**Appendix**

Table A1. Descriptive statistics of the variables included in the models.

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| Variable | Obs | Mean | Std. Dev. | Min | Max |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Childcare expenditure (% GDP) | 345 | 0.61 | 0.38 | 0.07 | 1.80 |
| Log GDP per capita (PPP, international 2017 $) | 345 | 10.25 | 0.39 | 9.03 | 11.09 |
| Female labour force (% of female population) | 345 | 52.47 | 7.47 | 34.56 | 73.74 |
| GDP growth | 345 | 2.24 | 3.20 | -14.21 | 10.80 |
| Total fertility rate (births per woman) | 345 | 1.57 | 0.27 | 1.10 | 2.20 |
| Women in parliament (% total MPs) | 345 | 25.10 | 10.87 | 6.30 | 47.30 |
| Total social expenditure (% GDP) | 345 | 22.49 | 4.07 | 12.55 | 31.25 |
| Left-Right position | 345 | 5.40 | 1.46 | 2.59 | 8.14 |
| Production workers (% people in paid work) | 345 | 24.67 | 7.39 | 9.36 | 40.34 |
| Sociocultural professionals (% people in paid work) | 345 | 10.82 | 3.19 | 4.01 | 18.44 |
| SCP-to-PW ratio | 345 | 0.51 | 0.29 | 0.13 | 1.97 |
|  | 345 | 0.60 | 0.10 | 0.41 | 0.83 |
|  | 345 | 0.10 | 0.18 | -0.08 | 0.73 |
|  | 345 | 0.05 | 0.10 | -0.08 | 0.46 |
|  | 345 | 0.59 | 0.09 | 0.38 | 0.94 |