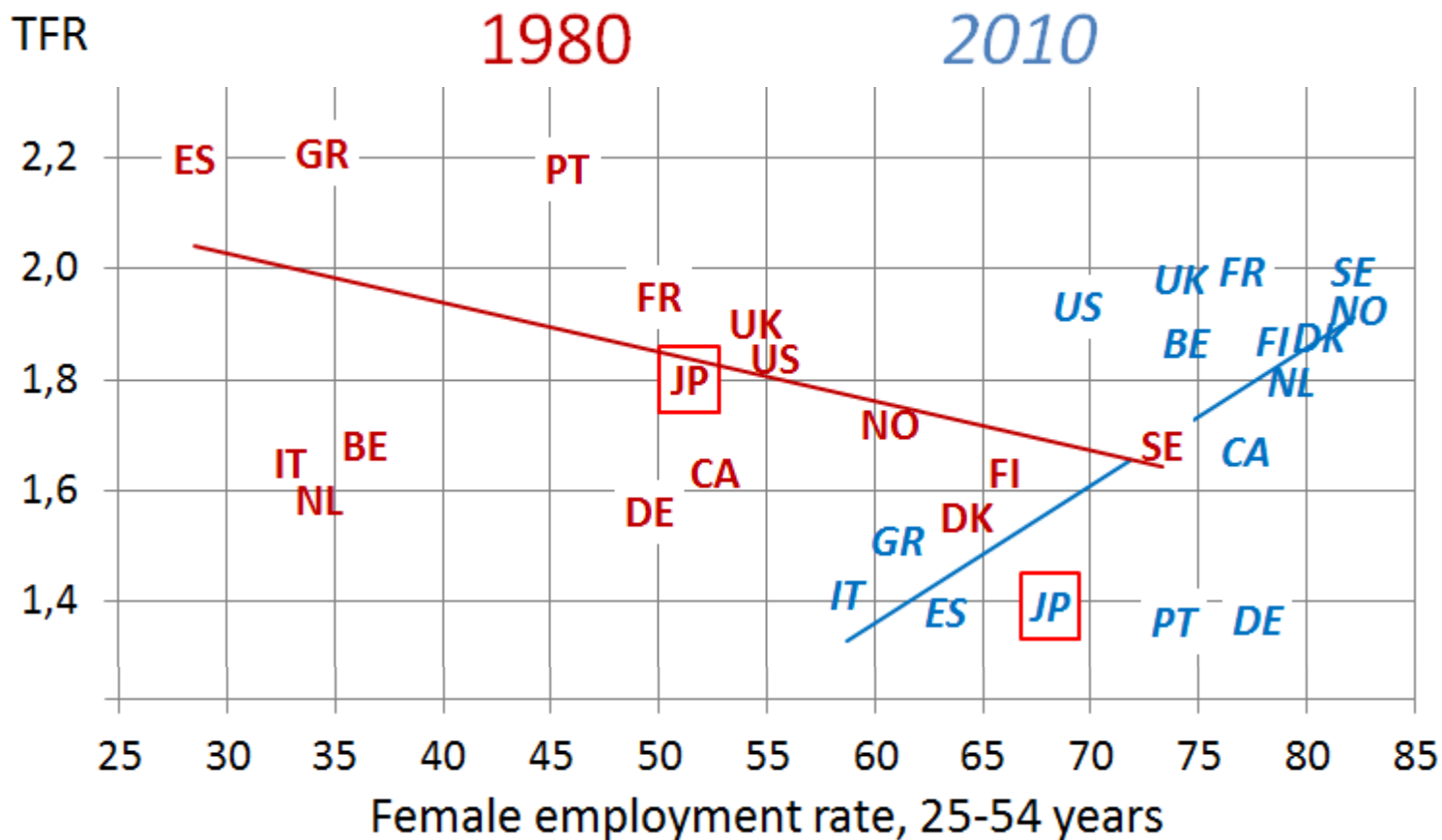
**Distinction between services and cash benefits...**

- Around childbirth**
- In the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year after birth**
- Ties with the following stage (3-5 years)**

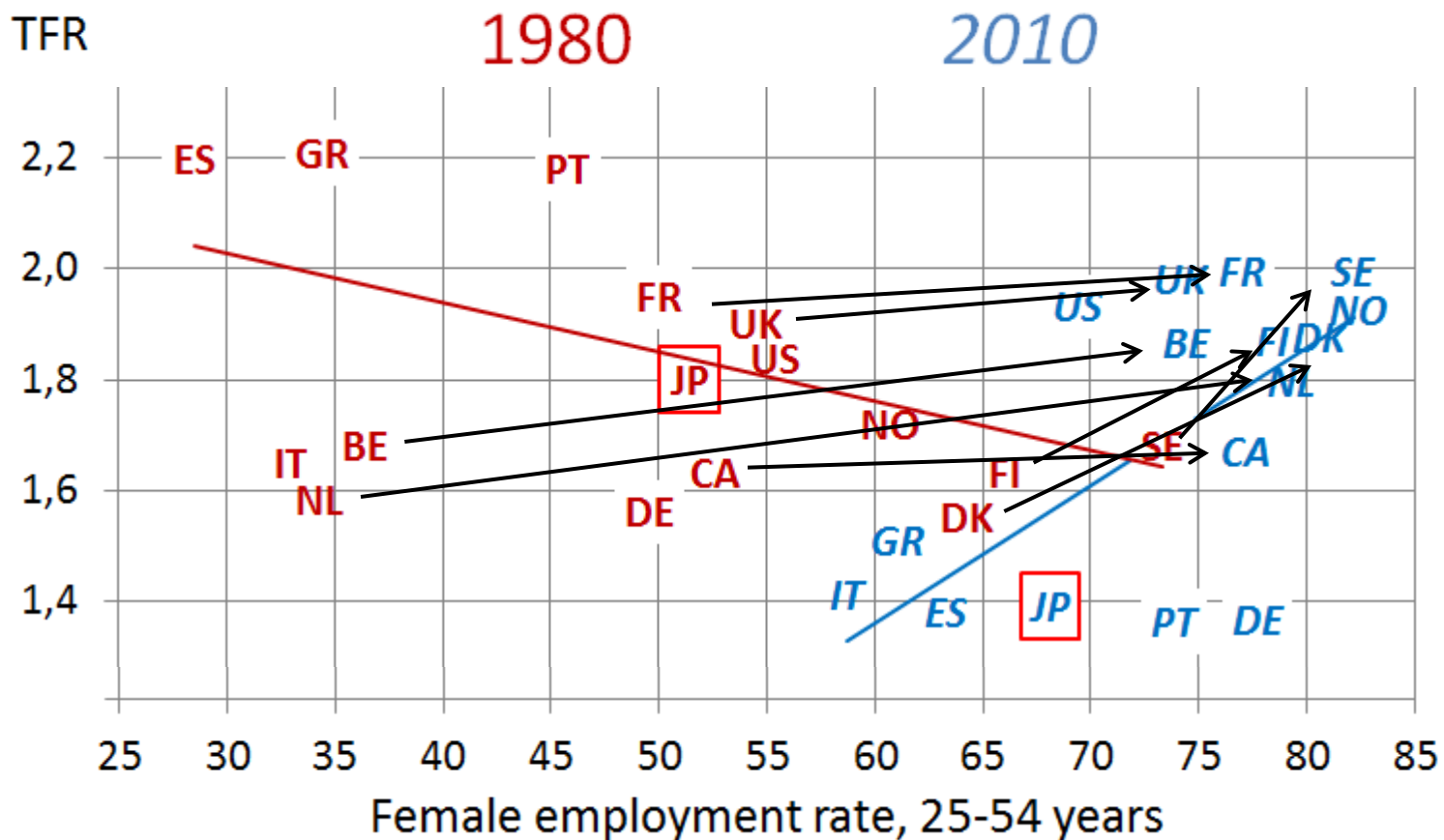
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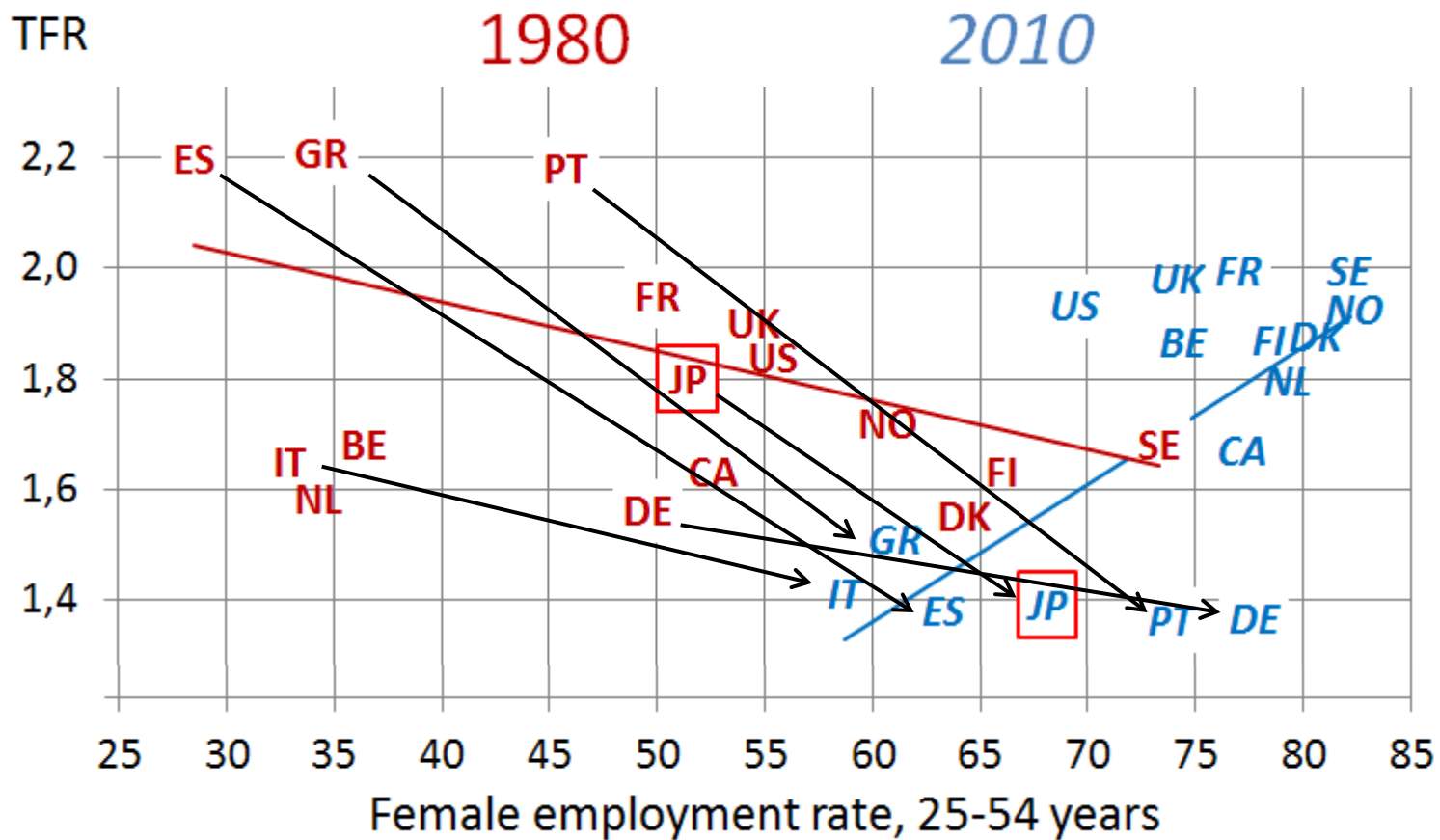
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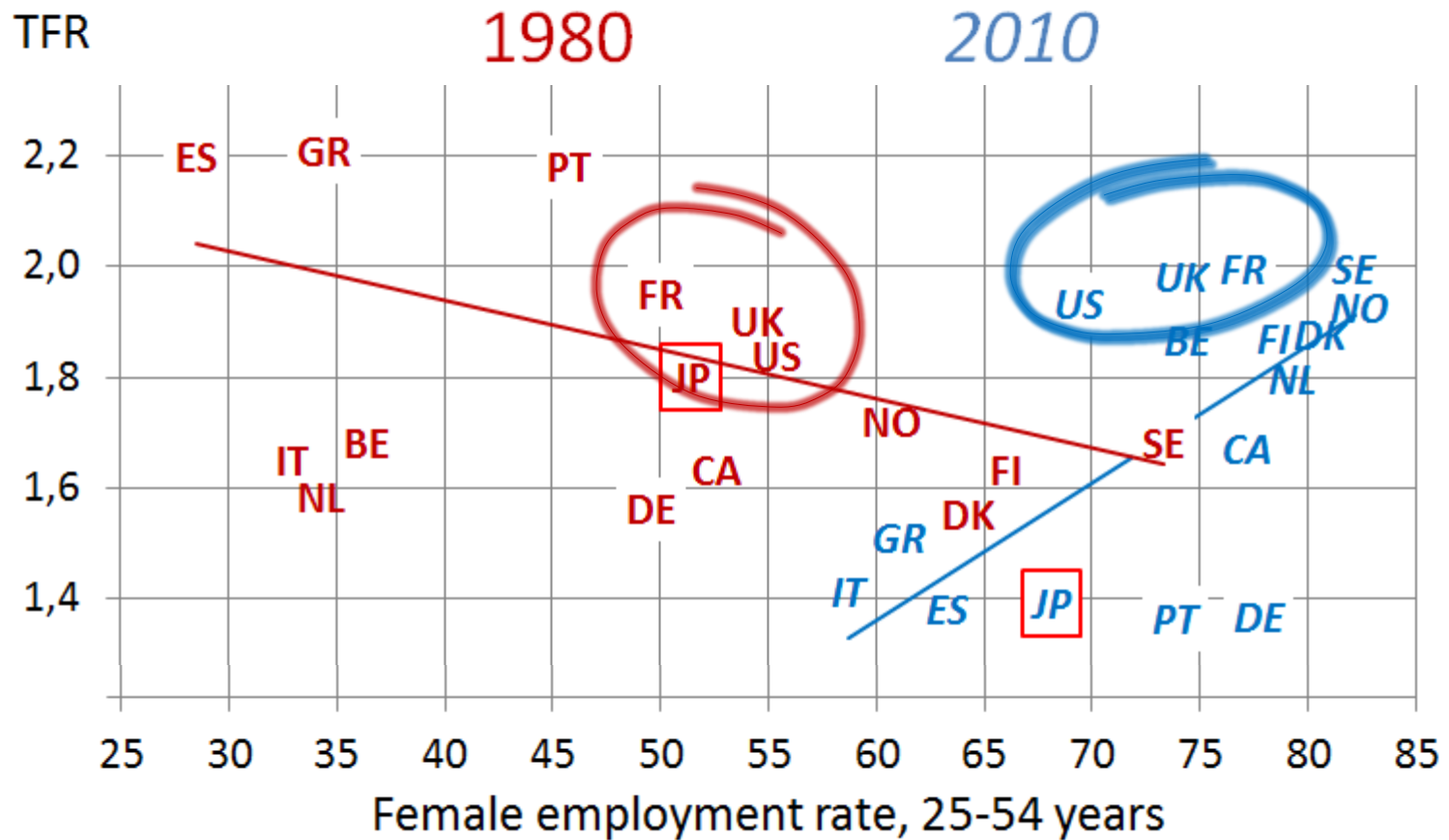
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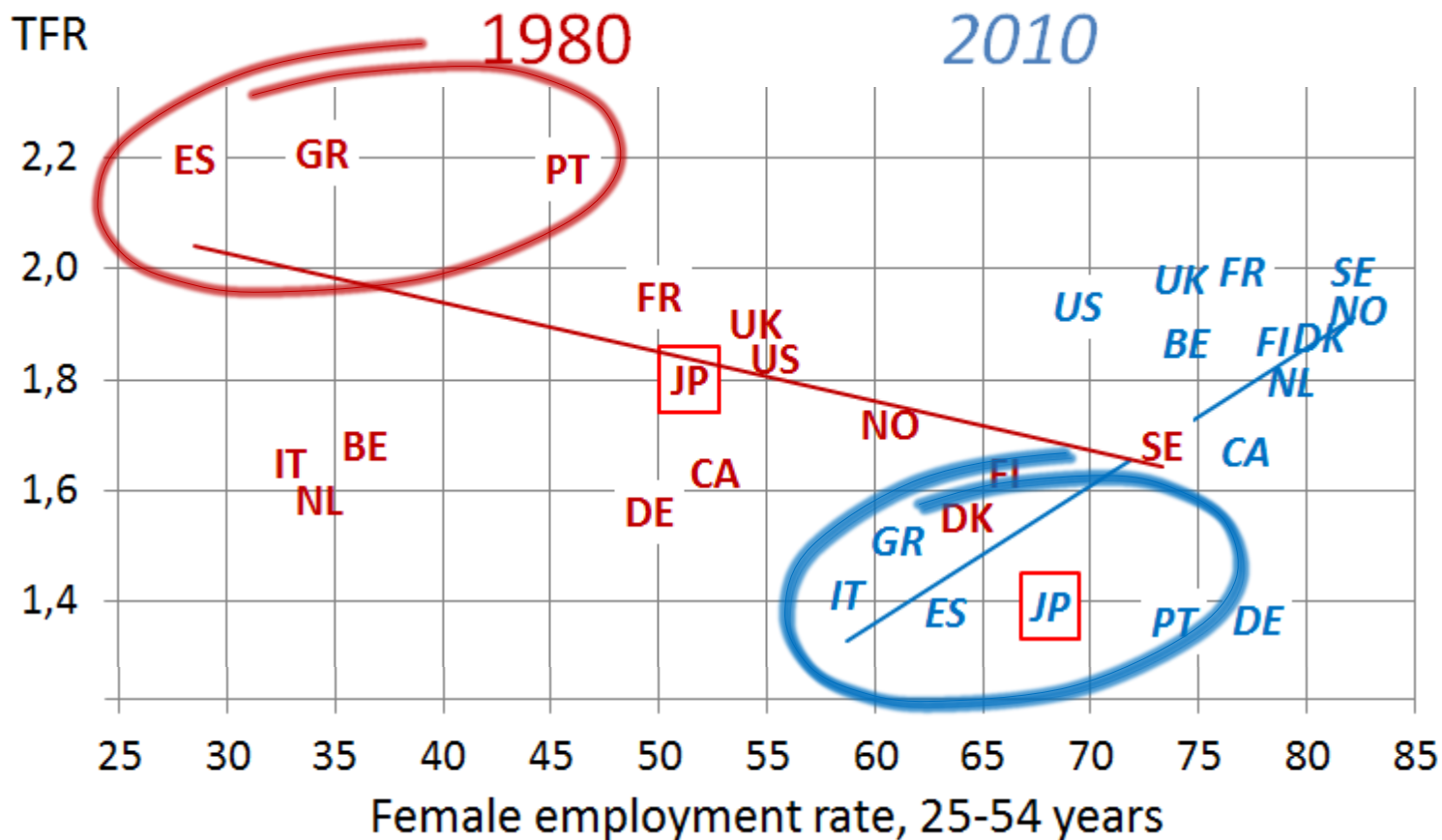
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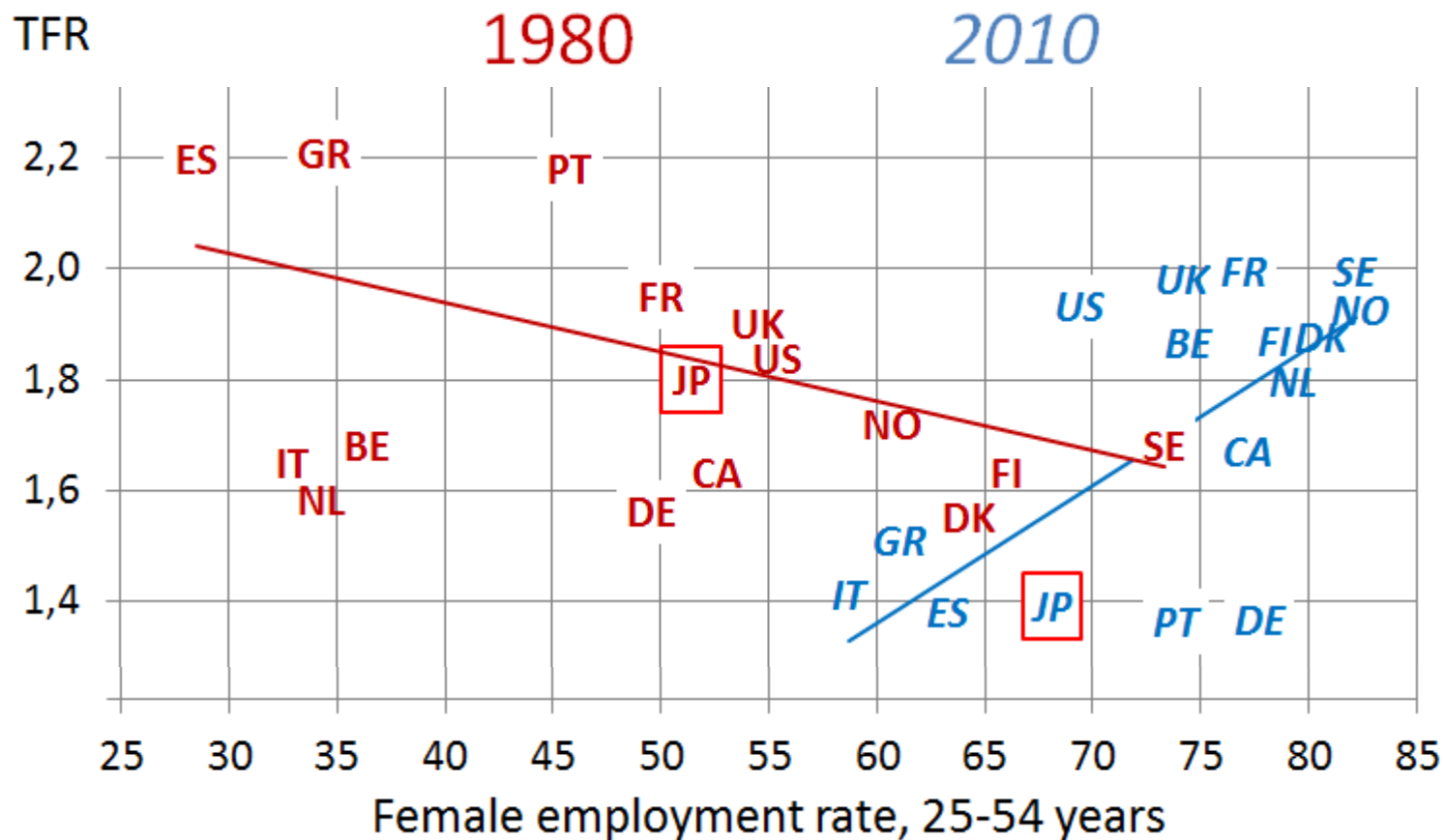


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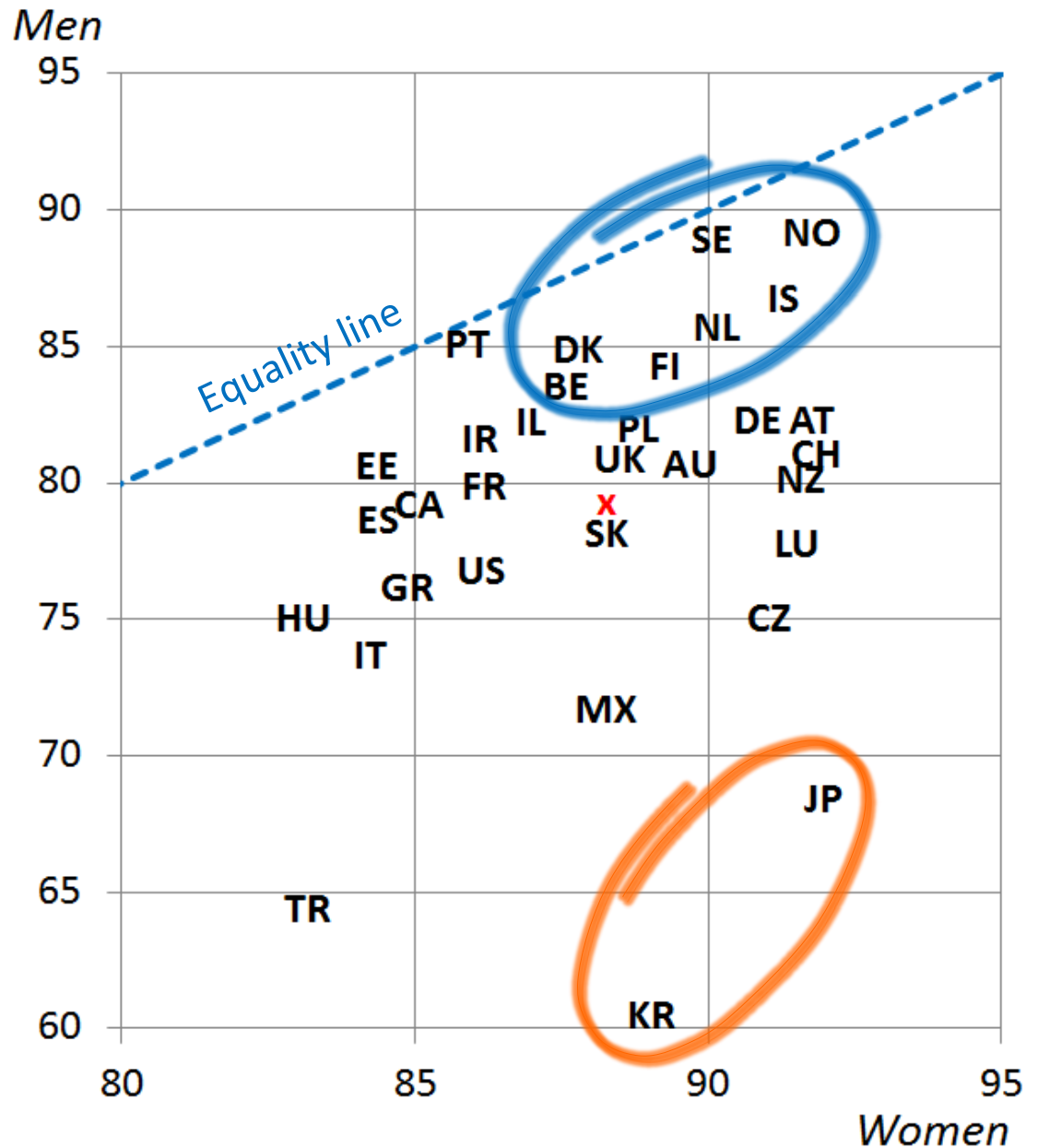


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# Employment rates of men and women with tertiary education

(ELFS and OECD, 2012)

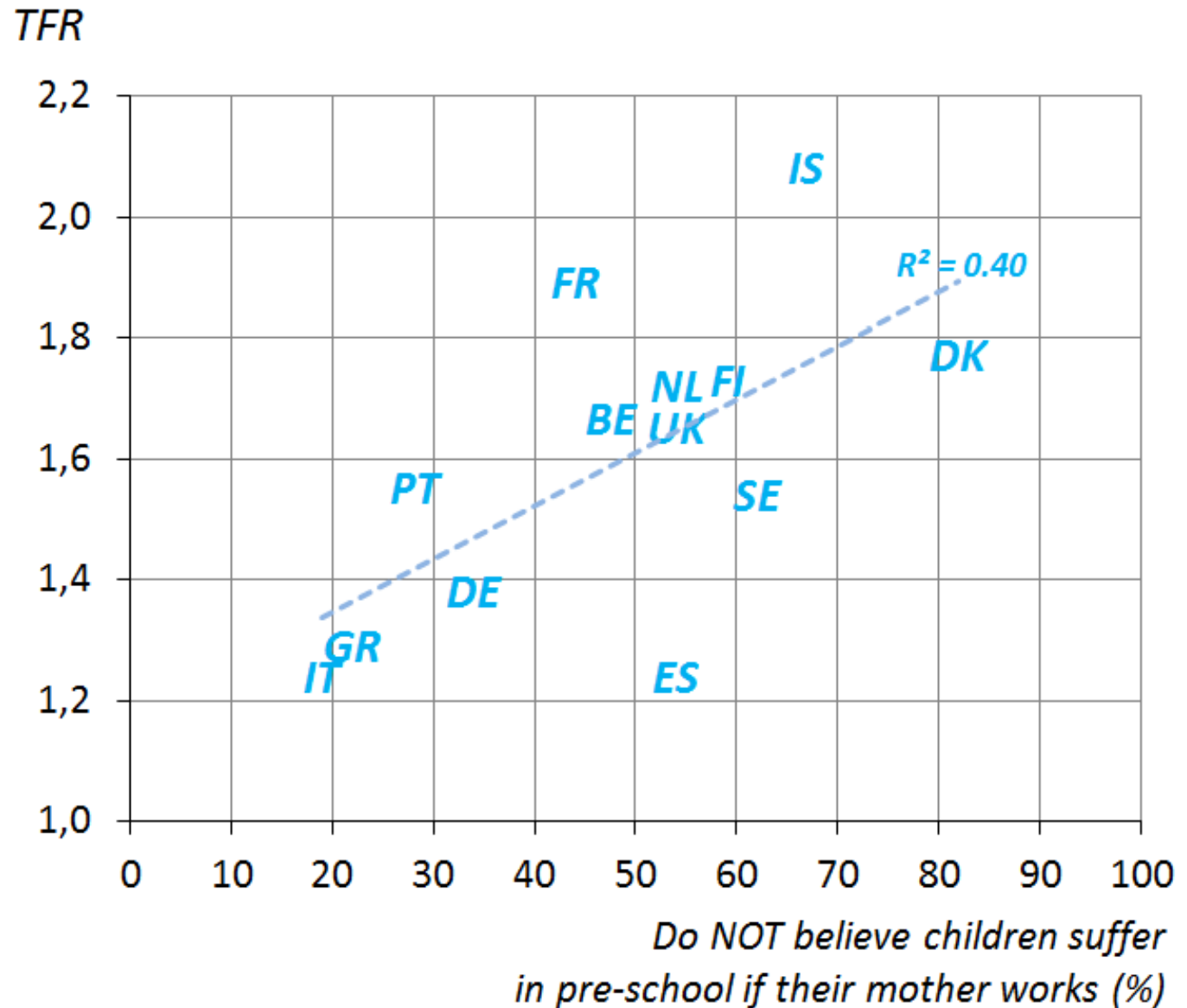


# Obstacles to fertility: rigidity in family structures and labor law

- ❑ **Contradiction between *female superiority* (in education) and *male domination* (in the workplace)**
  
- ❑ **The duality in partnership status (marriage vs. cohabitation)**
  
- ❑ **The duality of the labor market**
  - **Formal sector, protected**
  - **Informal sector, less protected**

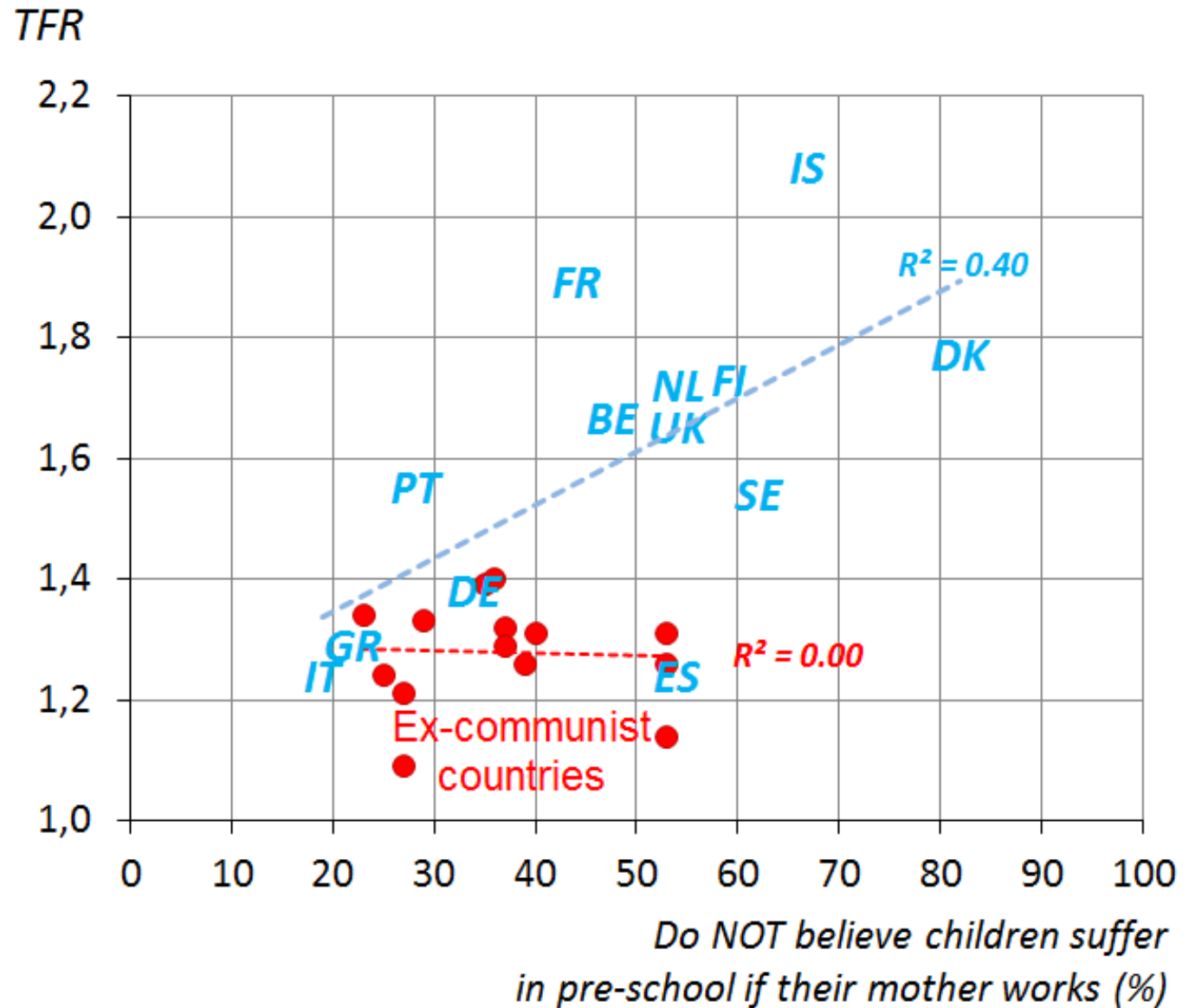
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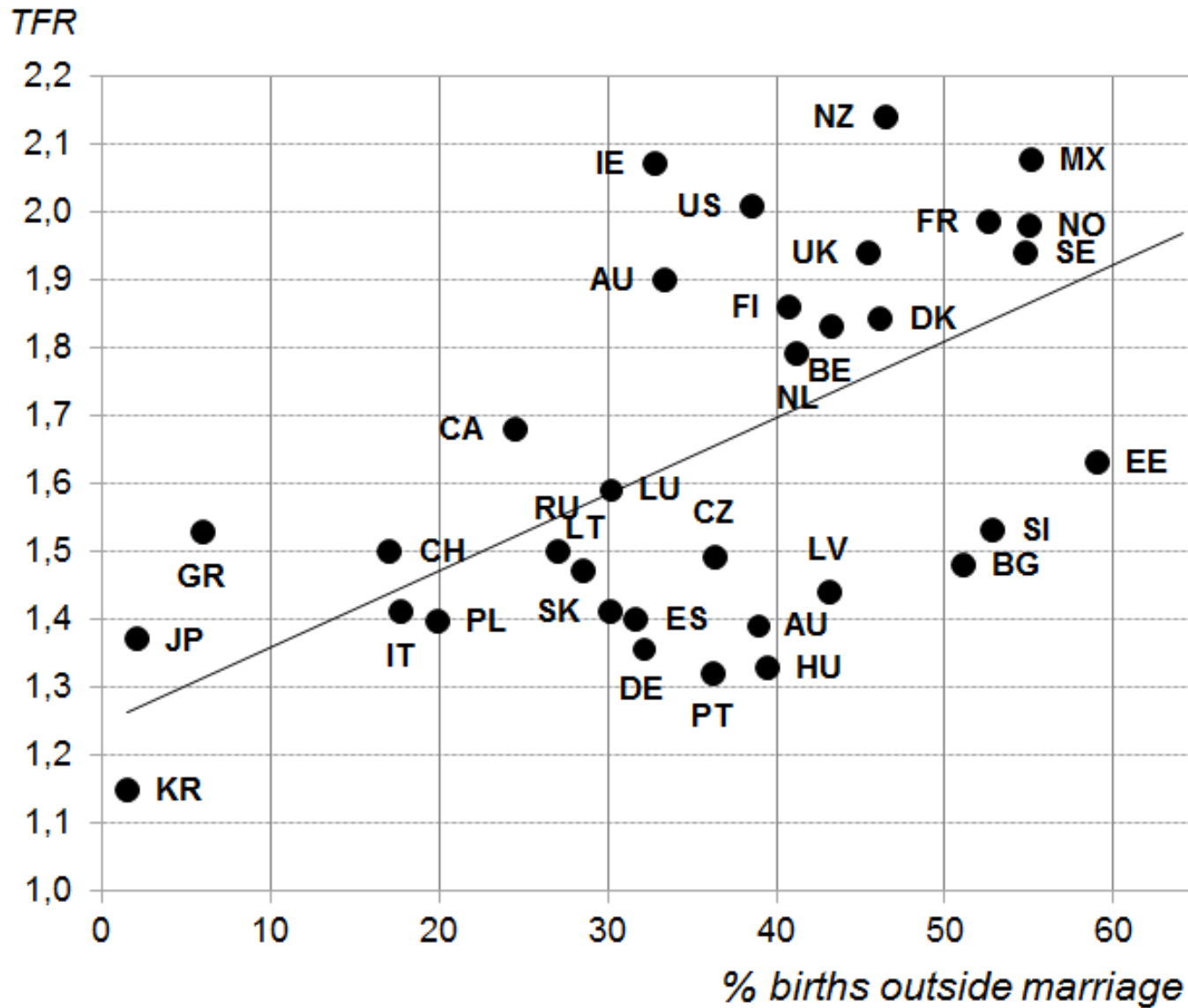
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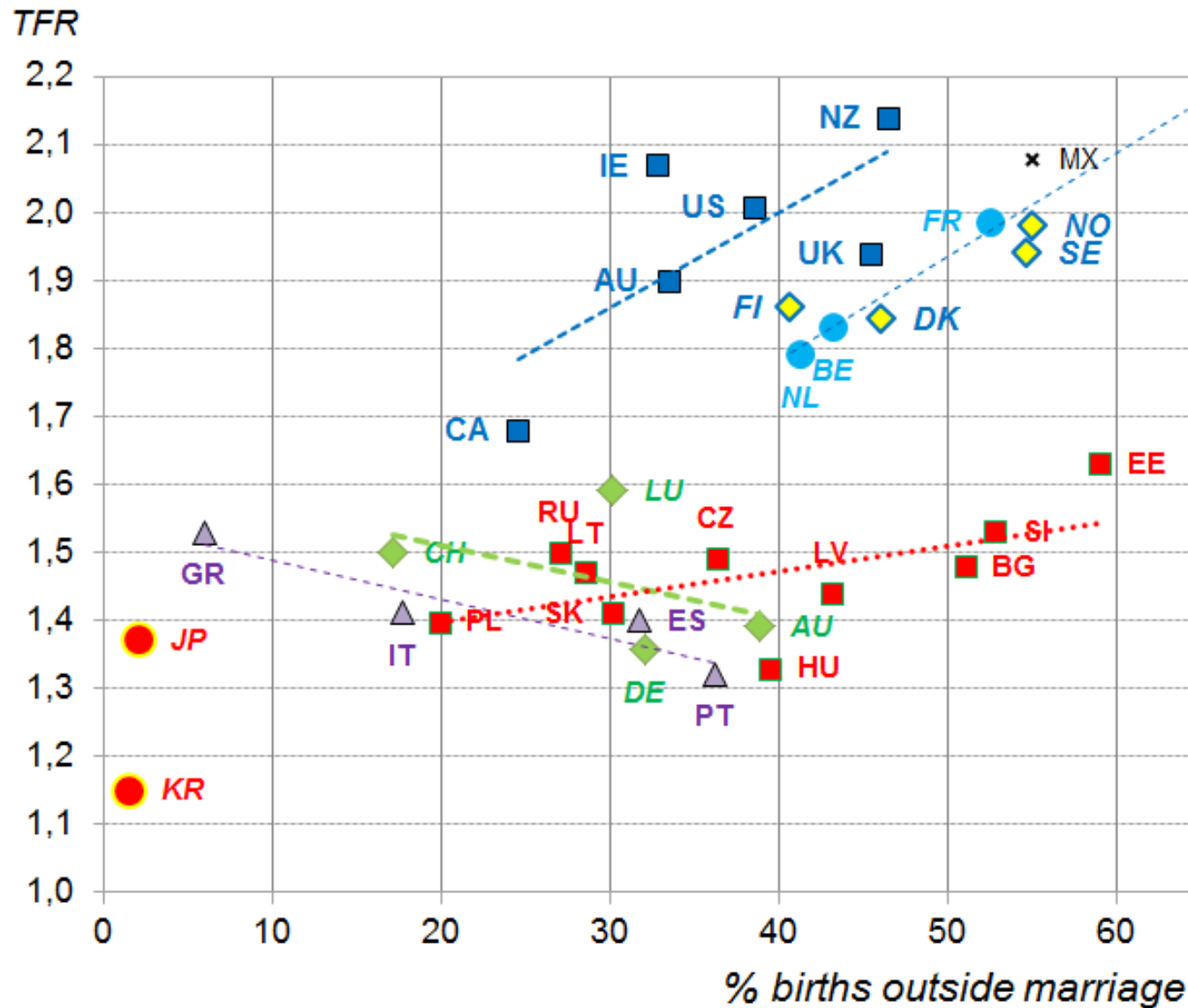


**« *Le familialisme  
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# On fertility and gender equity

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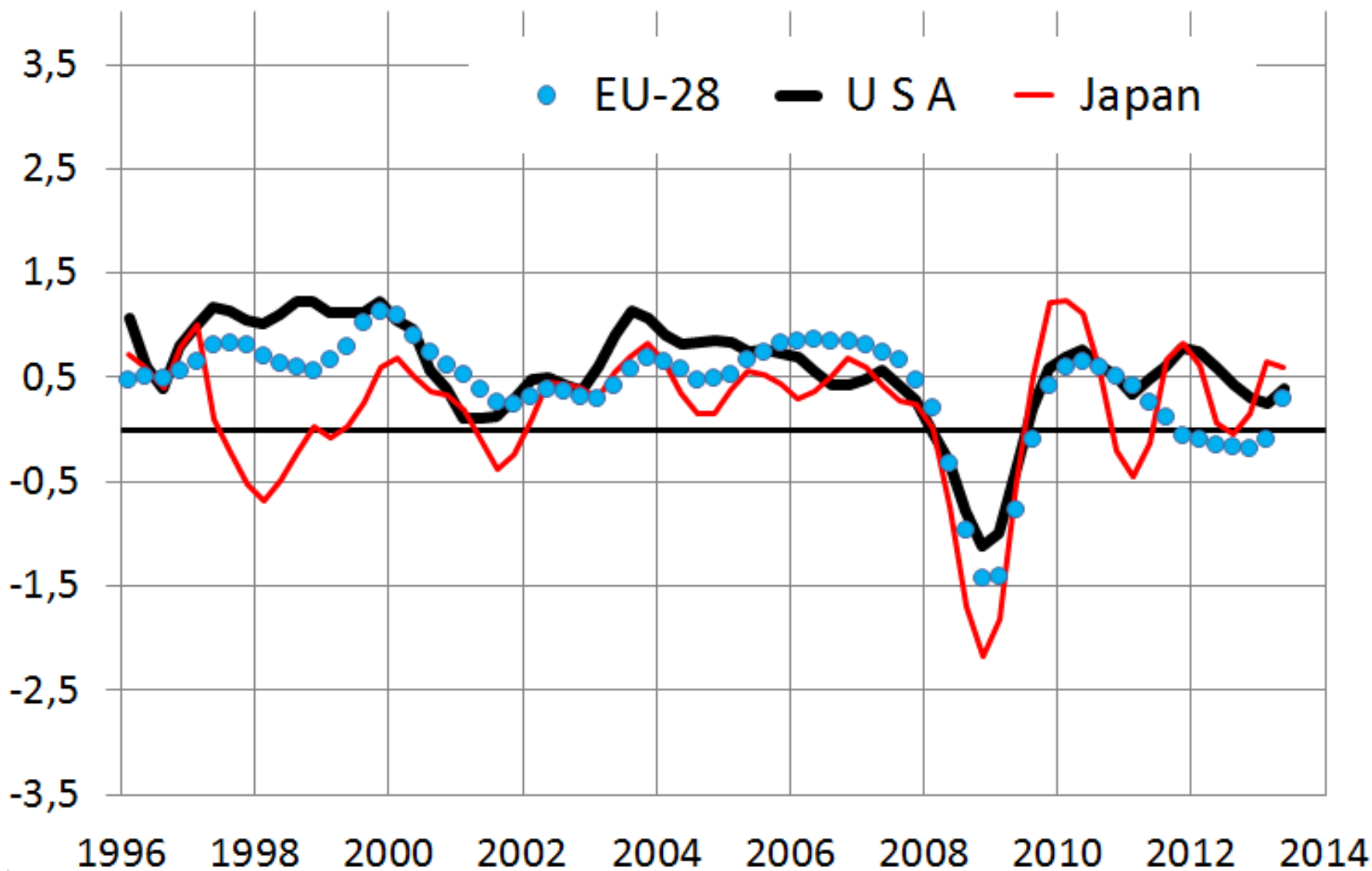
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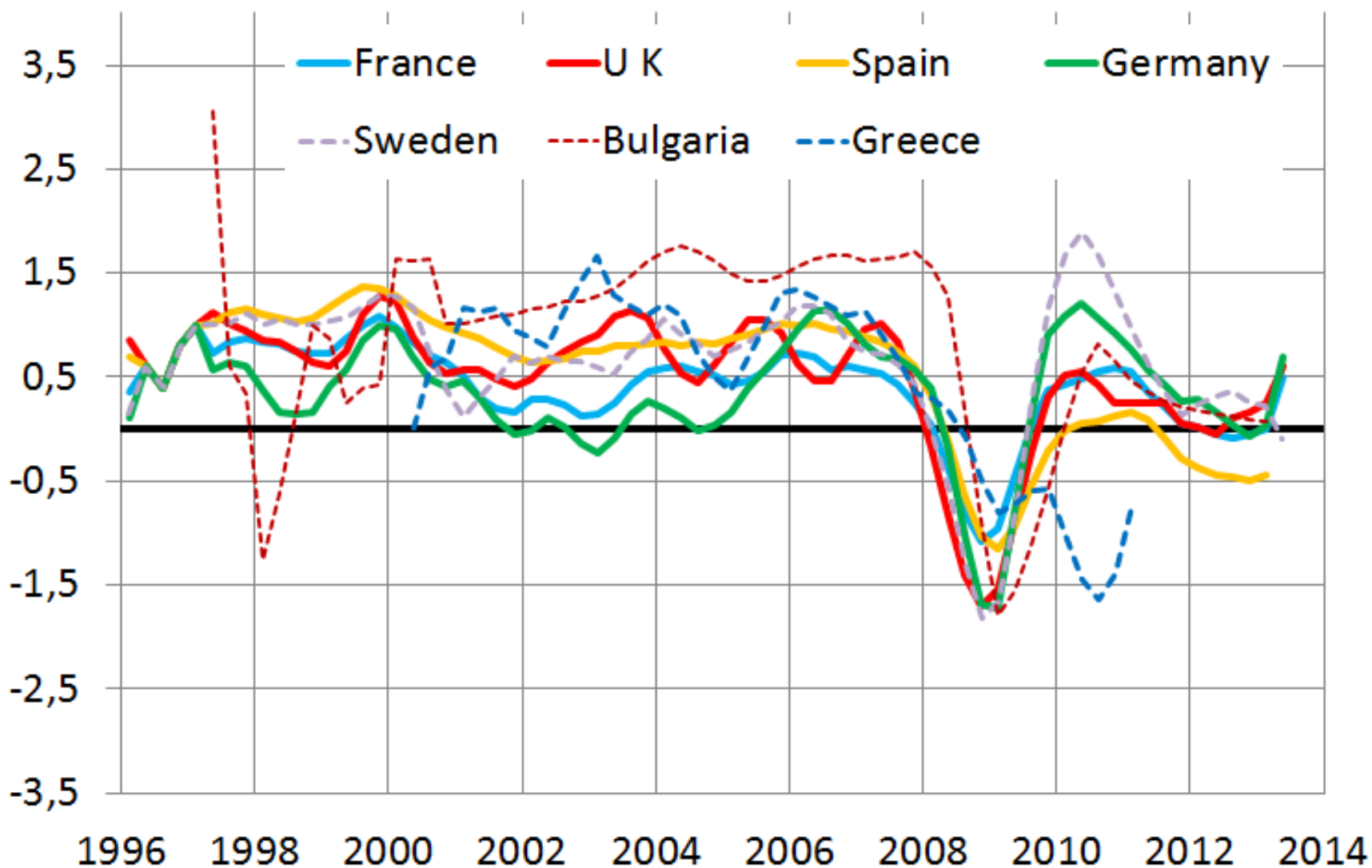
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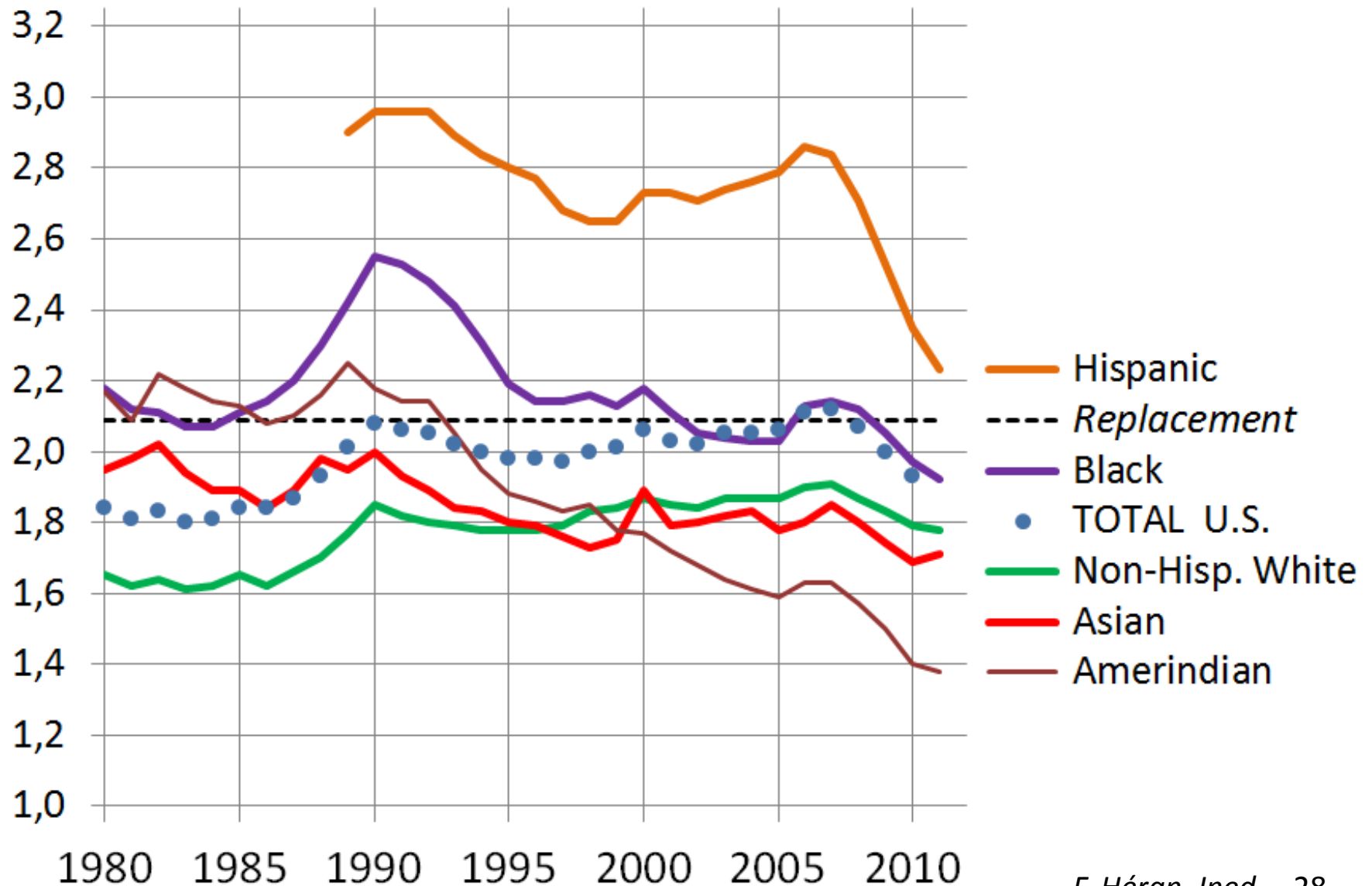
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# Total fertility rate by ethnicity, USA 1980-2011



# ANNEX

# France 2003: social protection benefits linked to the functions "Maternity" and "Family" (Billions of €)

