

Multinational Time Use Study (MTUS)

“Past”

- Jonathan Gershuny first developed the MTUS in the mid 1980s.
- Intention to create a cross-national *ex post* harmonised set of time use surveys. Designed to complement and add to *ex ante* harmonised HETUS study.
- Building on 1965 Szalai Multinational Time Budget Study.

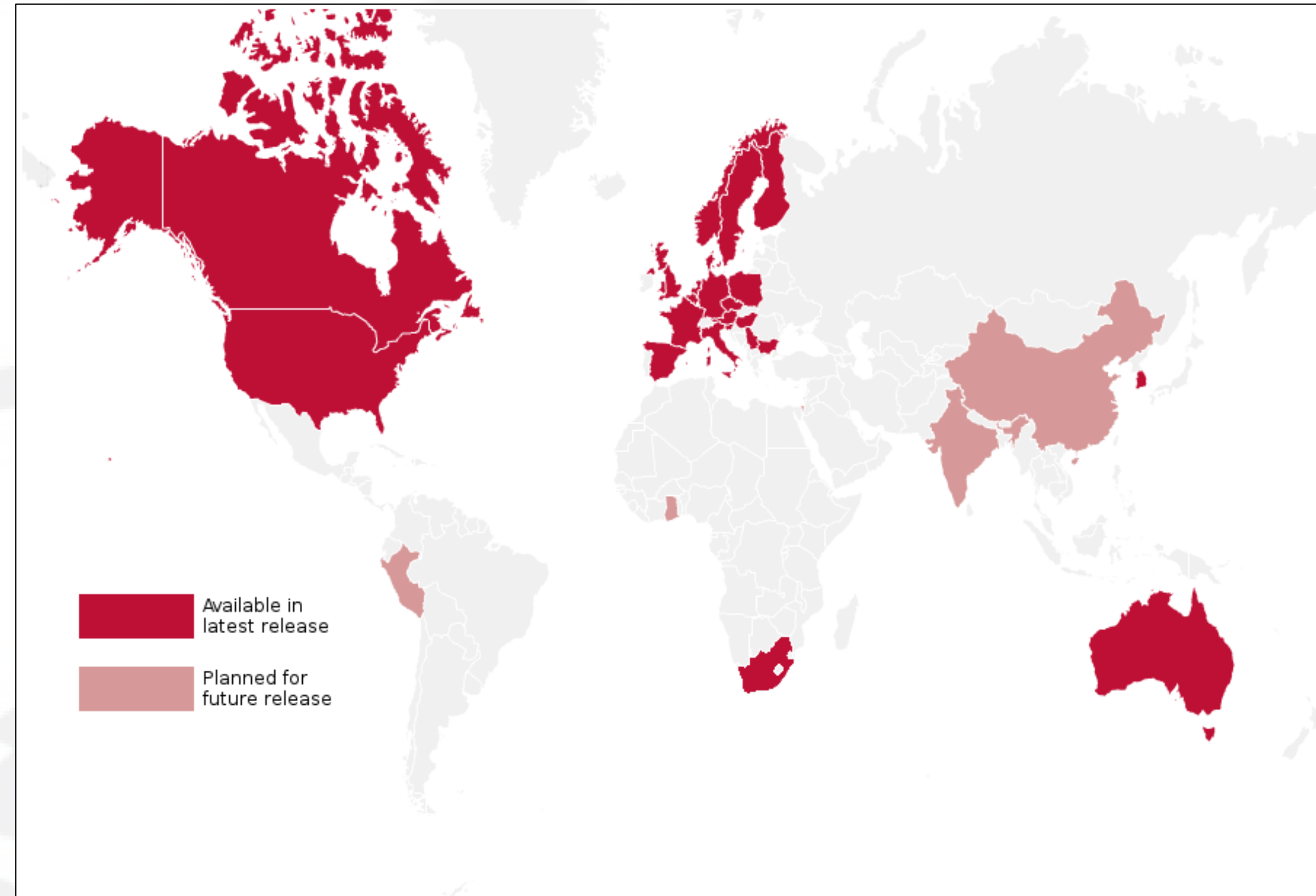
“Current”

- 23 countries, 65 surveys of Harmonised Simple File (HSF), 35 surveys of Harmonised Aggregate File (HAF), and 35 surveys of Harmonised Episode File (HEF).
- Starting from 1960s to 2010s.

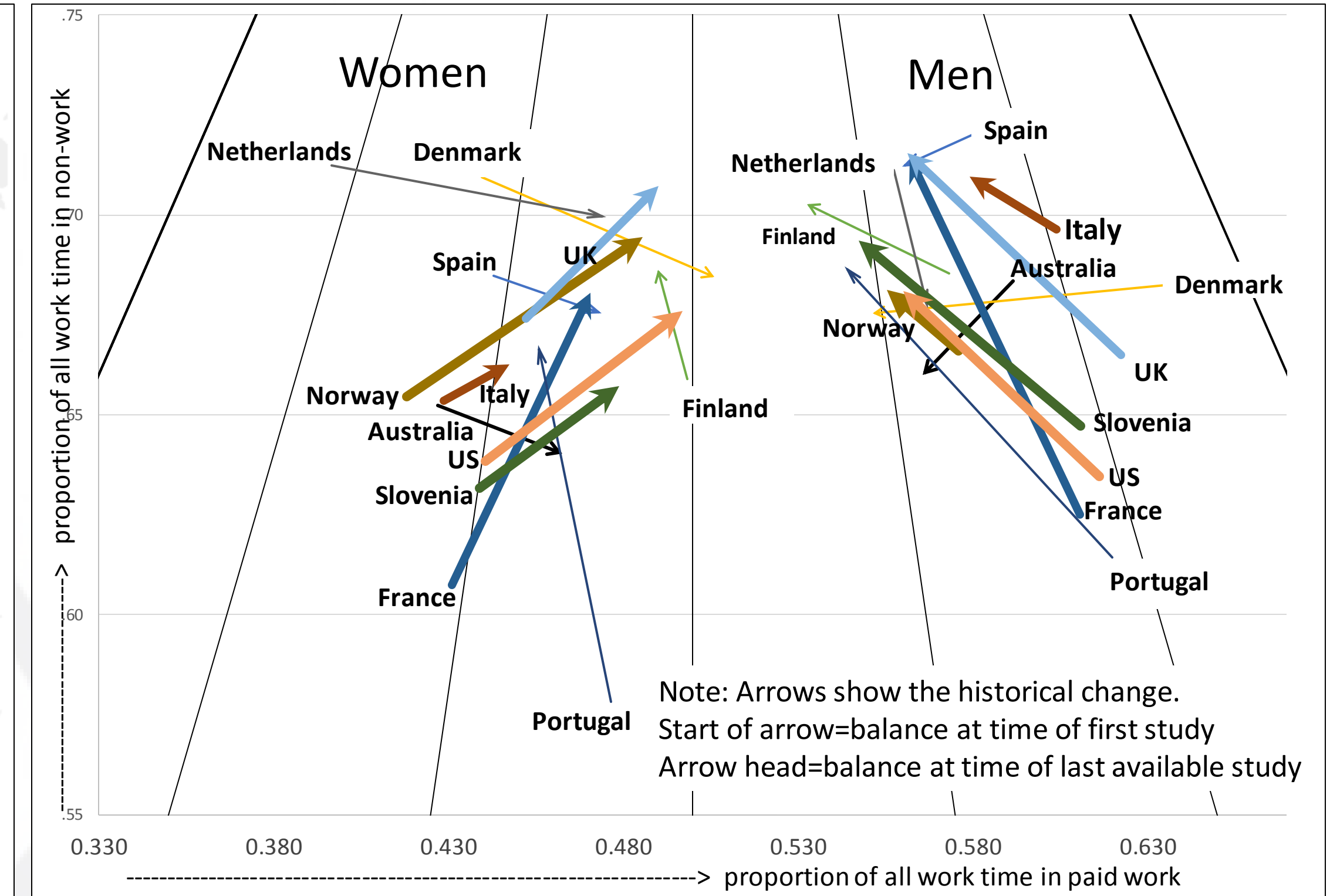
“Future”

- Update and add more countries including Canada 2005 and 2010, France 2010, Finland 2009, Italy 2008, and Korea 2009 and 2014.

Countries included in MTUS



...less work time (mostly), more gender equality



New File Structures (expected to be released in September 2017)

“Core Files”

- 25 (simple) and where possible 69 activities aggregated to minutes per day
- context variables: day age sex employment status family status, work hours, education
- ...plus weights, country, survey, household, individual and day identifiers.
- Documented by simple spreadsheet codebook, each cell with hot-links to explanatory notes

“Sequence Files”

- Event format (start/end)
- Both 25 category and possible 69 activity categorisation
- Primary and secondary activities, location, co-presence variables for each event
- ...plus weights, country, survey, household, individual and day identifiers.

“Module Files”

- Primary module for all surveys with up to 40 additional harmonized context variables
- Planned new modules (child files, income and employment) covering smaller subsets of countries and surveys, with specific harmonized variables.
- ...plus weights, country, survey, household, individual and day identifiers.

