


## CURRICULUM VITAE

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<b>Research interests:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Population ageing and its social and economic consequences;</li><li>• Pension policy and its impact on fiscal and social sustainability of welfare states;</li><li>• Labour market status and well-being of persons with disabilities;</li><li>• Poverty and social exclusion among older people;</li><li>• Dynamic microsimulation modelling.</li></ul>	
<b>Recent research and management activities:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Project Director of the project “Mainstreaming Ageing: Indicators to Monitor Implementation” (MA:IMI), undertaken in collaboration with the UNECE's Population Ageing Unit (UNECE/PAU), with funding from the Governments of Austria, France, Switzerland, Belgium, Cyprus and Spain.</li><li>2. Expert in the Social Situation Observatory project of the EU’s DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion; producing two Research Notes: ‘Active Ageing’ and ‘The socio-economic situation of working-age people with disability across EU’.</li><li>3. UNDP expert in advising the Ukrainian Government in their pension reforms, September 2011-December 2012 (the work involves writing a strategy paper, as well as advising officials of Ministry of Social Policy during two missions to Kiev, September 2011 and December 2011).</li><li>4. Project coordinator in the UNFPA consultancy “Analysis of the regional situation eight years after the implementation of Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing”; undertaken in collaboration with HelpAge International, UK.</li><li>5. Project director “Comparative Analysis of European Pension Policies and their Impact”; project financed by the Belgian Federal Public Service of Social Security - Direction Générale Social Policy, Brussels.</li><li>6. Expert in the project ‘Active Ageing Index’, financed by EU’s DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, for the activities under EY2012 of Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations.</li><li>7. Contributing to the Coordination of UNECE’s Forum of Researchers and Practitioners on Ageing, to be held during the Ministerial Conference on Ageing in Vienna, Austria, from 18 to 20 September 2012.</li></ol>	

<p><b>Honours:</b></p>	<p><b>Vice President</b> (2007-2010), International Microsimulation Association;  <b>Research Affiliate</b>, German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin);  <b>International Associate</b>, Centre for Research on Ageing, Southampton University.  <b>Member of the Expert Group</b> for the 2007 UNECE's Ministerial Conference in León, Spain. Also, the Rapporteur to the Ministerial Panel and one of the invited panellists.  <b>Marie Curie Fellow</b> of the European Commission, at the Institute of Economics and Statistics, Oxford University (1999-2001).  <b>Nancy Ruggles Memorial Award</b> from International Association of Research in Income and Wealth (IARIW) in 1994, St. Andrews, New Brunswick, Canada.  Organised DWP's first pensions research conference, '<b>Challenges in Pensions Research</b>' (January 2005); the conference offered an additional opportunity to DWP civil servants to collaborate and develop closer working links with external researchers in the pensions field, and to help shape DWP's research programme.  Coordinated the organisation of the conference under the Finnish EU Presidency, "<b>Challenges in Combating Pensioner Poverty: What alternative options for a policy direction in EU</b>", in Helsinki, during December 2006.  Organised the 1st General Conference of the International Microsimulation Association in August 2007, titled '<b>Celebrating 50 years of Microsimulation</b>', in Vienna.  Lead organiser of the event "<b>Measuring Poverty, Income Inequality, and Social Exclusion: Lessons from Europe</b>", Joint OECD/University of Maryland International Conference; in Paris, during March 2009.</p>
<p><b>Books:</b></p>	<p><b>2011: (Forthcoming 2011/2012):</b> <i>Poverty of Older People and Pensions Policy in the EU</i> (sole author), Surrey (UK): Ashgate.  <b>2010:</b> <i>Ageing, Health and Pensions in Europe: An Economic and Social Policy Perspective</i> with L. Bovenberg and A. van Soest (both from Tilburg University, the Netherlands), Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.  <b>2009:</b> <i>New Frontiers in Microsimulation Modelling</i>, with Ann Harding (University of Canberra, Australia) and Paul Williamson (University of Liverpool), Ashgate.  <b>2008:</b> <i>Well-being of Older People in Ageing Societies</i> (sole author), Surrey (UK): Ashgate.  <b>2007:</b> <i>Mainstreaming Ageing: Indicators to Monitor Progress and Policies</i>, with Bernd Marin (European Centre Vienna), Surrey (UK): Ashgate.</p>
<p><b>Selected other recent research output:</b></p> <p><i>(see other</i></p>	<p><b>"Population Ageing and Intergenerational Solidarity: Policy Challenges and Societal Responses"</b>, paper forthcoming in the special European Edition of the <i>Journal of Intergenerational Relationships</i>, co-edited by Alan Hatton-Yeo and Mariano Sanchez, 2011 (K. Gasior and R. Manchin).  <b>"The European Network for Dynamic Microsimulation (EURODYM) – A Vision and the State of Affairs"</b>, <i>International Journal of Microsimulation</i>, 4(1) 100-105 (with G. Dekkers).  <b>"Population ageing and financial and social sustainability challenges of pension systems in Europe: A cross-national perspective"</b> Forthcoming as Chapter 2 in: Bovenberg, van Ewijk, and Westerhout (eds.) <i>The Future of Multi-pillar Pensions</i>, Cambridge University Press, 2011/2012.  <b>"Exclusion from material resources: poverty and capability deprivation among older people in EU countries"</b>, Forthcoming as Chapter 7 in: Scharf and Keating (eds.) <i>From Exclusion to Inclusion in Old Age: A Global Challenge</i>, The Policy Press.</p>

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<b>Brief description of Employment Record</b>	
<i>Since Sept 2009</i>	<p>Director Research, <b>European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research</b>, Vienna.</p> <p>Senior Research Fellow, <b>Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion (CASE)</b>, London School of Economics, London.</p>
<i>Sept 2007 to June 2009</i>	Senior Economist, Social Policy Division, Directorate of Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, <b>OECD</b> , Paris
<i>Mar 2006 to Aug 2007</i>	Director Research, <b>European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research</b> , Vienna.
<i>Aug 2004 to Feb 2006</i>	Economic Adviser to the Minister of State for Pensions (British Civil Servant), <b>Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)</b> , London, the UK.
<i>Jan 2004 to Aug 2004</i>	Research Fellow, the Social Disadvantage Research Centre, Department of Social Policy, <b>University of Oxford</b> , Oxford, the UK.
<i>Nov 1999 to Oct 2003</i>	Research Officer, Department of Social Policy, <b>London School of Economics</b> , London.

<b><i>During the period 1999 to 2005:</i></b>	(also) International consultant for the <b>World Bank</b> (to work in Azerbaijan), for the <b>Asian Development Bank</b> (to work in Uzbekistan), for <b>OECD</b> (as a country expert for the UK), for the <b>Swedish National Insurance Board</b> (for various research reports/studies), for <b>Governments of Azerbaijan and Uzbekistan</b> (in the capacity development work of Statistical Offices).
<b><i>Jan 1998 to Sept 1998</i></b>	Poverty expert for <b>the DFID-funded project</b> , working towards the capacity development and policy advice to the Federal Bureau of Statistics, Islamabad (under contract with Oxford Policy Management in Oxford, UK). Also, Senior Policy Analyst, at <b>the UNDP-sponsored Mahbub-ul-Haq Human Development Centre</b> , in Islamabad, Pakistan.
<b><i>Jan 1991 to Aug 1993</i></b>	Scientific Researcher (Wetenschappelijk Onderzoeker), Department of Economic Sociology and Psychology, <b>Erasmus University</b> , Rotterdam. Consultant for the Netherlands-Israel Development Research Programme (to design, implement and analyse a household survey carried out in the Southern province of Ethiopia).
<b><i>Dec 1989 to Dec 1990</i></b>	Consultant on Poverty Research (for Eurostat), <b>Institute of Social Services Advisory Service (ISSAS)</b> , The Hague.
<b><i>Mar 1988 to Sep 1988</i></b>	Staff Economist, <b>Pakistan Institute of Development Economics</b> , Islamabad.
<b><i>Teaching:</i></b>	Lectures at the Department of Social Policy, Oxford University, Oxford (2003, 2004); Lectures at the Department of Social Policy, London School of Economics (2004, 2005, and 2012); 'Stata for Social Scientists' at the Oxford University Computing Services (2005, 2006); Lectures at Institute of Gerontology, Kings College London (2008, 2009). An instructor at the Joint Vienna Institute (2008, 2009 and 2010), for the course "Labor Market and Social Policies", Applied Economic Policy Course. Also, <b>PhD Examiner</b> , Department of Economics, University of Canberra, Australia.
<b><i>Media:</i></b>	Serving as one of the international expert on European pension systems for the International News Channel France24; I participated in the debate on French pension reforms (on 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2010) and on the proposals for raising the official retirement age in Spain (9 <sup>th</sup> February 2010), and on length of work week.