

## Appendix 1: Classifications used for individual level education and occupation

Education (categories in *italics* reported in Table 3).

ARIC: 1) *less than high school*, 2) complete high school and/or some vocational school, 3) some college or more (complete college or graduate education)

GLOBE: 1) *primary school*, 2) lower vocational or lower secondary school, 3) intermediate vocational or general school, 4) higher vocational and university

Whitehall II: 1) *no academic qualifications, minimum compulsory schooling*, 2) completed compulsory schooling with some vocational training, 3) stayed on at school past minimum compulsory schooling with some vocational training or A levels, 4) university or equivalent

Helsinki: 1) *primary, up to 9 years of education*, 2) lower secondary, 2 years of secondary education, 3) higher secondary, 3 or more years of secondary education, 4) tertiary

Turin: 1) *primary*, 2) lower secondary, 3) upper secondary, 4) university or equivalent

Madrid: 1) *primary education and lower*, 2) lower secondary education, 3) upper secondary education, 4) tertiary education.

Occupation (categories in *italics* reported in Table 3).

ARIC: current occupation, 1) housewives, 2) operators, fabricators and laborers, 3) farming, forestry, fishing, precision production, craft, and repair men, 4) services, 5) technical, sales and administrative support, 6) *executive, managerial and professional*

GLOBE: current or last occupation, 1) other, 2) semi/unskilled manual, 3) skilled manual, 4) self employed, 5) lower grade professionals, 6) *higher grade professionals*

Whitehall II: current occupation, 1) clerical/support, 2) middle (professionals), 3) *higher (executives, top managers)*

Helsinki: current or last occupation, 1) other, 2) unskilled manual, 3) skilled manual, 4) lower white collar, 5) *upper white collar*

Turin: current or last occupation (for unemployed, 1981 census for retired), 1) blue collar or housewives, 2) self employed, 3) lower grade white collar, 4) *higher grade white collar*

Madrid: current occupation, 1) other, 2) semi/unskilled manual, 3) skilled manual, 4) lower grade professional and self employed, 5) *higher grade professionals*

