



Dear Reader,

We have the pleasure to inform you that our National Liaison Official from Hungary, Agnes Simony (General Director of the [Institute for Social Policy and Labour in Budapest](#)), has been appointed to our Board of Directors by Ban Ki-moon, the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Sincerely yours,

Annette Hexelschneider

Head of Knowledge and Information Management Support Unit

Projects

European Observatory on the Social Situation (2005-2010)

The Annual Monitoring Report 2009 of the Social Situation Observatory is now on-line.

The report is produced in the framework of the European Observatory on the Social Situation and Demography, which has been established by the Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities of the European Commission. The consortium consisting of Applika in Brussels (leader), the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research in Vienna, ISER at the University of Essex in the UK and TÁRKI Social Research Institute in Budapest has been responsible since 2005 for analysing issues relating to income distribution and living conditions.

The report includes contributions from Orsolya Lelkes and Eszter Zólyomi (see chapter 2 on “Levels and Trends of Income Poverty in the EU” and chapter 7 “Material Deprivation and Access to Services”).

Read more about: [Annual Monitoring Report 2009](#)

For further information please contact: [Orsolya Lelkes](#), [Eszter Zólyomi](#)

EU Cross-Border Care Collaboration (2010-2013)

The project “EU Cross-Border Care Collaboration”, which started in May 2010, aims to identify and analyse arrangements of cooperation between actors located in different EU countries; in particular those that concern the transfer of patients, providers, products, services, funding or knowledge across the



borders that separate them. For that purpose, current gaps in documentation of already existing cross-border collaboration activities will be addressed, enabling national and European decision-makers to assess the scale of existing cross-border care cooperation and its potential implications for the national healthcare systems.

The overall objective of the project is to facilitate a process whereby Europe's citizens can make informed choices about whether to seek health care in another Member State and, if they so choose, to ensure that the administrative and clinical processes are straightforward and ensure continuity of care.

Read more about: [project](#)

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Events

Upcoming Events

23 June, Budapest (Hungary): Visegrad Group (V4 – Regional Alliance of the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia), Conference on the Social Protection of Aging People

At the invitation of Agnes Simonyi, our National Liaison Official and Board Member for Hungary, Pieter Vanhuyse will give a keynote address to the V4 Conference on the Social Protection of Aging People, which is organized by the Hungarian Ministry for Social Affairs and Labour to mark Hungary's Visegrad Presidency of the first six months of 2010. Pieter will present on "Comparative Policies of Population Aging in the V4 Countries in Times of Crisis."

Read more about: [Visegrad Group](#)

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11-17 July, Gothenburg (Sweden): Sociology On The Move – XVIIth World Congress of Sociology – International Sociological Association

At the World Congress of Sociology, Katrin Gasior will present her joint paper with Asghar Zaidi on "Social Well-being for Disabled Older Persons in Europe". The paper is presented within the Research Committees on Sociology of Ageing and Social Indicators. It studies the well-being of disabled older persons across European countries, by analysing various social dimensions. It provides insights into the social welfare of older disabled persons going beyond economic welfare concepts.

Read more about: [event](#)

For further information please contact: [Katrin Gasior](#), [Asghar Zaidi](#)



Past Events

28 May, Budapest (Hungary): Trust, Tax Awareness, Cooperation and Justice

Orsolya Lelkes was invited to be a speaker at the workshop “Trust, Tax Awareness, Cooperation and Justice”:

“During the last 15 years the international competitiveness of the Hungarian economy has significantly declined, while living conditions of large social groups have also deteriorated. There is a broad consensus that one of the main reasons is the lack of important institutional reforms or the failure of reform initiatives. It would be far too easy to solely blame politicians for this. Rather, the values and norms of society could be the fundamental reason behind this phenomenon and indirectly also behind the passivity of the political elite.

The aim of the workshop was to discuss the role of cultural factors related to taxation and the potential for tax reforms with researchers, policy-makers and tax policy experts from the business sector.”

For further information please contact: [Orsolya Lelkes](#)

19-20 May, Brussels (Belgium): Gallup’s European Wellbeing Summit, Measuring the Emotional Economy in the 21st century

Orsolya Lelkes was invited to be a panellist at Gallup’s European Wellbeing Summit.

On the occasion of its 75th anniversary, Gallup looked into some of the most pressing questions of this day and age:

- *What makes people happy?*
- *Are there universal factors that determine life satisfaction and how can we measure wellbeing?*
- *What are desirable outcomes both at micro and macro levels?*
- *Is putting constituencies’ wellbeing at the heart of policy-making a political utopia or a necessary paradigm shift?*

The Gallup’s European Wellbeing Summit brought together European policy-makers, world-renowned research scientists, including Nobel Prize-winning psychologist and Gallup Senior Scientist Daniel Kahneman, and recognised leaders from the private and public sectors, the healthcare industry and government.

The aim of this gathering was to enhance the understanding of crucial issues that affect the wellbeing of Europeans and the world’s 7 billion citizens and provide a thorough understanding of its many desirable outcomes. Furthermore, to assess how wellbeing and behavioural economics measurements can be used to develop stable communities, and grow successful and sustainable economies, cities and organisations.

Read more about: [event](#)

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Publications

EC Book Reviews

The Book Reviews section of the forthcoming issue of the Czech Sociological Review, edited by Pieter Vanhuysse, features eight reviews by scholars such as Stephan Vincent-Lancrin (OECD), Elaine Weiner (McGill University) and Oliver Pamp (University of Bremen). It also includes reviews on two of the Centre's recent publications:

- Huber, Rodrigues, Hoffmann, Gasior, and Marin's *Facts and Figures on Long-Term Care* (reviewed by Hildegard Theobald, University of Vechta), and
- Marin and Zólyomi's *Women's Work and Pensions* (reviewed by Jay Ginn, King's College London).

Excerpts of review on:

Huber, Manfred, Rodrigues, Ricardo, Hoffmann, Frédérique, Gasior, Katrin and Marin, Bernd (2009), *Facts and Figures on Long-Term Care. Europe and North America*

“The report comprises a wide spectrum of themes related to long-term care ... [and] provides reliable comparative national and international statistical data on significant trends in Europe and North America, which are very useful for international comparative research, as well as for the development and implementation of policies. ... calculations on significant and interesting interrelationships between variables afford fresh insights into recent trends in the issue. ... Besides a comprehensive international comparative database which can be used in research or policy planning, the data analysis and the explanation deliver fresh insights into the complex area of long-term care.”

Excerpts of review on:

Marin, Bernd and Zólyomi, Eszter (eds.) (2010) *Women's Work and Pensions: What is Good, What is Best?*

“In the spate of books and reports about pension reform in response to ageing populations, the effectiveness of pension systems in providing adequate independent pensions for women has generally been overlooked. This book is a welcome exception. It discusses the many issues around gender, class and cohort equity in state pensions, with thoughtful contributions from Sweden and Italy and detailed case studies from Poland, Austria and Finland. The book includes an Annex with a wide range of gender-disaggregated world and European data on women and men ... making it a valuable comparative reference source.”

Read more about: [reviews](#)

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Appointments

Pieter Vanhuysse has been re-appointed as Reviews Editor and as Member of the newly constituted Editorial Board of the Czech Sociological Review, which is ISI-listed and impact-factored at 0.427. The CSR now also welcomes on board the likes of Professors Zygmunt Bauman (University of Leeds), Claus Offe (Hertie School of Governance, Berlin), Andrew Roberts (Northwestern University, Illinois) and Akos Rona-Tas (University of California at San Diego).

Read more about: [editorial board overview](#)

For further information please contact: [Pieter Vanhuysse](#)

Newspaper Articles

[Marin, Bernd \(2005-2010\) Various articles in Der Standard, in Die Presse, in Format, in Kleine Zeitung, in Salzburger Nachrichten, Vienna, Graz, Salzburg, 2010](#)

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