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Research Programme "Work, Wealth, Welfare"

Work, Wealth, Welfare is one of the two programmes within which the research programme of the European Centre has been organised. The research objectives for the programme "Work, Wealth, Welfare" have continued to develop, but the main work areas remain as those of the previous two years.

Overarching Aim

To develop and take forward work in the overlapping research fields of **Work** (e.g. employment promotion; earnings differentials; social protection for labour market absences; in-work benefits and their usefulness for work incentives; ageing and employment; employment of people with disabilities); **Wealth** (including income maintenance; accumulation of income; physical as well as pension wealth; impact of income and wealth on personal welfare, etc.); and **Welfare** (e.g. design and implementation of social security and welfare programmes and their impact on reduction of poverty and social exclusion; social rights and entitlements; poverty and social exclusion among migrants and people with disabilities). This research programme – undertaken by working closely with national policymakers and international (research) organisations, and with the help of the commissioned research, internal research as well as conferences and seminars – enables us to identify and advise on key social welfare policy reforms that are necessary within the wider bloc of European countries, including not just the EU Member States but also Central Asian and Balkan countries.

Specific Objectives

- To improve our understanding of the working of the labour market, and drawing out the
 implications for future policy developments, so as to achieve a more flexible and better
 performing labour market, which supports goals such as achieving sustainable economic
 growth, with additional and better jobs and greater social inclusion of people at the
 margin of the labour market (in particular for persons with disabilities and migrants).
- Identify and explore sources of income and wealth generation within and across
 countries, and within and across generations, by studying key research issues and policy
 developments such as women and pensions; intergenerational transfer of disadvantages;
 shifts in pension policies and their impact on pension wealth and retirement incomes;
 risks of poverty and social exclusions across countries, in particular among older people,
 and the mainstreaming of ageing and social inclusion policies and their impact).
- Inform future policy developments by understanding the design, implementation and impact of social welfare policies; and by identifying good policy practices across countries (in particular those which resulted in reducing poverty and social exclusion amongst vulnerable groups of societies); and
- To work out and support the development of the analytical tools that are required in assessing policy developments across different fields of social welfare policy and research (e.g. maintenance and extension of the microsimulation models and other such tools and data sources; and by developing social indicators so as to monitor progress and policies).

We organise our work programme within various research areas. The broad description of the research areas is set out below.

I. Ageing & Generations

This research area seeks to facilitate a dialogue across generations within a multidisciplinary setting so as to study implications of ageing of societies. The intergenerational and interdisciplinary perspective allows us to better understand and prepare for challenges and opportunities associated with the demographic shift of population ageing that European countries are experiencing.

Within the framework of the 2012 European Year on Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations, the UNECE, the European Commission DG Employment, Social Protection and Inclusion, and the European Centre were undertaking a research project "Active Ageing Index". The aim of this project was to develop and launch an Active Ageing Index that would help to measure national progress in ensuring activity and quality of life of ageing populations in the EU and other UNECE countries. The index is a tool to measure and monitor active ageing outcomes at the country level, with a breakdown by gender. The index measures the extent to which older people have and can realise their potential with respect to employment and other unpaid family, social and cultural activities as well as in independent and autonomous living, and in terms of total and healthy life expectancy. The European Centre project team has been benefiting from the advice of an international expert group, put together by the UNECE, which includes many distinguished international experts on active ageing and intergenerational relationships, from academia as well as from Eurostat, and national statistical agencies and policy-makers.

To coincide with the European Year of Active Aging and Solidarity between the Generations, Pieter Vanhuysse co-edited with Achim Goerres the book Ageing Populations in Post-Industrial Democracies (Routledge, 2012). This book maps the field of aging politics, compares risky policy reforms in the USA, Japan, and all major EU countries that have often hurt the interests of elderly citizens, and examines the social policy attitudes of younger and older generations and the emergence of age-based social and political movements. This book has been reviewed in 14 journals, including Ageing & Society, Canadian Journal of Sociology, Canadian Public Policy, Intergenerational Justice Review, and Journal of European Social Policy. A new paperback edition of the book was published in summer 2014.

MOPACT – Making Longevity an Asset for Economic and Social Development – is a four-year European research project (2013-2017) involving various universities, institutes, public authorities and the European Centre. The joint research intends to create a high-quality, multi-disciplinary critical mass of leading researchers in the closest possible partnership with stakeholders. Through a carefully planned iterative process, MOPACT will build a compendium of essential state-of-the-art and foresight intelligence upon which to develop the policy, practice, service and product developments and innovations required to make longevity an asset for social and economic development. The "Work, Wealth, Welfare" team participates in WPI (Realising Active Ageing) and WP3 (Extending Working Lives).

Pieter Vanhuysse published a report on 'Measuring Intergenerational Justice' (2013) and a European Social Observatory (2014) Opinion Paper in which a snapshot synthetic measure of intergenerational justice for 29 OECD countries is proposed. Sustainability is the underlying notion: 'enough and as good' ought to be left by each generation for the next. The measure is composed of four dimensions, three of which capture policy outcomes that leave legacy burdens towards future generations, and one of which captures bias in social policy spending efforts towards elderly age groups. This research was reported in over 50 media outlets across Europe, including in OECD Insights, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Die Zeit, Die Welt, Kompakt, Huffington Post, Wirtschaftsblatt (2), Der Standard (2), Die Presse, Die Tageszeitung, Münchner Abendzeitung, Wiener Zeitung, Diplomatic Courier, Policy Innovations, and Bevölkerungsforschung Aktuell. This research was summarized in the European Centre Policy Brief 'A Snapshot of Intergenerational Justice', in Global Economic Symposium Briefs, and in scientific blog contributions at the London School of Economics (EUROPP), Oxford (openpop.org) and Duisburg University.

Two further papers were published in the *Israel Studies Review* (2012) and *International Journal of Social Welfare* (2014) on the subject of intergenerational and pension system justice perceptions in two most-different cases: Germany and Israel. These studies analyse a nationally representative sample of 3,000 respondents from the 2006 wave of the International Social Justice Project to investigate the determinants of citizens' perceptions of the injustice of the prevalent pension system (PPI). It is found that age is negatively and social status positively associated with reported levels of PPI. Moreover, PPI is higher both when citizens lack intra-familial social solidarity and when they more strongly endorse pro-state welfare attitudes. Distinct culture-specific patterns, such as the stronger effect of subjective class position and pro-social family norms in Israel, are explained by reference to, respectively, the institutional characteristics of the Israeli pension system and the particularly dominant normative position of the family in Israeli-Jewish culture. Pieter Vanhuysse also co-published an article on 'Global and Domestic Forms of Justice' in *Social Justice Research* (2014).

Pieter Vanhuyse has finished an expertise contract as External Expert on the Central European Ageing Strategy developed by the Central European Knowledge Platform for an Ageing Society. The project was funded by the EU's Regional Development Fund and run by a consortium of 13 partners from 8 CE countries.

In addition, the Centre has hosted seven International Seminars on ageing and generations by Marin Kohli (UII Florence em.), Louis Chauvel (University of Luxembourg), Dimiter Philipov (Wittgenstein Centre for Demography and Global Human Capital), Roland Sigg (ex ILO), Ariela Lowenstein (University of Haifa), Christiane Spiel (University of Vienna) and Marius M. Busemeyer (University of Konstanz).

Our formal collaboration with the UNECE Population Unit continued during 2013 and 2014. As a member of the UNECE Working Group on Ageing (WGA), the European Centre has been actively involved in the work of the WGA providing scientific expertise, participating in annual meetings, and contributing to the new WGA Programme of Work for 2014-

2017. The European Centre is also currently involved in the work of the newly-established UNECE Taskforce on Ageing-related Statistics to improve the availability, accessibility and comparability of statistical data in support of ageing-related policymaking.

II. Incomes, Poverty & Social Exclusion

This research area addresses the following analytical questions: How best to improve income measurement for the assessment of public policies; How to improve our understanding of people's experiences of poverty and social exclusions; What are good policy practices in combating risk of poverty and social exclusions; and what recommendations can be made for policy reforms that will help countries improve incomes and combat poverty and social exclusions.

Until March 2013, the European Centre continued work within the European Observatory on the Social Situation, which provides insights into many different areas of poverty and social exclusion. The key examples are our work on the level of poverty across the EU countries, the trends over time and identifying high-poverty risk groups. The special focus of the past year included the analysis of the 2010 ad hoc EU-SILC module on the intrahousehold sharing of resources and the analysis of the social inclusion of young migrants, which were both published as Research Notes by the European Commisson.

The Research Note titled "The 2010 Ad hoc EU SILC module on the intra-household sharing of resources" is based on a sample with around 150,000 European couples. Lelkes shows that poor couples tend to pool all their resources. At the same time, it is more likely that one partner takes the lead in decision-making. In Austria, men are more likely to be the main decision-makers (related to expensive purchases of consumer durables) among poor couples, but there is no general gender pattern across all EU countries.

The Research Note "Inclusion of young migrants", by Orsolya Lelkes, Eva Sierminska and Eszter Zólyomi (2012) finds that about 1.8 million young non-EU-born migrants are at risk of poverty or social exclusion, implying that around one in three of them live in a household at risk of poverty. It examines the situation of the migrant population in terms of their risk of poverty and social exclusion, as well as their wealth, and compares this with those of the non-migrant majority population. The focus, in particular, is on young people with migrant parents (in terms of their country of birth) -- i.e. on second-generation young migrants and specifically on those with parents born outside the EU. Based on the findings of this Research Note, Orsolya Lelkes and Eszter Zólyomi published an article in the inaugural issue of the new *Voice* magazine, a global bi-monthly youth magazine in 2013.

Together with its partner from the Austrian Institute for Family Studies, the European Centre has won a bid for research funding from the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions, for a project entitled 'Families in the Economic Crisis: Mapping Policy Responses in 10 European Member States'. Katrin Gasior will involve the use of EU-SILC survey data to provide evidence for each of the countries studied, specifically to

identify household types including lone parents, couple families and extended families, and to explore various working patterns and work arrangements of the parents. Pieter Vanhuysse will synthetize the main lessons learnt from all country case studies in the project. Bearing in mind the different institutional and socio-political settings across the major models of welfare in Europe, he will also derive larger conclusions for family policy design and family welfare during and after crisis periods.

The European Centre continued work as a partner institute within the Social Situation Monitor. The Social Situation Monitor analyses trends in income distribution, poverty, social exclusion and material deprivation as well as health across the European Union. In 2014, the team of the European Centre is responsible for the tasks of (I) monitoring patterns and trends of poverty across the EU, (2) completing a Research Note on "Quality of Housing", (3) completing a further Research Note on the "Access to Long-term Care", and (4) contributing to the Research Note on "Young People in the Crisis". The research findings of the SSM, including an on-line resource of the most recent findings, can be found at the website of the European Commission.

In a study on the "Rearrangement of Demand-Oriented Social Transfers and Activating Interventions in South Tyrol" funded by the European Social Fund, the European Centre analysed minimum income regulations and policies in selected European countries. Up to date, there has not been any standardisation of basic income models in the EU-28; while there are overlaps in some countries (e.g. most basic income benefits are linked with activation measures), significant differences can be observed.

The European Centre team has completed an analysis on "Winners and Losers of the Crisis in Latvia" for the World Bank. Our team explored how poverty and income inequality changed in Latvia during the financial and economic crisis also drawing on comparison with other EU Member States. In particular, we identified the specific social groups, which were most affected by the crisis in order to raise awareness among policy-makers. The results were compiled into a World Bank report, which is planned to be published in 2013.

Michael Fuchs (together with Nikolaus Dimmel, University of Salzburg) published an article in the second edition of the *Handbook Poverty in Austria* on the non-take-up of social assistance benefits. The article comprises both a theoretical and empirical analysis of the determinants and patterns of non-take-up. Economic and sociological models of non-take-up as well as the consequences of non-take-up are discussed. Empirical figures for several EU-countries throw light on the rate, the size and the distribution of non-take-up.

In addition, the Centre hosted an International Seminar on incomes, poverty and social exclusions by István György Tóth (TARKI).

III. Labour Market & Social Policy

This research area focuses on the analysis of the functioning of the labour market, and reviewing of the labour market and other social policies to boost employment and incomes. A particular focus is placed on the understanding of the institutional set-up within which labour market and social policies are implemented.

During 2013, Orsolya Lelkes was an external consultant for the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound) related to their report titled "Families in the Economic Crisis – An Analysis of Risks of Poverty and Exclusion". The main aim of the report is to deliver a cross-European, comparable analysis of how the economic crisis is affecting the quality of life of different types of families across Europe. The report examines, for instance, how different families are coping with unemployment and how the crisis is affecting their ability to make ends meet. Using data from the 3rd European Quality of Life Survey, carried out in 2011, the analysis will include examinations of, among other things, the work-life balance of different families and their subjective wellbeing. In order to get an idea of the impact of the crisis, the 2011 survey results will be compared to those obtained in 2007, just before the financial crisis led to the economic downturn that Europe is currently experiencing. The report aims to help policy-makers identify the groups that need particular attention. Lelkes gave comments and detailed suggestions related to the relevant literature, the methodological and analytical framework, and the draft report, and contributed to the policy pointers. These issues were also discussed during a meeting with Eurofound experts in Dublin in September 2013.

Pieter Vanhuysse is currently undertaking further research on the political economy of employment policies in the public sector across various institutional settings. This research includes an article on police employment policy patterns in the German states, published in the *Journal of Public Policy* (2013) entitled 'Cops for Hire', and a working paper on the cultural sector public employment policies entitled 'A Vote at the Opera?'. 'Cops for Hire' hypothesizes that policy-makers hire more police officers during election periods as these are "street-visible" jobs dealing with highly salient issues, and that competence signalling makes such hiring more attractive for conservative parties. Using data for all the German states between 1992 and 2010, the article finds evidence for both these hypotheses, though population density is more important still. Subjectively immediate forms of crime (including petty, street-level crimes) and popularly if often wrongly perceived causes of crime (such as immigration) also increase employment. The *Journal of Public Policy* has also devoted an entry to this article on its scientific blog |Public Policy.

In 2013, Pieter Vanhuysse has published the lead article in a special section on "The New Politics of Welfare Reform" of the journal *Political Studies*, entitled 'Parties, Unions, and Activation Strategies: The Context-Dependent Politics of Active Labor Market Policy Spending' (with Professor Markus Tepe, University of Oldenburg). This article explores the diverging roles of left-wing parties and trade unions in determining ALMP spending. It argues that unions today increasingly take into account the distinct re-employability worries of their members: they now consider ALMPs as their second-best or first-best feasible priority.

In countries where high job protection levels (the first-best goal) have not been achieved, more powerful unions will promote ALMP spending as an alternative way to offer their members some measure of desired labour market security. The article tests these arguments on a sample of 20 OECD countries between 1986 and 2005. Using a brand-new measure of leftness, it finds that left party power has no effect on ALMP spending generally and even a negative effect on job creation programmes. But larger and more strike-prone unions are today associated with higher ALMP spending overall, and specifically on those programmes most directly benefiting their own membership. Moreover, union strategies are context-dependent: more powerful unions push for more activation spending especially in those welfare states where jobs are not yet well protected. This research was summarized in the European Centre Policy Brief 'Workers' Worries and Labor Market Policies'.

A new research project was started in collaboration with the University of Oldenburg and funded by the Thyssen Stiftung, to use Lab-in-the-Field Experiments to study subject pool effects in the orientation of business administration as compared to public administration students towards social norms such as altruism, fairness, trustworthiness, as well as towards free-riding and risk aversion. These experimental data will be used to test a wide range of hypotheses regarding the predictive power of public service employee motivation theories.

In addition, the Centre has hosted an International Seminar on labour market and social policy by Raanan Sulitzeanu-Kenan (Hebrew University of Jerusalem) and Reimut Zohlnhöfer (Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg).

IV. Pensions & Social Security

This research area looks into how pensions and other forms of social security provisions ensure income protection against common social risks such as absences from the labour market, divorce, widowhood, and other forms of life-course disruptions. A particular focus is placed on how recent pension reforms in many countries are likely to impact on retirement incomes of future pensioners.

In a project on Corridor Studies on Portability of Social Benefits funded by the World Bank the European Centre is responsible for the corridors Austria/Turkey and Germany/ Turkey. A second set of corridor studies focuses on Belgium/Morocco and France/Morocco. An increasing share of the world population will spend some time of working life outside their home country. Lacking portability of acquired social rights threatens human rights, deteriorates individual life cycle planning and social risk management, negatively affects labour mobility, and creates fiscal costs for at least one of the countries. Compared to the respective decrees of the European Union, which represent the most extensive rules on the multilateral level, and other bilateral agreements concluded by Austria and Germany, there are only minor differences in the agreements with Turkey:

 A pension transfer outside Germany is not possible for pensions related to the reduction in earnings capacity, which are granted under consideration of the labour market situation in Germany.

- For the calculation of pensions, according to the bilateral agreements only the direct method is used. However, in many cases there are no resulting differences to the pro-rate method that is used on the EU-level in most cases in addition.
- The bilateral agreement between Germany and Turkey does not contain a regulation for insurance periods of less than 12 months. Thus, those periods are forfeited.
- For the duration of a regular residence in Turkey, Turkish citizens are only entitled to
 voluntary insurance in the German pension insurance, in case they have already paid at
 least a voluntary contribution before 1987. In other German bilateral agreements there is
 a principal entitlement to voluntary insurance under certain pre-conditions.
- Related to the objective of fiscal fairness between countries, the agreed across-theboard accounting for the reimbursement of health care costs for pensioners and their dependents between Austria and Turkey corresponds to the old EU decree. Basically there is a trend towards the accounting of real costs.

A chapter entitled 'Accelerating Smaller Cutbacks to Delay Larger Ones? The Politics of Timing and Alarm Bells in OECD Pension Generosity Retrenchment' was contributed to the volume Ageing Populations in Post-Industrial Democracies: Comparative Studies of Policies and Politics (2012) by Pieter Vanhuysse, together with Professor Markus Tepe (University of Oldenburg). The chapter shows that while institutional veto points and political business cycles have little influence on the timing of pension generosity cutbacks, more right-leaning governments tend to implement such cuts significantly earlier than leftleaning governments. Moreover, both population aging and rising unemployment levels are found to delay large-size pension cutbacks, but to accelerate medium-size cutbacks in pension generosity, possibly because they function as alarm bell signals urging policy-makers to take still feasible incremental action through 'muddling-through type' retrenchment in order to delay more radical and politically highly risky retrenchment.

In addition, the Centre has hosted three International Seminars on pensions and social security by Markus Knell (Austrian National Bank), Alexia Fürnkranz-Prskawecz (Technical University of Vienna), Robert Ivan Gal (Hungarian Demographic Institute) and Achim Kemmerling (Central European University).

V. Tax/Benefit Policy Modelling

Here, we focus on our specific research interest of developing tax-benefit types of models as analytical tools to evaluate ex-ante the impact of policy reforms. The most salient aspect of these so-called microsimulation models is that they analyse the redistributive impact of taxes or benefits on individuals or households, answering questions such as "Who are the winners and losers?" of a particular policy reform. Emphasis has been placed on working with the international network that has developed EUROMOD, the European tax-benefit microsimulation model.

During 2014, the European Centre's researchers continued with the EUROMOD Update project, supported by the European Commission. The aim is to update and upgrade the

computer-based research tool, and to extend it to cover the whole enlarged European Union. The funds are used to raise awareness among researchers, international bodies and governments of how EUROMOD can be applied to measure the impact of tax and benefit policies on people's living standards and ultimately tackle inequality and poverty. In 2014, the focus of the European Centre's team is on modelling the policy system 2014 for Austria, based on national SILC data 2012 (incomes for 2011).

Based on EUROMOD and funded by the Austrian Federal Ministry for Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection the European Centre (together with the project partners ISER/ESSEX, FLEMOSI, BRZ and Statistics Austria) developed a web-based tool for policy-makers and the broader public to simulate policy reforms and to analyse their social impact in Austria. It offers the opportunity to play around with potential tax and benefit reforms and to see their effects on the national poverty rate, income inequality indicators and different income groups. In 2014, SORESI is updated to 2014 policy rules using the latest input data (SILC 2012 with incomes for 2011) and will be complemented by a tool on individual incomes and a tool on model households. The web application can be accessed via: http://soresi.sozialministerium.at/soresi/

VI. Happiness, Personal and Social Well-being

Our focus here is to evaluate different types of welfare societies and their success in addressing social issues that a country is facing. Emphasis is placed on the analysis of attributes of the European Social Model and how it offers lessons for countries to reform their welfare states.

It has become customary to judge the quality of a society by the use of objective indicators, predominantly socio-economic ones. Yet in most developed nations in Europe and elsewhere, increases in income, health and education have not produced comparable increases in happiness or life satisfaction. To address this issue, we aim to evaluate the success of European countries in promoting the personal and social well-being of their citizens. During recent years, significant progress has been made in the development of high-quality subjective measures of personal and social well-being and the production of cross-national, comparable datasets. Our focus is to understand social patterns and trends of happiness or other indicators of wel-being, the links between objective circumstances and their subjective assessment. We also aim to explore the implications of these issues for policy-makers.

The economic and social crisis highlights the importance of social connections, as they could potentially function as a sort of "personal safety net". The article by Orsolya Lelkes titled 'The Loneliness of the Unemployed: Social and Political Participation in Germany in a European Context' focuses on social and political participation indicators, including trust, social meetings, political activities and social isolation. It presents Germany in a European context, and also compares the situation of specific social groups in Germany. The

unemployed are particularly exposed to social isolation: about one out of eight German unemployed have no close friend at all. In addition, they are less likely to be politically active, which reduces their interest representation potentials. (Social Indicators Information Service (ISI), No. 50. August 2013, pp. 7-11)

Orsolya Lelkes in her book chapter on 'Measuring Happiness on a National Level' argues that there is an emerging consensus that "well-being measures" need to be a primary focus of policy-making. This consensus appears to be explicit on an international level, including the OECD, the UN, the World Bank and the European Commission and Eurostat, and more prevalent in national politics in some countries, including e.g. France and the UK. This policy effort is supported by available large-scale data of ever higher quality. The chapter presents evidence on the level of self-reported happiness across European countries based on a sample with around 50,000 individuals, and also variation of happiness levels across groups. Lelkes argues that the social patterns of happiness provide a useful basis for the assessment of public policies. (Lelkes. O., 2012, 'Measuring Happiness on a National Level', in: E. Kapferer, A. Koch and C. Sedmak (eds.), Logics of Change. Poverty, Place, Identity and Social Transformation Mechanisms. Cambridge: Cambridge Scholars Publishing)

Orsolya Lelkes, in her article titled 'Minimising Misery: A New Strategy for Public Policies Instead of Maximising Happiness?', raises the issue whether public policy should focus on minimizing unhappiness rather than maximizing happiness. Using a cross-sectional multicountry dataset with 57,000 observations from 29 European countries, she shows that unhappiness varies a great deal more across social groups than (high levels of) happiness do. While misery appears to strongly relate to broad social issues (such as unemployment, poverty, social isolation), bliss might be more of a private matter, with individual strategies and attitudes hidden from the eye of a policy-maker. (Social Indicators Research, October 2013, Volume 114, Issue 1, pp 121-137)

Internet may be a source of happiness, as argued by Orsolya Lelkes in her article, titled 'Happier and less isolated: internet use in old age', published in the *Journal of Poverty and Social Justice*. She found that internet use may be a useful way of reducing social isolation in old age, and it does not crowd out face-to-face contacts. The results, based on a European multi-country cross-sectional dataset with over 11,000 observations suggest that social isolation is lower among internet users aged 65 or over. The author also found a positive relationship between regular internet use and self-reported life satisfaction, all else being equal.

Orsolya Lelkes acted as a peer reviewer and external advisor for the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions in their research project titled "Quality of Life in Europe: Families in the Economic Crisis". The report describes the changing quality of life across the EU for different types of families with children and compares their living standards and social situation. The final report was published in March 2014. (Downloadable at: http://www.eurofound.europa.eu/publications/htmlfiles/ef1389.htm)

VII. Welfare Society

A book by Bernd Marin titled Welfare in an Idle Society? Reinventing Retirement, Work, Wealth, Health and Welfare. A Primer on Re-Designing Social Security to Cope with Global Ageing and 21st Century Pension, was published in 2013 by Ashgate. This ground-breaking book demonstrates how countries are addressing population-ageing challenges in depth, using the case-study of Austria to gain the required complexity and differentiation in a comparative European framework of empirical evidence. Though focusing on pensions, it centres on the (im)balance between work and non-work, issues of health, work ability, employability, and benefit receipt from old-age security to disability allowance.

Pieter Vanhuysse presented at a paper at the ECPR General Conference entitled 'Taking Social Policy Personally', in which a new direction is proposed for welfare attitudes research. This research introduces the 'Big Five' personality traits central in psychological research to social policy studies in order to explore the direct and conditional relationships between these traits and five different areas or needs contexts for welfare provision. The findings show that, for instance, neuroticism is systematically associated with stronger support for the welfare state's financial responsibility when unemployed, when sick, and for the family. The substantive effect of personality traits in predicting welfare attitudes is often as large as that of education, employment status, or partisan ideology. This indicates that personality traits are a promising avenue for advancing the understanding of individual preferences in welfare societies.

Together with the International Social Security Association (ISSA), the European Centre was one of just two European social policy institutes to be invited to present at the 27th General Assembly of the Inter-American Conference on Social Security in San Salvador, which assembled high level social security administrators and social policy professionals from Canada, the USA, and the Latin-American countries. Pieter Vanhuysse gave a European perspective on new developments in pensions, long-term care and intergenerational justice policies.

In addition, the Centre has hosted seven International Seminars on welfare society by Christopher Prinz (OECD), Frank Vandenbroecke (Universities of Leuven and Amsterdam), Stein Ringen (University of Oxford), Steve Saxonberg (University of Brno), Thomas Pastr (Max Planck Cologne), Wim van Oorschot (University of Leuven) and Herbert Obinger (University of Bremen).

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International Research Project

Addictions and Lifestyle in Contemporary Europe - Reframing Addictions Project (ALICE RAP)

Analysing the place and challenges of addictions (substances and gambling) and lifestyles to the cohesion, organization and functioning of contemporary European society

(funded by the European Commission, Seventh Framework Programme and the TOP.EU programme of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy) 2011 – 2016

National Research Project

Wie lässt sich die Öffentlichkeit für Jugendliche und Erwachsene gesundheitsfördernd gestalten? (AGORA)

(How to Build a Health-promoting Public Sphere?)

(coordinated by the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research, in cooperation with the Universities for Applied Sciences in Vienna and St. Pölten, Austria) (funded by the Austrian Health Promotion Fund / FGÖ, the Viennese Institute for Health Promotion / WIG, and the Lower Austrian Health and Welfare Fund / NÖGUS) 2012 – 2015

National Research Project

Pflegebedarf und Versorgungsmix in Wien

(Demand for Long-term Care and Supply Mix) (funded by the City of Vienna, MA 24) 2012 – 2014

International Research Project

Impacts of the Crisis on Access to Health Care Services in Portugal

A case study to identify initiatives at the health care provider level which mitigate the impact of the crisis on access to health care services in Portugal

(funded by the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions) 2013 – 2014

International Research Project

Social Situation Observatory - Research Note on Access to Long-Term Care Services

2014 - 2015

International Research Project

Mobilising the Potential of Active Ageing in Europe (MOPACT)

Aiming to provide the research and practical evidence upon which Europe can make longevity an asset for social and economic development

(funded by the European Commission, Seventh Framework Programme and the TOP.EU programme of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy) 2013 – 2017

International Research Project

"Make or Buy?" - Long-term Care Services in Sweden: Lessons for Policy

(funded by the Swedish Ministry of Health and Social Affairs) 2013 – 2014

International Research Project

Long-term Care Markets and Integrated Care - Policy Utopia or a Goal within Reach

(funded by the Swedish Ministry of Health and Social Affairs) 2014 - 2015

International Research Project

INNOVAGE - Social Innovations Promoting Active and Healthy Ageing

ICT-based Social Support for Carers of Older People

(funded by the European Commission, Seventh Framework Programme) 2014 - 2015

National Research Project

Serbian Project SAVE - Social Protection Assessment for Values and Effectiveness

(funded by the European Commission, PROGRESS Programme) 2014 – 2016

Research Programme "Health and Care"

The Health and Care programme of the European Centre has undergone major changes over the past year under its new Head Ricardo Rodrigues who has continued to broaden the scope of research topics covered by the entire team. Apart from the long-standing focus on long-term care and substance addiction, new fields of research on health care policies have been opened up. In particular, research on the impact of the financial crisis on health systems has become a major point of expertise. Furthermore, important progress has been made in publishing and disseminating research results in a number of peer-reviewed articles, chapters in books, and presentations at major conferences.

Overarching Aim

The strategic aim of the Health and Care programme remains to contribute to the establishment of evidence-based policies in the field of health and long-term care by carrying out multidisciplinary research of outstanding quality, including issues less explored by mainstream research. These activities are chiefly designed to assist policy-makers at the national and international level in informed decision-making and therefore they include research on emerging topics. Recognising the role played by various stakeholders, particularly in long-term care, research by the Health and Care programme always seeks to incorporate their contributions and feedback.

During the reporting period from 2013 to 2014 three outstanding examples for this orientation were the study on the 'Make or Buy Decision in Long-term Care' commissioned by the Swedish Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, a project with the local administration of Vienna investigating the future demand for long-term care with a focus on the mix of various sources of care supply, and research on the impact of the economic crisis on access to healthcare services.

Public Health and Health Promotion

ALICE RAP

In winter 2009/2010 the European Centre participated in a successful 7th Framework application on "Addictions and Lifestyle in Contemporary Europe – Reframing Addictions Project" (ALICE RAP). The project started on 1 May 2011 with a first meeting of the partners in the same month, The meeting, which took place in Barcelona, was followed by annual plenary meetings and more frequent meetings of work package teams. The project will be concluded by a plenary meeting in November 2015, again organized in Barcelona.

The project is commissioned by the 7th Framework Programme of the European Union. Its structure consists of 7 working areas each composed of work packages. The European Centre mainly contributes to Working Area I "Ownership of Addiction", i.e. to Work Packages I ("Addiction through Ages") and 2 ("Stakeholder Analysis").

AGORA

The project "How to Build a Health-promoting Public Sphere" (AGORA) started in May 2012 and will run through April 2015. The project is the successor to a study on "Juvenile Alcohol Scenes" carried out by the European Centre in collaboration with the Universities for Applied Sciences of Vienna and St. Pölten a few years ago. It aims to put policy-relevant results of the first study into practice and to contribute to the establishment of sustainable structures of collaboration between the stakeholders shaping the public sphere, i.e. mainly the police and mobile social services but also gastronomy and the media. The focus of interest is collaboration with regard to consumption of illegal and legal psychoactive drugs including tobacco and the consequences of consumption such as intoxication, nuisance, and violence. The latter will also be tackled without relation to drug consumption.

To achieve these aims a mix of qualitative methods is used that is altered and extended according to field experiences and research questions that come up during the course of the study. The methods used include participant observation, qualitative interviews, content analysis, group discussions and techniques used in depth-psychological organizational development.

Access to Health and Long-term Care

PFLEGEBEDARF UND VERSORGUNGSMIX IN WIEN / DEMAND FOR LONG-TERM CARE AND SUPPLY-MIX

The question of what determines older people's use of different care services is crucial for public policy-makers to be able to respond to longevity appropriately. In a study completed in early 2014 for the Department of Health and Social Care Planning in Vienna (MA 24), it was shown that reliance on informal carers, in particular on female carers, is still of utmost importance to remain in one's own home even in old-age. A potential alternative to residential and informal care – 24-hour care by live-in personal assistants (mainly migrants) – is significantly more often used by higher income groups and in case of larger housing space. In a simulation of different scenarios on the costs of long-term care service provision in the future, it could be demonstrated that policy-makers have some potential to steer the future costs of care in order to strike a balance between sustainable public financing systems and a well-functioning long-term care system.

This study matched and linked data from different sources for the first time to inform a comprehensive evaluation of the current landscape of long-term care in Vienna. On the basis of a secondary analysis of survey and administrative data, demand-related factors (socio-demographic characteristics, available support, housing environment, etc.) were analysed with a focus on their impact on specific supply-settings (residential care, home care, no services in kind at all). These findings were then used as input to simulate different scenarios of future demand and related costs. A full report will be published in autumn 2014.

IMPACT OF THE CRISIS ON ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE IN PORTUGAL

In the aftermath of the global financial crisis and widespread austerity measures, the healthcare systems of many countries in the European Union have had to cope in some cases with severe budgetary cuts. In order to determine how access to healthcare has been affected in specific countries, the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound) commissioned a series of country reports detailing the effects of the crisis on access to healthcare services, with a focus on providers and the services they offer. Responsible for the country report for Portugal, the European Centre team conducted a series of interviews with key stakeholders on the ground, including policy-makers, patient rights' advocates, and health care providers to identify ways in which services have been affected, and what measures they have taken to mitigate these effects. In addition to qualitative data analysis, the report included analysis of secondary quantitative data in order to provide a country-level context of Portugal's experience with the crisis.

SOCIAL SITUATION OBSERVATORY - RESEARCH NOTE ON ACCESS TO LONG-TERM CARE SERVICES

In the context of population ageing, demand for long-term care services is likely to increase in the next decades. Unlike healthcare, very little is known about differences in access to healthcare services between groups of dissimilar socio-economic background and how these differences vary between countries. This research note uses quantitative methods and a comparative dataset to analyse possible inequality and inequity in the use of long-term care in Europe. Inequality in access to long-term care services is a subject that is likely to have an impact well beyond the people in need of care, given that informal care is often provided by women of working age as a replacement for non-existing or inaccessible services.

Health and Care Provision

MOBILISING THE POTENTIAL OF ACTIVE AGEING IN EUROPE (MOPACT)

Long viewed as placing a burden on the future economic growth of Europe, demographic ageing can also be an important asset if the right conditions are created that allow older people to actively participate in society. MOPACT aims to provide evidence-based research to turn demographic ageing into an asset. The Health and Care programme coordinates WP8 on Long-term Care and is actively involved in WP5 on Health and Well-being. The project started in 2013 with a preliminary gathering of evidence and data on the health factors driving healthy life expectancy and social participation of older people (WP5), and by gathering background information and initiatives showing the way how to implement social innovation in long-term care and social support into active ageing policies (WP8).

'MAKE OR BUY?' LONG-TERM CARE SERVICES IN SWEDEN

The Swedish Ministry of Health and Social Affairs has commissioned the European Centre to implement a project analysing the decision to make or buy in long-term care. The project started in 2013 with the selection of relevant countries for carrying out case-studies on the functioning of quasi-markets in long-term care. Several literature reviews were undertaken to investigate on the subject of the make-or-buy decision from theoretical and empirical perspectives. The theoretical underpinning of the study drew on contributions from transaction costs economics, new public management, contract theory, social policy and disability critique.

The empirical parts of the study comprised both a review of quality assurance and quality management systems and a systematic review of studies comparing the quality of care provided by different types of public, private for-profit and non-profit organizations. Finally, the empirical case-studies on the functioning of quasi-markets in long-term care were based on relevant literature, but also on interviews with experts and key stakeholders.

The preliminary results were presented at a workshop with Swedish experts in January 2014, while the final report was presented to the Swedish Minister of Health and Social Affairs and key experts in Stockholm in June 2014.

LONG-TERM CARE MARKETS AND INTEGRATED CARE -POLICY UTOPIA OR A GOAL WITHIN REACH

As a follow-up to the 'Make or Buy' study, the Swedish Ministry of Health and Social Affairs commissioned the European Centre to implement a project on the effects of choice and competition on integrated health and social care delivery. The project starts in 2014 with a literature review on theoretical concepts and empirical results that will inform the design of questionnaires for the quantitative and qualitative data collection. Web and postal surveys and in-depth interviews with case managers and physicians will be conducted in two municipalities in Sweden and Germany. Results will be presented at a final workshop in Sweden in 2015.

INNOVAGE

The European Centre is partner in the FP7 research project 'INNOVAGE – Social Innovations Promoting Active and Healthy Ageing' that is dedicated to developing and testing, as well as surveying and cataloguing, social innovations that will have a solid impact on improving the quality of life and well-being of older people. One of the four new innovations that will be developed and tested is a web-platform addressing the most relevant needs for informal carers of older people that will be implemented in all 28 EU Member States with both common contents and national-specific ones. In 2014 and 2015 the European Centre will develop contents of the national page for Austria and will hold a workshop at which the Austrian web platform will be presented to a group of informal carers.

SAVE - SOCIAL PROTECTION ASSESSMENT FOR VALUES AND EFFECTIVENESS

Together with its partners from Serbia the European Centre has won European funding for 2014-2015 from DG Employment under the PROGRESS framework for a new research project SAVE – Social Protection Assessment for Values and Effectiveness. This is the first project in the Serbian framework of PROGRESS that deals with the cost-effectiveness and cost-efficieny of social welfare systems, specifically deinstitutionalization (DI) of welfare services. The project will generate evidence to help steer national reform in the deinstitutionalization, through economic analysis of deinstitutionalization, as well as analysis of the Serbian deinstitutionalization policies and processes. Access to EU and regional good practices and lessons learnt will be provided through European Centre policy advice and through a study tour and workshop in Austria for 20 Serbian social welfare professionals, and organization of a Round Table with Serbian regional experts. The recommendations and findings from the review, workshop, study tour and other events (including a final conference with 80 participants), and from the publication, will be fed into the policy-making and legislative processes, and support further legislative developments in the area of cost-effectiveness in Serbian social welfare.

Mainstreaming Ageing: Indicators to Monitor Implementation (MA:IMI / II) 2008 – 2014

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Expertise, Monitoring, and Evaluation

Mainstreaming Ageing: Indicators to Monitor Implementation (MA:IMI) Monitoring the Regional Implementation Strategy (RIS) for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA)

(in cooperation with the UN Economic Commission for Europe / UN-ECE)

Phase I: 2003 – 2008 (Follow-up and Monitoring)

Phase II: 2008 – 2012 (Second Review and Appraisal Cycle)

The 1st Meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the 2007 UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing

12-13 July 2007, Geneva, Switzerland

The Meeting of the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee for the 2007 UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing

8-9 October 2007, Geneva, Switzerland

A Special Session during European Centre's GAM on the Review and Progress of the 1st Phase of the MA:IMI Project and Its Continuation into the 2nd Phase

27 October 2007, Vienna, Austria

The 2007 Ministerial Conference on Ageing: "A Society for All Ages: Challenges and Opportunities"

6-8 November 2007, León, Spain

Special Side Event on the Progress and Future of the MA:IMI Project during the 2007 Ministerial Conference on Ageing

6-8 November 2007, León, Spain

The Forum of Civil Society on Ageing

6-8 November 2007, León, Spain

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Special Session on Pension Issues at the 30th General Conference of the International Association of Research in Income and Wealth

24-30 August 2008, Portoroz, Slovenia

Follow-up and Meetings for the Second Review and Appraisal Cycle 2008 - 2014

High-Level Expert and Policy-Makers Conference

Reinventing Retirement: Reshaping Health & Financial Security for the EU 27 and Eastern Europe

(funded by AARP and the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research) 23-24 October 2008, Dürnstein, Austria

First Meeting of the UNECE Working Group on Ageing

1-2 December 2008, Geneva, Switzerland

First Meeting of the Bureau of the UNECE Working Group on Ageing

11-12 May 2009, Bratislava, Slovak Republic

International Expert Meeting - Monitoring Long-Term Care for the Elderly

6-9 September 2009, Jerusalem, Israel

Second Meeting of the UNECE Working Group on Ageing

23-24 November 2009, Geneva, Switzerland

Workshop "Long-term Care in Europe - Discussing Trends and Relevant Issues"

22-23 February 2010, Budapest, Hungary

Workshop "The Gender Dimension of Poverty"

8 March 2010, Paris, France

Second Meeting of the Bureau of the UNECE Working Group on Ageing

27-28 May 2010, Sliema, Malta

Third Meeting of the UNECE Working Group on Ageing

22-23 November 2010, Geneva, Switzerland

Workshop "Ageing - Community Services for the Elderly"

20 February – 3 March 2011, Haifa, Israel

Third Meeting of the Bureau of the UNECE Working Group on Ageing

24-25 March 2011, Madrid, Spain

Fourth Meeting of the UNECE Working Group on Ageing

21-22 November 2011, Geneva, Switzerland

Workshop "Community Services for the Elderly"

5-14 March 2012, Haifa, Israel

Fourth Meeting of the Bureau of the UNECE Working Group on Ageing

22-23 March 2012, Brussels, Belgium

UNECE Ministerial Conference "Ensuring a Society for All Ages: Promoting Quality of Life and Active Ageing"

18-20 September 2012, Vienna, Austria

Fifth Meeting of the UNECE Working Group on Ageing

22-23 November 2012, Geneva, Switzerland

Fifth Meeting of the Bureau of the UNECE Working Group on Ageing

21-22 May 2013, Belgrade, Serbia

Sixth Meeting of the UNECE Working Group on Ageing

25-26 November 2013, Geneva, Switzerland

Sixth Meeting of the Bureau of the UNECE Working Group on Ageing

8-9 May 2014, Valetta, Malta

Further Activities

Support in Preparing the Austrian UNECE Conference Room Paper for UNECE's 60th Anniversary, Presented at the 62nd Annual Formal Meeting

Editing and Dissemination of the Madrid Book "Mainstreaming Ageing: Indicators to Monitor Sustainable Progress and Policies" (finalising authors' contributions to the book; drafting lead chapter 'Trends and Priorities of Ageing Policies in the UN-European Region', etc)

Editing and Dissemination of the Book "Well-being of Older People in Ageing Societies"

Editing and Dissemination of the Book "New Frontiers in Microsimulation Modelling"

Editing and Dissemination of the Book "Women's Work and Pensions: What is Good, What is Best?"

Editing and Dissemination of the Book "Facts and Figures on Long-Term Care"

Editing and Dissemination of the Book "Facts and Figures on Healthy Ageing and Long-Term Care"

Updating of the Monitoring RIS Website

International Exchange

International Seminars

http://www.euro.centre.org (link homepage)

2006 - 2011

Robert Holzmann

Severance Pay Programmes across the World: History, Rationale, Status, and Reforms

8 April 2011

Judit Vall Castello

Business Cycle Effects on Labour Force Transitions for Older People in Spain

I February 2011

Bernhard Casey

Are We All Confucianists? Similarities and Differences between European and East-Asian Policies for Care of the Frail Older People

23 July 2010

Robert Holzmann

Portability of Pension, Health, and other Social Benefits: Facts, Concepts, Issues

29 June 2010

Pieter Vanhuysse

Elderly Bias, New Social Risks, and Spending Priorities:

Investigating Change and Timing in Eight Programs across Four Worlds of Welfare, 1980-2003

22 July 2009

Achim Goerres

The Political Participation of Older People in Europe: The Greying of Our Democracies

8 October 2008

Markus Tepe

Traveling without Moving? Pension Regime Change in Ageing Welfare States

3 October 2008

Herwig Immervoll

Gender Inequalities and the Allocation of Market Work within Households

3 July 2008

Robert Laslett

Personal Accounts to Improve Pension Coverage and Adequacy: The UK's Proposed Pension Reforms and Lessons for other EU Countries

11 June 2007

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John Hills

Pension Reform in the UK: Challenges, choices and progress

2 March 2007

Joshua M. Wiener

Quality Assurance Systems for Long-Term Care: An International Perspective

27 June 2006

Robert Holzmann

Pension Reform in Europe: Need and Options for a More Coordinated Reform Approach

8 June 2006

Mainstreaming Ageing: Indicators to Monitor Implementation (MA:IMI)

First Phase of the MA:IMI Project: Follow-up and Monitoring of MIPAA / RIS

The European Centre has been mandated to undertake various follow-up activities of the so-called "Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing" since 2002. In the first phase, this work was supported by the Austrian Government (through the Ministry of Social Security, Generations and Consumer Protection and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs). The work had been undertaken with a formal collaboration and the assistance of the UNECE, Geneva, and the newly defined Task Force.

In the first review and appraisal cycle of MIPAA and RIS in the period between 2003 and 2007/2008, the European Centre provided technical support and helped to review the implementation of the Plan by the UNECE's Member States, by a monitoring process based on effective exchange of information, experiences and best practices. The European Centre provided keynote speeches and discussions during several specialised sessions of the 2007 UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing in León, Spain. This conference was attended by ministers and high-level officials from 45 UNECE Member States and the European Commission, international organizations, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders. Discussions included progress achieved in the implementation of the Regional Implementation Strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing adopted at the 2002 Ministerial Conference in Berlin. The Conference also adopted the Ministerial Declaration "A Society for All Ages: Challenges and Opportunities".

The European Centre's project "Mainstreaming Ageing: Indicators to Monitor Implementation" was specially staffed for this work programme and in the course of the project many additional researchers, administrative and technical staff contributed to the work programme. While this programme of work would not have been possible without the generous support of the Austrian host Government as well as that of the Spanish authorities and of UNFPA, the major part of the human resources operating was provided by the European Centre itself, requiring a doubling of the basic endowment offered by the Republic of Austria to the European Centre.

Briefly, the European Centre had undertaken the following tasks during the 1st phase of the MA:IMI project:

- Prepared annual reports and conference room papers for the UNECE Secretariat.
- Promoted exchange of information among experts, policy-makers and civil society by (co-)organizing and participating in various international conferences, workshops, expert and Task Force meetings. For example, the MA:IMI team contributed towards the preparation of the 2007 Ministerial Conference on Ageing: "A Society for All Ages: Challenges and Opportunities" (6-8 November 2007, León, Spain). Also, contributions were made during the 3-day conference, including a special side event, i.e. "Progress and Future of the MA:IMI Project", disseminating information about the work programme of the project.

- Developed a set of agreed-upon "indicators of achievement" (in particular in the areas of demographic changes, income and wealth, labour market and early retirement, sustainable social security, as well as economic growth, financial and social sustainability); collected and analysed data for these "indicators of achievement" and visualized the findings by charts.
- Created "country profiles" using the indicators of achievement, so as to translate MIPAA
 and RIS objectives into operational measures and standards by which monitoring of
 progress in goal achievement can be assessed.
- Organized the dissemination of Mainstreaming Ageing results by the creation and dissemination of a special Website "Monitoring RIS" (http://www.monitoringris.org).
- Produced many "Mainstreaming Ageing" and "A Society of All Ages" publications, including 12 book publications, 2 special reports, 6 policy briefs, and dozens of contributions to books and refereed economic and social science professional journals; also disseminated findings through newspapers, journals, magazines, radio, TV and press conferences.
- Created, together with UNECE, several networks where experts, policy-makers and
 civil society could meet, such as, for instance, the "National Focal Points on Ageing", the
 "Task Force", the "NGO Network on Monitoring RIS", several European Centre External
 Expert Networks for Mainstreaming Ageing Indicators Work, etc.

Second Phase of the MA:IMI Project: Second Review and Appraisal Cycle of MIPAA / RIS

The second phase of the MA:IMI project started in 2008. Subsequently, a new Memorandum of Understanding between UNECE and the European Centre was signed to initiate this second phase, in March 2009, extending the project until February 2014.

This continuation of work under the MA:IMI project was foreseen to be particularly important because it was linked with the second review and appraisal cycle of MIPAA and RIS with the period between 2008 and 2012 presenting a last window of opportunity for countries to implement the core measures to live up to the goals, objectives and commitments formulated in 2002.

As a member of the UNECE Working Group on Ageing since 2008, the European Centre provided technical assistance and expertise to UNECE to review the implementation of MIPAA and RIS in UNECE Member States. The European Centre's MA:IMI team also provided help and information on various methodological and technical issues. One notable example for this was a 2009 data collection exercise covering all 56 UNECE member countries. It was undertaken by UNECE in collaboration with the European Centre and National Statistical Offices and aimed to update existing statistics and fill in missing data.

I The Working Group on Ageing was established in 2008 with the aim to better integrate country-level expertise on ageing into UNECE work and to ensure that UNECE activities in this field continue to correspond to the needs of Member States. The Working Group is an intergovernmental body and a subsidiary of the UNECE Executive Committee and its members include representatives of national authorities dealing with ageing in the UNECE Member States, as well as representatives of international governmental and non-governmental organisations.

In addition, each year, the MA:IMI team prepared an annual report and presented key findings emerging from the MA:IMI project at the Meeting of the UNECE Working Group on Ageing in Geneva.

An overview of work undertaken in the second phase of the MA:IMI project is summarised below:

- Prepared annual reports and provided technical assistance to UNECE to help to review and evaluate the implementation of MIPAA / RIS in UNECE Member States.
- Promoted exchange of information among experts, policy-makers and civil society by (co-)organizing and participating in various international conferences, workshops, and expert meetings.
- Developed a comparative set of gender-specific mainstreaming ageing indicators and longterm care indicators, and collected and analysed data for these two sets of indicators.
- Produced a number of publications, including three book publications, two EU Presidency Papers and several policy briefs, conference papers as well as journal articles, and disseminated findings through the website, newsletters, journals and at international conferences and workshops.

The European Centre undertook these tasks in continuous collaboration with the UNECE Secretariat and with support from Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, France, Hungary, Israel, Spain and Switzerland.

The work was carried out by the European Centre MA:IMI team (René Czerny, Michael Fuchs, Katrin Gasior, Kai Leichsenring, Orsolya Lelkes, Ricardo Rodrigues, Andrea Schmidt, and Pieter Vanhuysse) and has been coordinated by Eszter Zólyomi, with support and advice from Prof. Dr. Bernd Marin (Executive Director).

The Future of Welfare in a Global Europe

Symposium European Centre 40th Anniversary

15 September 2014

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Aims

On the occasion of its 40th anniversary, the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research organises a Symposium on "The Future of Welfare in a Global Europe", taking place in Vienna on 15 September at the event of the Centre's 40th Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors and 24th NLO Assembly Meeting.

This Symposium is sponsored by The Hannes Androsch Foundation at the Austrian Academy of Sciences of the former Austrian Vice-Chancellor and Minister of Finance Dr. Hannes Androsch.

Renowned European speakers from the worlds of academia and politics as well as researchers from the European Centre will give presentations on the following four broad themes:

- · Towards a Human Investment Society
- Class, Generation, Gender, and Age Cleavages in Ageing Societies
- Too Sick to Work and too III to Live Independently? Disability, Frailty and Happiness – in Stressful and Long-Life Societies
- No "European Social Model" in Europe or towards a Social Union?

A "Ministerial Roundtable" with participants from Austria, Poland, Italy, Finland, Belgium and the Russian Federation will discuss the expert views presented during the symposium, under the heading "Europe in the World, Austria in Europe".

Head of Project Bernd Marin

Project Team Bernd Marin, Pieter Vanhuysse, Werner G. Bregar

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The Future of Welfare in a Global Europe



Symposium

Jubilee Event at the Occasion of the 40th Anniversary of the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research

Agenda

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Monday 15 September 2014

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08:00-09:00 Registration

09:00-09:15 Welcome Addresses

Anton Zeilinger (President of the Austrian Academy of Sciences)
Hannes Androsch (former Austrian Vice-Chancellor and Minister of Finance, The Hannes Androsch Foundation at the Austrian Academy of Sciences)
Bernd Marin (Executive Director of the European Centre Vienna)

TOWARDS A HUMAN INVESTMENT SOCIETY

09:15-09:45 Welfare Reform as Social Investment. The Role of Financial Education in Restoring Gender and Generation Balance

Elsa Fornero (Torino)

09:45-10:15 Demographic Metabolism: Enabling Future Generations

Wolfgang Lutz (Vienna)

10:15-10:45 European Education Systems and the Future of Welfare

Marius Busemeyer (Konstanz)

10:45-11:15 Skills, Stakes, and Clout: Early Human Capital Foundations for European Welfare Futures

Pieter Vanhuysse (Vienna)

CLASS, GENERATION, GENDER, AND AGE CLEAVAGES IN AGEING SOCIETIES

11:45-12:15 Class, Generation, or Age? Cleavages and Conflicts in Ageing Societies

Martin Kohli (Florence)

12:15-12:45 Women's Work and Pensions.
Drawing Reform Lessons
from Poland and Central
Eastern Europe

Agnieszka Chłoń-Domińczak (Warsaw)

12:45-13:15 Reallocation of Resources Across
Age in a Comparative European
Setting. National Transfer
Accounts and the AGENTA Project

Alexia Fürnkranz-Prskawetz (Vienna)

13:15-14:00 Lunch Buffet for all Symposium Participants

TOO SICK TO WORK – AND TOO ILL TO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY? DISABILITY, FRAILTY – AND HAPPINESS – IN STRESSFUL AND LONG-LIFE SOCIETIES

14:00-14:30 Too Sick to Work? Myths and Realities about Mental Health and Mass Inactivity

Christopher Prinz (Paris)

14:30-15:00 Long-term Care: A Tool for Active Ageing

Ricardo Rodrigues (Vienna)

15:00-15:30 Happily Ever After. Well-being Indicators and Welfare Policies

Orsolya Lelkes (Vienna)

15:30-15:45

Coffee Break

NO EUROPEAN SOCIAL MODEL IN EUROPE – OR TOWARDS A SOCIAL UNION?

15:45-16:15 How Sustainable is the Nordic Model?

Joakim Palme (Uppsala – Stockholm)

16:15-16:45 A European Social Union: 10 Tough Nuts to Crack

Frank Vandenbroucke (Leuven – Antwerpen – Amsterdam – Toledo)

16:45-17:15 No European Social Model in Europe? Welfare in Idle Societies

Bernd Marin (Vienna)

Keeping Germany Working: The Agenda 2020

(document circulated)
Bert Rürup (Düsseldorf)

Warfare and the Welfare State: Causal Mechanisms and Effects

(document circulated)

Herbert Obinger (Bremen – Odense)

17:15-17:30 Roundup Debate

17:30-18:30 MINISTERIAL ROUNDTABLE – EUROPE IN THE WORLD, AUSTRIA IN EUROPE

Hannes Androsch (Austria) Agnieszka Chłoń-Domińczak (Poland) Elsa Fornero (Italy) Rudolf Hundstorfer (Austria) Igor V. Khalevinski (Russian Federation) Vappu Taipale (Finland) Frank Vandenbroucke (Belgium)

19:30 Reception by the Mayor of the Federal Capital City Vienna

Wiener Rathauskeller Background Music: Wladigeroff Brothers (trumpet, piano)

The Future of Welafre in a Global Europe

Tuesday 16 September 2014

18:30 Dinner Invitation of the Ministry for Labour, Social Affairs and

Consumer Protection

Welcoming Address by Minister Rudolf Hundstorfer

Dinner Lecture by
Dennis J. Snower,
President of the Kiel Institute for the
World Economy, established in 1914
"Welfare in an Age of Austerity"

Background Music: Wladigeroff & Todorovski Trio (trumpet, accordion, piano)

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"The Future of Welfare in a Global Europe"
will be handled on a first-come, first-served base.

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Research Programme "Work, Wealth, Welfare"

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EUROMOD: European Tax-Benefit Model

1999 – ongoing

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Aims

EUROMOD is a multi-country Europe-wide tax-benefit model. This network, coordinated by the <u>Microsimulation Unit at the University of Essex</u>, includes 18 institutions from the 15 EU Member countries.

EUROMOD provides estimates of the distributional impact of changes to personal tax and transfer policy on either national or European level. Thus, EUROMOD is of value both in assessing the consequences of consolidated social policies and in understanding how different policies in different countries may contribute to common objectives. It is of as much significance in evaluating national policies within a European perspective as in evaluating policies at the level of the European Union.

The European Centre has participated in various EUROMOD-related projects:

- The initial model construction project covered all (pre-2004) 15 Member States of the European Union.
- The MICRESA project ("Micro-Level Analysis of the European Social Agenda") explored the impact of national, social and fiscal policies, and reforms of these policies, on poverty reduction in the original 15 Member States.
- The I-CUE project ("Improving the Capacity and Usability of EUROMOD") expanded and enhanced EUROMOD to enable the incorporation of the 10 new Member States. The key results of the project are published in a book titled "Tax and Benefit Policies in the Enlarged Europe: Assessing the Impact with Microsimulation Models", which is also one of the first systematic collections of studies based on the European tax-benefit microsimulation model, and thus a synthesis of the scientific work of researchers from more than a dozen of countries for over a decade.

Within the EUROMOD Update project, the Centre's team was responsible for the enlargement of the model to the New Member States of the EU.

In EUROMOD Update 2, our tasks as the Austrian expert team are to provide an annual update of policy parameters, the Austrian input data (EU-SILC national data) for the model, as well as validation.

Websites

http://www.euro.centre.org/detail.php?xml_id=477 https://www.iser.essex.ac.uk/euromod/microsimulation-unit

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2/2012 - 1/2015

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Aims What is EUROMOD?

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{EUROMOD}}$ is a tax-benefit microsimulation model for the European Union (EU) that

- · enables researchers and policy analysts to calculate,
- in a comparable manner,
- · the effects of taxes and benefits on household incomes and work incentives
- for the population of each of the 27 Member States and for the EU as a whole.

Our Task within the EUROMOD Consortium

The EUROMOD consortium consists of the core developer group in ISER (University of Essex), which is directed by Holly Sutherland and the national expert groups of each Member State.

Our tasks as the Austrian expert team are to provide an annual update of policy parameters, the Austrian input data (EU-SILC national data) for the model, as well as validation. In 2014, the focus is on modeling the policy systems 2014 for Austria, based on national SILC data for 2012 (incomes 2011).

A detailed description of the policy parameters, the micro-database as well as on validation results is provided in the EUROMOD country reports.

Download Country Report Austria 2009-2013:

http://www.euro.centre.org/data/1389962776_35261.pdf

What does EUROMOD Update2 mean?

The EUROMODupdate2 draws on the first update round (2009-2011). Its aim is to further develop and update the EUROMOD microsimulation model. The following updates are part of this round:

- Policy update 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014
- Update to 2010 EU-SILC data (in 2013) and to 2012 EU-SILC data (in 2014)

Websites How to access EUROMOD?

EUROMOD is free for academic and not-for-profit use. For information about

accessing EUROMOD please see the ISER website.

ISER: https://www.iser.essex.ac.uk/euromod/microsimulation-unit

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SORESI

Developing a web-based tool for policy-makers and the broader public in Austria to simulate policy reforms and to analyse their social impact

09/2012 - ongoing

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Aims SORESI is a web application for Austria based on the microsimulation model

EUROMOD. The aim is to develop a web-based tool for policy-makers and the broader public to simulate policy reforms and to analyse their social impact.

What would you do if you became the minister of finance or social affairs?

... Would you implement a flat-tax model?

... Would you increase family benefits?

... Would you change employer's social insurance contributions?

SORESI offers the opportunity to play around with such ideas and to see their effects on the national poverty rate, income inequality indicators and different income groups. For an example please view the Policy Brief "Social Reform Microsimulation (SORESI)":

http://www.euro.centre.org/data/1396346607_61195.pdf

In 2014, SORESI is updated to 2014 policy rules using the latest input data (SILC 2012 with incomes for 2011), and will be complemented by a tool on individual incomes and a tool on model households.

The simulated results for income tax in SORESI were validated in detail with special reference figures provided by Statistics Austria. The validation results according to gender, income groups, tax allowances and tax credits can be downloaded (in German):

http://www.euro.centre.org/data/1392113841_18692.pdf

Website http://soresi.sozialministerium.at/soresi/

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Aims

An increasing share of the world population will spend some time of working life outside their home country. Lacking portability of acquired social rights threatens human rights, deteriorates individual life cycle planning and social risk management, affects labour mobility negatively, and creates fiscal costs for at least one of the countries. In the country coordination of portability, bilateral (and multilateral) agreements play a key role. However, what they are able to achieve with regard to human rights and economic and social outcomes remains largely unknown.

Against this background the project sets up corridor studies as an instrument of knowledge gathering and result analysis. The two bilateral social security agreements between Austria/Turkey and Germany/Turkey may bring substantial experiences, as they have existed for many years in migration intensive corridors. A second set of corridor studies focuses on Belgium/Morocco and France/Morocco. The European Centre is responsible for the corridors Austria/Turkey and Germany/Turkey.

Results

The bilateral social security agreement between Turkey and Germany was already concluded in 1964, between Austria and Turkey in 1966. They represent typical recruitment agreements with a broad objective area of application incl. health insurance.

After 2010, 3.3% of the Austrian population and 3.6% of the German population had a Turkish migration background. The figures include 1.3% with Turkish citizenship in Austria and 2.0% with Turkish citizenship in Germany (Destatis, 2012a: 7f; Destatis, 2012b: 27ff/63f; Statistik Austria, 2013: 26f). Of persons with Turkish citizenship, in Austria only 5.6% were above 65 years, in Germany 12.1%.

According to data from the Austrian and German pension insurances, the return orientation – that was still important for the Turkish working migrants of the first generation – has lost its guiding role in Germany, but not so much in Austria. Of all 29,119 Austrian pensions paid to Turkish citizens in 2012, 15,005 (51.5%) were transferred to Turkey, 9,551 (32.8%) were paid inside Austria and 4,445 (15.3%) were transferred to Germany. In total, 15,772 pensions with a yearly value of EUR 68.0 million were transferred to Turkey. In December 2012, Germany paid 355,000 pensions to Turkish citizens. Thereof only 59,000 pensions (17%) worth EUR 346 million annually were transferred outside Germany.

The average pension paid to Turkish citizens is clearly below the average of all Austrian/German pensions paid. By trend, the wages and the resulting remuneration points of insured persons with Turkish citizenship are lower compared to Austrian/German citizens. In addition, the employment biographies are shorter, possibly due to immigration in adulthood. Especially for Turkish women, the combination of low wages (often with reduced working hours) and rather short insurance biographies leads to low old-age pensions.

Compared to the respective decrees of the European Union, which represent the most extensive rules on the multilateral level, and other bilateral agreements concluded by Austria and Germany, there are only minor differences in the agreements with Turkey:

- A pension transfer outside Germany is not possible for pensions related to the reduction in earnings capacity, which are granted under consideration of the labour market situation in Germany.
- For the calculation of pensions, according to the bilateral agreements only the direct method is used. However, in many cases there are no resulting differences to the pro-rate method that is used on the EU-level in most cases in addition.
- The bilateral agreement between Germany and Turkey does not contain a regulation for insurance periods of less than 12 months. Thus, those periods are forfeited.
- For the duration of a regular residence in Turkey, Turkish citizens are only
 entitled to voluntary insurance in the German pension insurance, in case they
 have already paid at least a voluntary contribution before the commencement
 of the supplementary agreement in 1987. In other German agreements (e.g.
 with Israel, USA), there is a principal entitlement to voluntary insurance under
 certain pre-conditions, even in case of residence outside Germany.
- Related to the objective of fiscal fairness between countries, the agreed acrossthe-board accounting for the reimbursement of health care costs for pensioners and their dependents between Austria and Turkey corresponds to the old EUdecree. Basically there is a trend towards the accounting of real costs.

Also in the expert interviews it turned out that the agreements are rather unremarkable ones. Due to the consideration of feedbacks and comments by the liaison agencies as well as regular exchange, practical considerations are incorporated in the legal regulations of the agreement. Due to globalisation, there are enormous increases in transnational insurance courses that are difficult to handle without electronic data exchange. In Austria, the electronic exchange with Turkey is envisaged for 2015. In principle there is also need for general modernisation and actualisation of the bilateral agreements, e.g. related to agreements on cost reimbursements, etc. From the German point of view,

some minor proposals for improvement (e.g. related to contribution refunding, voluntary insurance) exist. However, for reason of details, the agreement will not be changed, as the efforts for a ratification of the new amendment in both countries would be too high.

Publication and

presentation

- Fuchs M. (2014) 'Jenseits des Gastarbeiterabkommens Portabilität von Pensionen und Krankenversicherung für Pensionisten zwischen Österreich und der Türkei', Soziale Sicherheit 6: 288-295.
- Fuchs M. / Winkelmann J. (2014), 'Beyond the "Guest Worker" Agreement —
 Portability of Pensions and Health Insurance for Pensioners between Germany
 and Turkey, Presentation at the FISS Conference 2014, 2-4 June, Sigtuna;
 http://www.euro.centre.org/data/1403515974 7935.pdf

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European Observatory on the Social Situation

4/2005 - 3/2013

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Aims

The Observatory consists of three multi-disciplinary networks of independent experts established for the European Commission in 2005: Demography, Social Inclusion & Income Distribution, and Health Status & Living Conditions. Its aim is to analyse demographic and social trends and to assist the Commission in its duty to report on the Social Situation.

The European Centre participates in the network of Social Inclusion & Income Distribution (coordinated by Applica), which monitors and reports on trends in income distribution and social inclusion, i.e. the overall inclusiveness of European society. It monitors the situation regarding income and wealth, the impact of tax-benefit systems, the access to services, questions related to poverty, and population groups particularly at risk of exclusion.

The results of the analysis have been published in a series of Research Notes on specific issues of policy relevance as well as in the Social Situation Report. They were also published in the past in annual Monitoring Reports, but from 2010 on, the main findings of the research are available in the online resource.

Research Notes

- Research Note 6/2012: "Inclusion of young migrants"
- Research Note 3/2012: "The 2010 Ad hoc EU SILC module on the intra-household sharing of resources"
- Research Note 06/2011: "Active Ageing"
- Research Note 05/2011: "The situation of working-age people with disabilities across the EU"
- Research Note 01/2010: "Detailed analysis of the relative position of migrants"
- Research Note 02/2009: "Quality of housing and the link to income"
- Research Note 06/2008: "Preparation and analysis of Eurobarometer on social exclusion (Reflection paper)"
- Research Note 03/2008: "Social inclusion of migrants and their 2nd generation descendants"
- Research Note 2007: "Child poverty and ethnic minorities"
- Research Note 2006: "Life course disruptions and their impact on income and living conditions"

Website

http://ec.europa.eu/social/keyDocuments.jsp?policyArea=&type=0&country=0&year=0&advSearchKey=ssonotes&mode=advancedSubmit&langId=en

Book

European Inequalities: Social Inclusion and Income Distribution in the European Union (2009. Edited by Terry Ward, Orsolya Lelkes, Holly Sutherland, István György Tóth; ISBN 978-963-7869-40-2; Budapest: TÁRKI Social Research Institute Inc.) This book summarizes four years of research. It gives an overview of the comparative information that is available for the EU Member States on income distribution, poverty and its causes, access to benefits and social services and material deprivation.

Monitoring

Reports

- Monitoring Report 2009 (3.5 MB), ECV contributed with chapters 2 and (parts of) chapter 7:2. Levels and trends of income poverty in the EU; 7. Material deprivation and access to services.
- Monitoring Report 2007 (2 MB), Executive Summary ECV contributed with Chapter 2 – Who are the poor?
- Monitoring Report 2006 (2 MB), Executive Summary ECV contributed with Chapters 1, 6 and 7:1. Income inequality and poverty in the EU: recent developments and trends; 6. Dynamics of poverty in the EU15 (1994-2001), 7.
 Why are the poor poor? The role of labour market and demographic factors, including health and immigration
- Monitoring Report 2005 (2 MB), Executive Summary ECV contributed with Chapters I and 3:1. Poverty levels of income: cross-country comparisons, trends and demographic factors; and 3. Poverty and the labour market: relationship between low incomes and poverty in the EU

Website

http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=1049&langId=en

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Social Situation Monitor

4/2013 - 3/2016

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Aims

Ensuring continuity of the European Observatory on Demography and the Social Situation, this project aims at providing policy-relevant analytical and methodological support on the developments in income distribution, poverty, social exclusion and material deprivation as well as health, helping the Commission in its efforts to monitor living standards and life chances across the EU and across different groups in society, and to evaluate how policies affect them

We analyse issues related to living conditions and their various determinants and aspects such as income, wealth, poverty, taxes and benefits, consumption, access to health, long-term care and other services, time use, social mobility, social inclusion and social participation. The project helps identify socioeconomic groups (such as the elderly, families with children, youth, ethnic minorities, migrants etc.) which may be at a particular disadvantage and would need to be targeted by policies.

Findings

The results of the analysis are published in a series of Research Notes on specific issues of policy relevance each year and in an on-line resource on the European Commission website.

The on-line database includes comparative analyses across the EU of income inequality, the risk of poverty, material deprivation, the distribution of wealth, and non-monetary aspects of well-being. It is based to a large extent on the EU-SILC (Statistics on Income and Living Conditions) and they extend the periodic studies produced by Eurostat. Other data sources include: European Labour Force Survey; Survey on Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE); European Household Budget Survey (EHBS); Adult Education Survey; PISA – survey of the academic performance of young people.

In 2013, the European Centre team composed of Katrin Gasior and Orsolya Lelkes carried out analysis on the risk of poverty across Europe. In 2014, the team of the European Centre is responsible for completing a Research Note on "Quality of housing", and carries out analysis on the situation of young people in the crisis.

Website

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Mobilising the Potential of Active Ageing in Europe (MOPACT)

Aiming to provide the research and practical evidence upon which Europe can make longevity an asset for social and economic development

3/2013 - 2/2017

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Aims

The starting point for MOPACT are the ambitious goals set by Horizon 2020 and the European Innovation Partnership Pilot Project on Active and Healthy Ageing (EIPAHA). Our response is ambitious too: we aim to provide the research and practical evidence upon which Europe can make longevity an asset for social and economic development.

MOPACT will create a high-quality, multi-disciplinary critical mass of leading researchers and, in the closest possible partnership with stakeholders and through a carefully planned iterative process, build a compendium of essential state-of-the-art and foresight intelligence upon which to develop the policy, practice, service and product developments and innovations required to meet the goals of Horizon 2020 and, in particular, the EIPAHA. Active and healthy ageing is the primary focus of MOPACT and it will build on the momentum created by EY2012.

Kai Leichsenring is leading WP8 on Social support and long-term care. The European Centre team participates in WPI (Realising active ageing), WP3 (Extending working lives), WP5 (Health and well-being) and WP8 (Social support and long-term care).

Website

http://mopact.group.shef.ac.uk/

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Winners and Losers of the Crisis in Latvia

Consultancy for the World Bank

2013

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Aims

The Baltic States have been amongst the worst hit by the global financial crisis. In 2007, the Latvian unemployment rate stood at 6% and by the fourth quarter of 2009, the figure had risen to 20%, and the youth unemployment rate to 43%, giving Latvia the highest rate of unemployment growth in the EU. In 2010, 38% of the population was at risk of poverty.

In the course of the consultancy, the European Centre team explored how poverty and income inequality have changed in Latvia during the financial and economic crisis also drawing on comparison with other EU Member States. In particular, we aimed to identify the specific social groups which were most affected by the crisis in order to raise awareness among policy-makers.

The results were compiled into a World Bank report published in 2013 that may be downloaded from: http://www.euro.centre.org/detail.php?xml_id=2120

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Neuordnung der bedarfsorientierten Sozialtransfers und aktivierende Interventionsformen in Südtirol

Rearrangement of demand-oriented social transfers and activating interventions in South Tyrol

2013 - 2014

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Aims The project phase "analysis of trends in the area of basic income security in

Europe" should provide additional input for a proposal on the rearrangement of demand-oriented monetary transfers in South Tyrol. Up-to-date, a standardisation of basic income models in the EU-28 was hardly reached. Although there are overlaps in some countries (e.g. most basic income benefits are linked with activation measures), significant differences can be observed.

Results The European Centre analysed minimum income regulations in selected European countries.

Pieter Vanhuysse offered an empirical comparative overview of recent experience in Western Europe regarding minimum income benefit policies – in 16 countries of most immediate comparative interest for South Tyrol: the original EU-15 Member States plus Switzerland. He analysed minimum income benefit data separately for three sociological beneficiary type cases – single persons, lone parents with two children, and two-parent families with two children.

Michael Fuchs analysed reforms in Austria where the new minimum income benefit ("Bedarfsorientierte Mindestsicherung") replaced the former social assistance in 2010/11. The new benefit represents an important step towards combating poverty as it introduced a relativeley uniform minimum standard in all federal states, speeded up the administrative process and reduced regress options related to relatives and the obligation to pay back benefits received once an employment is taken up. However, the federal states still have large room for manoeuvre, e.g. related to housing allowances. Furthermore, the new benefit aims for a more intensive activation towards the labour market. However, the question remains whether an improvement of the indidvidual employability is of use given that many clients are not placeable in the labour market due to lacking demand. On the administrative side, the increase of clients in working age who receive both unemployment benefits and minimum income benefit leads to double responsibilities in times of scarce ressources. The minimum income benefit and accompanying measures are still far away from the guiding principle of assistance by one source.

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Public Employee Lab-in-the-Field Experimental Study

2013 - 2015

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Aims This policy-relevant research project in collaboration with the University of

Oldenburg aims to study the social, political and motivational drivers of public

employment hiring and joining decisions in the German states.

Its main goal is to use Lab-in-the-Field Experiments to study subject pool effects in the orientation of business administration as compared to public administration students towards social norms such as altruism, fairness,

trustworthiness, as well as towards free-riding and risk aversion.

These experimental data will be used to test a wide range of hypotheses regarding the predictive power of public service motivation theories and to develop the micro-foundations of public employee-specific behaviour and

attitudes.

External Project

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Families in the Economic Crisis

2014 - 2015

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Aims

Together with its partner from the Austrian Institue for Family Studies at the University of Vienna and individual family policy experts such as Mary Daly (University of Oxford) and Tatiana Rakar (Slovenian Social Protection Institute), the European Centre has won a bid for research funding from the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions, for a project entitled 'Families in the Economic Crisis: Mapping Policy Responses in 10 European Member States'. The Centre will mainly take charge of tasks 3 and 8 within this project.

Task 3 will involve the use of EU-SILC survey data to provide evidence for each of the countries studied, specifically to identify household types including lone parents, couple families and extended families, and to explore various working patterns and work arrangements of the parents.

Task 8 will synthetize the main lessons learnt from all country case studies in the project. Bearing in mind the different institutional and socio-political settings across the major models of welfare in Europe, it will also derive larger conclusions for family policy design and family welfare during and after crisis periods.

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Research Programme "Health and Care"

Addictions and Lifestyle in Contemporary Europe -**Reframing Addictions Project (ALICE RAP)**

4/2011 - 3/2016

Official ALICE RAP Website (http://alicerap.eu) Website

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ALICE RAP is a five-year Europe-wide project consisting of a large number of Aims

> researchers and research institutions from 25 European countries that endeavour to analyse the place and challenges of addictions and lifestyles with regard to the cohesion, organization and functioning of contemporary European society. The scope of addictions is substances and gambling. The work is organised in

seven Working Areas, each split into work packages.

The project started on I May 2011 with a first meeting of partners that same month. The main aim of the first meeting was to integrate the numerous topics and research projects, and to start discussion and work in the working areas

and work packages.

The European Centre is mostly involved in Working Area I "Ownership of Addiction" and contributes to its work package I "Addiction through Ages" and work package 2 "Stakeholder Analysis". Furthermore, it also contributes to Working Area 5 "Governance of Addiction", i.e. work package 13 "Governance

View".

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HEALTH AND CARE

Wie lässt sich die Öffentlichkeit für Jugendliche und Erwachsene gesundheitsfördernd gestalten? (AGORA)

How to Build a Health-promoting Public Sphere?

5/2012 - 5/2015

Website AGORA Project Site (http://www.euro.centre.org/agora/ – in German)

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Aims The project is the successor to a study on "Juvenile Alcohol Scenes" carried

out by the European Centre in collaboration with the Universities for Applied Sciences of Vienna and St. Pölten some years ago. It aims to put policy-relevant results of the first study into practice and to contribute to the establishment of sustainable structures of collaboration between stakeholders shaping the public sphere, i.e. mainly the police and mobile social services but also the gastronomy

and the media.

The focus of interest is collaboration with regard to the consumption of illegal and legal psychoactive drugs including tobacco and its consequences such as in-toxication and nuisance; and with regard to violence, also when unrelated to

drug consumption.

To achieve these aims a mix of methods is used, among them participant observations of relevant activities of selected stakeholders in the public sphere; qualitative interviews and group discussions with selected representatives of stakeholders; content analysis of observation and interview protocols; content analysis of relevant articles published in selected local and national media; literature review and reviews of related practice projects; working groups of stakeholders on local and state level. The public conference organised after the first year attracted a lot of interest and proved to be a success.

Head of Project Irmgard Eisenbach-Stangl

Project Team Irmgard Eisenbach-Stangl, Katrin Gasior, Judith Schreiber

 Project Partners
 Kurt Fellöcker (University for Applied Sciences St. Pölten, Study Programme Social Work)

> Judith Haberhauer (University for Applied Sciences Vienna, Study Programme Social Work)

• Austrian Health Promotion Fund (FGÖ)

- Viennese Institute for Health Promotion (WIG)
- Lower Austrian Health and Welfare Fund (NÖGUS)

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Pflegebedarf und Versorgungsmix in Wien

Demand for Long-Term Care and Supply-Mix in Vienna

2012 - 2014

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Aims The project aims to identify patterns of use of care in Vienna based on a series

of different assumptions on future developments in the long-term care sector. For that purpose, a number of factors for which data are available are being analyzed. These include information about the type and hours of care used, health status (e.g. level of care need), socio-demographic information (e.g. age, gender), information about socio-economic status (e.g. personal income, district of residence), and contextual factors (e.g. household size, informal carers). The study

builds primarily on administrative data for the years 2011 and 2012.

In total, five different groups of users can be distinguished and evaluated: users of residential care services, users of publicly subsidized 24-hours care, users of assisted living facilities, users of home or day care services, and persons receiving cash benefits but no services. The second part of the study builds on the findings from the data analysis to suggest scenarios of long-term care

developments in Vienna until 2030.

Head of Project Andrea Schmidt

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Impacts of the Crisis on Access to Health Care Services in Portugal

2013 - 2014

Website http://www.eurofound.europa.eu/areas/health/healthcareservices.htm

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Aims In the wake of the economic and financial crisis, public spending cuts on

healthcare services have been widespread, with important consequences for access to care and potentially on population health. Funded by Eurofound, this project seeks to examine how access to healthcare has evolved as a result of the crisis, and in particular which groups within the population have been

disproportionately affected.

As part of the research process, specific initiatives by service providers and governments which may serve to mitigate or decrease the negative impact of the crisis on access to healthcare services in Portugal, Slovenia, Romania and Sweden, will be identified. The European Centre will carry out research on the case of access to care in Portugal, and will produce a country report in which mitigating initiatives at the provider level are closely analysed through interviews with relevant policy experts and health professionals.

The ultimate aim is to provide policy-makers in these and other countries in the European Community with best practices for ensuring and improving access to healthcare services for all persons, particularly those belonging to vulnerable groups.

Head of Project Ricardo Rodrigues

Project Team Ricardo Rodrigues, Andrea E. Schmidt, Katharine Schulmann

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Social Situation Observatory - Research Note on Access to Long-Term Care Services

2014 - 2015

Ricardo Rodrigues (rodrigues@euro.centre.org) Contact

In the context of population ageing, demand for long-term care services is likely Aims

> to increase in the next decades. Unlike healthcare, very little is known about differences in access to healthcare services between groups of dissimilar socio-

economic background and how these differences vary between countries.

This research note uses quantitative methods and a comparative dataset to analyse possible inequality and inequity in the use of long-term care in Europe. Inequality in access to long-term care services is a subject that it is likely to have an impact well beyond the people in need of care, given that informal care is often provided by women of working age as a replacement for non-existing or

inaccessible services.

Ricardo Rodrigues **Head of Project**

Ricardo Rodrigues, Stefania Ilinca, Andrea E. Schmidt, Katharine Schulmann **Project Team**

Mobilising the Potential of Active Ageing in Europe (MOPACT)

2013 - 2017

Website MOPACT Website (http://mopact.group.shef.ac.uk/)

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Aims The starting point for MOPACT are the ambitious goals set by Horizon 2020 and the European Innovation Partnership Pilot Project on Active and Healthy

Ageing (EIPAHA). Our response is ambitious, too: we aim to provide the research and practical evidence upon which Europe can make longevity an asset

for social and economic development.

MOPACT creates a high-quality, multi-disciplinary critical mass of leading researchers and, in the closest possible partnership with stakeholders and through a carefully planned iterative process, builds a compendium of essential state-of-the-art and foresight intelligence upon which to develop the policy, practice, service and product developments and innovations required to meet the goals of Horizon 2020 and, in particular, the EIPAHA. Active and healthy ageing is the primary focus of MOPACT and it builds on the momentum created by the EY2012.

The European Centre team participates in (Work Package) WPI (Realising Active Ageing), WP3 (Extending Working Lives), WP5 (Health and Well-being) and WP8 (Social Support and Long-term Care).

Kai Leichsenring is leading WP8 on Social Support and Long-term Care with the aim to identify drivers and obstacles to social innovation in an area of the Active Ageing concept that is often neglected. Indeed, strategies to extend healthy life expectancy and quality of life need to address all people as they age including those who are frail, disabled and in need of care. Active Ageing in the context of LTC is, perhaps more than in other areas, dependent on social investment strategies across a range of policy fields. For instance, there are ample margins for organisational improvements in terms of coordination with health systems, for promoting 'carer-friendly' employment policies and for designing user-friendly ICT applications to enable social participation and solidarity in the community.

WP5 aims to identify the pathways that increase healthy life years of older people by exploring the relationship between good health and social participation. The team at the European Centre focuses on social participation in the form of informal care provision, its main determinants and how they vary with the health status of caregivers. WP5 analyses participation in two different types of informal care provision using data from the Survey on Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (for 10 European countries): care to older adults (both inside and outside the household) and grand-parenting.

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Publications

- WP3 "Extending Working Lives": Conceptual Framework
- WP5 "Review of Healthy Life Expectancy across Europe"
- WP 8 "Social Support and Long-term Care in EU Care Regimes Framework Conditions and Initiatives of Social Innovation in an Active Ageing Perspective"

External

Head of Project

Alan Walker, University of Sheffield

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- CEPS (Belgium)
- Stichting Katholieke Universiteit Brabant, Universiteit van Tilburg (Netherlands)
- Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation (Netherlands)
- CCA (Italy)
- ETLA (Finland)
- University of Kent (UK)
- CASE (Poland)
- · NIESR (UK)
- INCRA (Italy)
- Kopint-Tarki (Hungary)
- Age Platform Europe AISBL (Brussels)
- ICS-UL (Portugal)
- UNINA (Italy)
- RUB (Germany)
- UWUERZ (Germany)
- University of Oslo (Norway)
- Cranfield University (UK)
- UNISA (Italy)
- MTA TK (Hungary)
- IAT (Germany)
- Stichtung VU-VUMC (Netherlands)
- University of Innsbruck (Austria)
- University of Technology Braunschweig (Germany)
- University of Southampton (UK)
- TUD/IFG (Germany)
- PRAXIS (Estonia)
- INCSMPS (Romania)

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"Make or Buy?" - Long-term Care Services in Sweden: Lessons for Policy

2013 - 2014

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Aims

The New Public Management approaches in the 1980s fostered the development of quasi-markets for the provision of public services in order to improve efficiency as well as user satisfaction with service provision in Europe. As a consequence, the share of private (for-profit and non-profit) providers in residential and home care in most European countries increased considerably over the past decades. However, given the high complexity of long-term care services and the difficulty of defining clearly measurable outcomes, contracting out of many aspects of long-term care services requires time and investments in a strong regulatory environment and the development of evidence-based guidelines.

While market and government failures are present in long-term care, one key question is thus whether to 'make or buy' such services in order to establish a balanced mix that responds to citizens' expectations and demand. The "Make or Buy" project, commissioned by the Swedish Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, seeks to provide an answer to the question whether to 'make or buy' the provision of long-term care. The project aims to review evidence from several countries and provide policy lessons and mutual learning opportunities on the introduction of market mechanisms in long-term care and its impact on the outcomes for users, on quality of care, the management of care markets and quality management systems. The results will give guidance to the Swedish stakeholders as well as to policy-makers in other countries. Therefore, the objectives of the project are:

- To elaborate on theoretical aspects relevant for the make or buy decision (competition, transaction costs, contract design, market mechanisms, organizational theory).
- To map experiences of selected countries with the introduction of competition and user choice.
- To review empirical findings on differences in long-term care provider quality between types of ownership (public, private, non-for-profit).
- To identify mitigating methods and mechanisms to address critical issues of quality assessment and quality assurance in a mixed economy of long-term care.
- To discuss future challenges related to the findings and on the basis of current international developments in the supply of social services.

The results and implications of privatisation and individualisation of care services on competition, choice and quality of care were discussed with Swedish experts in long-term care in a workshop held in Stockholm on 29 January 2014.

Head of Project Ricardo Rodrigues

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Long-term Care Markets and Integrated Care -Policy Utopia or a Goal within Reach

2014 - 2015

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Aims

One concern arising from the market developments introduced in long-term care is that competition may have contributed to an increased fragmentation of care provision and that users — many of which in vulnerable situations — now have to navigate a more complex system of providers to address their needs that require both healthcare and long-term care. In other words, the question is how increasingly fragmented provider markets that underline choice and competition, are compatible with integration of health and long-term care to bring about improvements in the outcome for users?

The present research will focus on dependent older people and the integration of healthcare (e.g. acute, primary care) and long-term care (e.g. home care, residential care). It will aim to explore to what extent has integrated care been achieved in a context of competition and choice by using a comparative research approach that analyses differences within and between countries.

For this purpose, the research will take place in two selected municipalities in Sweden and two similar municipalities in Germany. Germany was chosen as a comparator for Sweden because its long-term care system is arguably among the most market-like in Europe, and because of having a diverse provider market, relative low barriers to entry, and a high level of user choice.

Fieldwork for this project (including a web-based survey of professionals and semi-structured interviews) will take place between October 2014 and March 2015. A final report will be presented to the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs in June 2015 and a workshop will bring together stakeholders from the four participating municipalities to discuss the results.

Head of Project Ricardo Rodrigues

Project Team Ricardo Rodrigues, Kai Leichsenring, Juliane Winkelmann

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INNOVAGE - Social Innovations Promoting Active and Healthy Ageing

ICT-based Social Support for Carers of Older People

2014 - 2015

Website INNOVAGE Project Site (http://www.innovage.group.shef.ac.uk/)

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Aims The objectives of the INNOVAGE project directly address the current major

barriers to innovation and to the achievement of the extension of healthy life years across the EU. The project aims to achieve impact in the public, private and third sectors and is built on the closest possible partnership with end-users and stakeholders, including older people themselves. The INNOVAGE project is dedicated to developing, testing as well as surveying and cataloguing social innovations that will have a solid impact on improving the quality of life and well-being of older people. Four new innovations will be developed and tested:

i) social innovations for user-driven housing of older people;

ii) a web-platform for informal carers of older people;

iii) social intervention for improving obesity in old age, and

iv) social innovation for activation of people with dementia living in long-term care institutions.

The European Centre is involved in INNOVAGE WP3 by developing the Austrian national page of a multi-lingual web platform addressing informal carers' needs, which will be implemented in all 28 EU Member States with both common contents and national-specific ones. The platform includes not only contents related to caregiving activities and coping strategies, but also interactive tools allowing informal carers and other target groups (i.e. care professionals and employers of working carers) to communicate, share their experiences and support each other. The national pages will be presented to a group of informal carers in each country before being released in 2015.

Project Team EC Juliane Winkelmann, Ricardo Rodrigues

Project Partners University of Sheffield (UK) (coordinator), Lunds Universititet (SE), Ruprecht-

Karls Universität Heidelberg (Germany), Newcastle University (UK), INRCA (Italy), AGE Platform Europe (Belgium), Eurocarers (Luxembourg), Sheffield

Hallam University (UK), Latvian Council of Science (Latvia)

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Serbian Project SAVE - Social Protection Assessment for Values and Effectiveness

2014 - 2016

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Aims

Together with its partners from Serbia, the European Centre has won European funding from DG Employment under the PROGRESS framework for a new research project SAVE – Social Protection Assessment for Values and Effectiveness. This is the first project in the Serbian framework of PROGRESS that deals with the cost-effectiveness and cost-efficieny of the social welfare system, specifically deinstitutionalization (DI) of welfare services.

The project will generate evidence to help steer national reform in the deinstitutionalization, through economic analysis of deinstitutionalization as well as analysis of the Serbian deinstitutionalization policies and processes. Access to EU and regional good practices and lessons learned will be provided through European Centre policy advice and through a study tour and workshop in Austria for 20 Serbian social welfare professionals, and organization of a Round Table with Serbian regional experts.

The recommendations and findings from the review, workshop, study tour and other events (including a final conference with 80 participants), and from the publication, will be fed into the policy-making and legislative processes, and support further legislative developments in the area of cost-effectiveness in Serbian social welfare.

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Financed by European Commission, PROGRESS Programme

Special Activity "Mainstreaming Ageing: Indicators to Monitor Implementation" (MA:IMI)

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MA:IMI - Mainstreaming Ageing: Indicators to Monitor Implementation (II)

Second Phase of the Work Programme

2008 - 2014

Background

The European Centre has been mandated to undertake various follow-up activities of the so-called "Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing" since 2002. This work was supported by the Austrian Government (through the Ministry of Social Security, Generations and Consumer Protection and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs). The work has been undertaken in collaboration with and with the assistance of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Secretariat and its Population Ageing Unit (PAU) and the newly established UNECE Working Group on Ageing. This formal collaboration between the European Centre and UNECE, originally under the auspices of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Social Security, Generations and Consumer Protection, was laid down in 2004 in form of a "Memorandum of Understanding". A new Memorandum of Understanding between UNECE and EC has been signed in March 2009 extending the project until February 2014. For information on the First Phases of the project see: Preparatory and Conference Phase: 2001–2002 and Follow-up Phase of the "Monitoring RIS for the MIPAA".

Aims

The main goal of the MA:IMI project has been to provide scientific and technical assistance to governments in implementation and monitoring of their actions on ageing within the UNECE region (56 Member States) by the following steps:

- To promote an exchange of information, experiences and good practices in ageing-related policies;
- To carry out and foster data collection, research and analysis;
- To maintain a network of organisations, national authorities, NGOs and other concerned bodies and individuals active in the field of ageing; and
- To disseminate results.

An overview of work undertaken in the second phase of the MA:IMI project is summarised below:

- Prepared annual reports and provided technical assistance to UNECE to help to review and evaluate the implementation of MIPAA / RIS in UNECE Member States.
- Promoted exchange of information among experts, policy-makers and civil society by (co-)organizing and participating in various international conferences, workshops, and expert meetings.
- Developed a comparative set of gender-specific mainstreaming ageing indicators and long-term care indicators, and collected and analysed data for these two sets of indicators.
- Produced a number of publications, including three book publications, two EU
 Presidency Papers and several policy briefs, conference papers as well as journal
 articles, and disseminated findings through the website, newsletters, journals and
 at international conferences and workshops.

Website http://www.monitoringris.org/

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European Commission as well as the European Centre

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International Seminars

INTERNATIONAL SEMINARS

International Seminars 2010 - 2014

Aims The International Seminars of the European Centre provide a forum for top-

level experts to present new research on current topics in social policy and

welfare states, broadly defined.

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Herbert Obinger (University of Bremen)

Warfare and the Welfare State: Causal Mechanisms and Effects 5 June 2014

Martin Kohli (EUI Florence, em.)

Cleavages and Conflicts in Aging Societies: Generation, Class, or Age?

15 May 2014

Wim van Oorschot (Department of Sociology, KU Leuven)

On Actor- and System-Security

10 April 2014

Thomas Paster (Max Planck Institut für Gesellschaftsforschung, Köln)

Do Business Interests Sustain the Welfare State? The Austrian Case

20 March 2013

Marius Busemeyer (University of Konstanz)

Skills and Inequality – The Political Economy of Education Reforms in Western Welfare States

16 January 2014

Achim Kemmerling (Central European University)

The Political Economy of Reversing Pension Reform: Why Do Some Countries Renationalize and What Does it Imply for Policy Diffusion Research?

5 December 2013

Raanan Sulitzeanu-Kenan (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem) and Reimut Zohlnhöfer (Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg)

Expectations, Motivations, and Responsibility Attribution: How Policy Surprises Affect Public Reactions to Labor Market Regulation Policies

7 November 2013

Christiane Spiel (University of Vienna)

Future Education: The School of Tomorrow

3 October 2013

Louis Chauvel (University of Luxembourg)

Welfare Regimes, Birth Cohort Imbalances and the Scarring of the Younger Generations

13 June 2013

Steve Saxonberg (Masaryk University)

Culture or Institutions? What Influences the Caring Choices of Young Families?

23 May 2013

Markus Knell (Austrian National Bank)

Increasing Life Expectancy and Self-stabilizing Pension Systems 30 April 2013

István György Tóth (TARKI Social Research Institute)

Cross-national and Intertemporal Variations in Income Inequalities: What Do the Available Data Say?

21 March 2013

Christopher Prinz (OECD)

Sick on the Job? Myths and Realities about Mental Health and Work

15 February 2013

Dimiter Philipov, Anne Goujon & Paola Di Giulio (Wittgenstein Centre for Demography and Global Human Capital; IIASA; VID/ÖAW)

Ageing Dynamics of a Human-Capital-Specific Population: The Case of Italy

24 January 2013

Frank Vandenbroucke (Universities of Amsterdam, Antwerp and Leuven)

Europe's Social Challenge: Why an Ambitious Social Program Is an Urgent Need for the EU and not a Luxury

5 December 2012

Roland Sigg (ex ILO and ISSA)

From Ageing as a Crisis to a Long-Life Society: The Evolving Ageing and Longevity Paradigm and Impact on Policies

19 November 2012

Alexia Fürnkranz-Prskawetz (Vienna Institute of Demography and TU Vienna) & Robert Ivan Gal (Demographic Research Institute, TARKI Social Research Institute and Corvinus University Budapest)

The Sustainability of the Austrian and Hungarian Welfare State: An Application of National Transfer Accounts

15 November 2012

NTERNATIONAL SEMINARS

Stein Ringen (Green College, Oxford)

What Kind of Welfare State Is Emerging in China?

27 September 2012

Ariela Lowenstein (University of Haifa)

Generational Intelligence

21 September 2012

Rocio Fernández-Ballesteros (Autonomous University of Madrid)

Active Ageing. Conceptual and Methodological Issues

7 September 2011

Lucy Burns (University of New South Wales)

Drug Use by Older Australians

9 May 2011

Judit Vall Castello (Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona)

Business Cycle Effects on Labour Force Transitions for Older People in Spain

I February 2011

Bernard Casey (University of Warwick and Cass Business School, UK)

Are We All Confucianists? Similarities and Differences between European and East-Asian Policies for Care of the Frail Older People 23 July 2010

Robert Holzmann (Marseille Center for Mediterranean Integration – MCMI)

Portability of Pension, Health, and other Social Benefits: Facts, Concepts, Issues

29 June 2010

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Book Series "Public Policy and Social Welfare" (1990-2010)

(Ashgate, Farnham UK) English

Started in 1990, it contains monographs and collected volumes focusing on outcomes of the Centre's research projects or expert meetings. Studies published in the series are mostly cross-national and comparative, interdisciplinary, and empirical, with both a theoretical and a policy orientation.

Buchreihe "Wohlfahrtspolitik und Sozialforschung" (1993-2007)

(Campus Verlag, Frankfurt / New York) *German*

Started in 1993 for German publications or translations of important books into German. It covers welfare policy and links it to both political and social theory as well as to social research.

Other Book Publications

Various Publishers and Languages

Several books or special reports produced by European Centre researchers and collaborating scholars have been, and continue to be, published outside the above series, with a variety of established publishing houses.

Occasional Reports Series

English / French / German

This series presents the results of European Centre projects that have high relevance for ongoing policy discussions and therefore need speedy publication possibilities. Occasional Reports support decision-making processes and policy formulation and inform a wider public about empirical findings in areas under current media discussion.

Policy Briefs

English / French / German / Spanish

Policy Briefs are a publication series that provides a synthesis of issues of research and policy advice on which the European Centre researchers have been working. All Policy Briefs are accessible on the website of the European Centre, http://www.euro.centre.org

Other Publications by EC Researchers including Journal Articles, Review Articles, Chapters in Books, Working Papers and Reports, Conference Papers, i.e. "Grey Literature".

English / German / Various Languages

Newsletter

English

Published in the middle of each month, it reports on recent activities and publications within the European Centre's programme of research.

Programme Catalogue / Annual Report of Activities

English

Published in Autumn, it comprises approximately 200 pages, and provides very detailed information about the European Centre's programme activities and publications.

EUROSOCIAL Reports Series (1974-2003)

English / French / German

A report consists of 60 to 200 pages and may be a conference synthesis, a state-of-the-art document, may summarize the most significant of the contributions presented at an expert meeting, or be a national or regional report resulting from a particular project. This series has been discontinued in 2003.

Journal für Sozialforschung (1989-1996)

German

Beginning with the year 1989, the European Centre started to publish the "Journal für Sozialforschung", until 1992 in cooperation with Campus Verlag. The "Journal" was issued quarterly and was one of the widely read and reputed social science journals in German-speaking countries, regions and communities throughout Europe. It was the only social science journal in Europe that continuously reported on international public opinion poll data in politics, economy and society, by multicoloured pictorial statistics (pictograms). The Journal für Sozialforschung was closed down in 1996.

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Rescaling Social Policies: Towards Multilevel Governance in Europe

Yuri Kazepov (Ed.)
Ashgate, 2010

"Rescaling Social Policies: Towards Multilevel Governance in Europe" was an international research project that aimed at disentangling the complex relations between changes taking place in the territorial organisation of social policies and the increasing number of actors involved in policy design, management and delivery.

The book presents results of this 3-year project focusing on the relations between the vertical rescaling and the horizontal governance arrangements emerging from change processes since the 1990s. It provides the analytical tools to understand these changes by outlining the different scenarios in Finland, France, Italy, Norway, Poland, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.

The empirical results consider three areas of study: a) social assistance; b) activation policies on the labour market; c) care for older people. The book is not organised around national chapters dealing with these policies from the national point of view, but transversally taking into consideration how, within each policy area, the analytical dimensions of the processes at stake are addressed in the different countries comparatively. It provides:

- A unique general overview on the implicit and explicit changes taking place in the vertical and horizontal dimensions of social policies in eight European countries.
- Empirical evidence for the comparison of key changes in three social policy areas in eight European countries, modelling trends and possible outcomes.
- Better understanding of the meaning of rescaling and multilevel governance from the point of view of social policies in the different countries and their implications.
- Pros and cons of decentralisation processes in Europe, considering their potential impact framed by existing differences and timing.
- Lessons to learn, problems and solutions to be identified concerning the processes of territorial reorganisation of social policies and regulation and coordination issues of a multitude of actors.

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Women's Work and Pensions: What is Good, What is Best?

Designing Gender-Sensitive Arrangements

Bernd Marin / Eszter Zólyomi (Eds.)

Ashgate, 2010

The book aims at exploring difficulties women face in working life and retirement – and what could be done to achieve more gender equality and fairness for women and men alike.

It starts out with simple, radical queries: How different are fe/male life courses, and why? And what is good, bad, best for women under these or probable future circumstances? It leads to complex, subtle, often ambiguous, and sometimes quite surprising policy conclusions.

Based on the empirical evidence at hand and using tools of economics and social science, it adresses design choices in public policies. They arise from converging but continuously different lives and risks of women and men, in gainful work and unpaid household labour.

It gives an overview on trends in population ageing and pension reforms around the Millenium – and the gender impact of demographic and socio-economic changes and main policy measures.

Distinguishing between equality of opportunity, gender equality/-equity/-neutrality/-specificity, the book opts for gender sensitivity: using gender-neutral devices (like unisex life tables, equal retirement eligibility age, childcare credits, minimum income schemes) to compensate women to the extent of gender-specific work and career patterns and living conditions.

In short: How not to be "gender-blind" to gendered contexts and outcomes, while maintaining general principles of individual and actuarial fairness, contributivity and gender-neutral social justice. Neither discriminating against male workers, nor locking women into traditional subordinate positions by ambivalent protection schemes of benevolent welfare paternalism.

This book also shows that women's life courses have become more masculinized than men's feminized, at the overall disadvantage of women as losers of incomplete modernization. Under these transitory conditions, women today are less women than men are men – and women are more different among themselves (in education, qualification, income, class and family status) than they are different from men.

As a consequence, what is good for most still lower skilled women today may be bad for the great majority of more qualified women tomorrow, or for professional women today. The book carefully investigates the diversity of gender impact for different occupations or time horizons used.

Leading pension experts, predominantly women, from East and West, North and South of Europe analyse the basic challenges through single and comparative country studies. The editors provide facts and figures on women's lives, work and pensions and draw theoretical lessons and practical policy conclusions from the studies and gendered statistical indicators.

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Book Series "Public Policy and Social Welfare", vols. 30-38

Edited by the European Centre Vienna with Ashgate, Farnham UK (http://www.ashgate.com)

Vol. 38: Kazepov, Y. (Ed.) (2010)

Rescaling Social Policies: Towards Multilevel Governance in Europe

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Das österreichische Gesundheitssystem

Akteure, Daten, Analysen

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In her new book Maria M. Hofmarcher comprehensively describes the current structure of the Austrian health care system with its economic and political contexts. In addition, current and planned reform initiatives are described and analyzed. The book is a comprehensive reference work on the health care system in Austria written for all stakeholders, decision- and policy-makers in health care and health industry. It provides extensive data on the health care system and the impact of reforms including an analysis of legislation and reform initiatives in Austria.

Das Werk stellt die aktuelle Struktur des österreichischen Gesundheitssystems mit den ökonomischen und politischen Zusammenhängen umfassend dar. Zudem werden die laufenden und geplanten Reforminitiativen in Österreich beschrieben und analysiert. Das Buch enthält umfangreiche Daten, Fakten, Definitionen und Analysen zum österreichischen Gesundheitssystem und ist eine einmalige Informationsquelle für alle Akteure, Entscheider und Gestalter im Gesundheitswesen und in der Gesundheitswirtschaft.

- umfassendes Nachschlagewerk über das Gesundheitssystem in Österreich
- umfangreiche Daten über das Gesundheitsversorgungssystem und die Auswirkungen von Reformen
- einmalige Informationsquelle für alle Beteiligten im Gesundheitssystem
- mit Analysen der Gesetzgebung und Reforminitiativen in Österreich

Aus dem Inhalt: Einführung und Historischer Hintergrund; Struktur des Gesundheitssystems; Planung, Regulierung und Management; Dezentralisierung des Gesundheitssystems; Finanzierung und Ausgaben des Gesundheitssystems; Die soziale Krankenversicherung; Gesundheitsleistungen und Rationierung; Zusätzliche Finanzierungsquellen; Gesundheitsausgaben; Leistungserbringung im Gesundheitssystem; Öffentlicher Gesundheitsdienst; Prävention und Gesundheitsförderung; Ambulante Gesundheitsversorgung; Stationäre Gesundheitsversorgung; Ambulante und stationäre Langzeitversorgung; Integration der Leistungserbringung; Gesundheitspersonal und Ausbildung; Arzneimittel; Technologiebewertung im Gesundheitssystem und eHealth; Verwendung der Finanzmittel im Gesundheitssystem; Budgetsetzung und Ressourcenallokation; Vergütung von Krankenhäusern; Vergütung von Ärzten; Reformen im Gesundheitssystem; Zielvorgaben; Inhalte von Gesundheitsreformen.

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Welfare in an Idle Society? Reinventing Retirement, Work, Wealth, Health, and Welfare

Bernd Marin

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This book is about making welfare society sustainable for the 21st century. What design is required to turn social security into a lasting human institution and civilizing achievement? It attempts at reinventing rather than privatizing social security in general, and pensions in particular.

The key aim of welfare through social insurance is eradicating the five giant social ills of Want, Ignorance, Disease, Squalor and Idleness, providing a minimum standard of living. All people of working age pay regular contributions; in return, benefits are awarded to anyone who is sick, unemployed, retired or widowed. The modern welfare state, therefore, is about maintaining a delicate equilibrium between dependent social groups on the one hand and the active working classes on the other. In the case of old-age security, this balance is being achieved (or not) by the so-called Generation Contract. This social pact is more of an implicit, unwritten and unspecified social compact, or "contracting without contract".

The book sees the welfare state as one of the great achievements of the post-war 20th century, albeit one greatly in need of a profound overhaul. This modernization of welfare amounts to nothing less than re-thinking its basic philosophy, core concepts, fiscal base, organizing principles, policies and programmes. Notably, this applies to the pension schemes and their manifold and intricate interfaces with labour markets, health insurance, disability welfare, social policies, and other social security institutions.

The focus is on re-designing social security to cope with global ageing and to guarantee a viable 21st century pension future. In many European countries, the most imminent menace is neither financial market risks nor population ageing (whether deriving from longevity, low fertility, or scant immigration). To the contrary, demographics per se presents many more opportunities than threats and dangers. Pensions and social security systems are eroded, instead, by insufficient activity and employment rates to adjust for accelerating demographic and economic challenges.

Thus, the focal point of this book is less on imbalances between old and young, but on imbalances between the active and the inactive, between work and non-work over the lifetime, and between working, earning and contributing classes and dependent groups (Karl Renner's "Erwerbsklassen" vs. "Versorgungsklassen") at any given point in time. Its "leitmotiv" running through is in the main title: "Welfare in an Idle Society?" How generous and sustainable is a welfare state with low levels of activity? How petty must a pay-as-you-go pension and social security system turn with insufficient paid work, when dependent population groups constitute a majority, and most people now spend most of their lifetime out of work?

Correspondingly, the book centres on work and welfare. To work – or not to work enough. How much idleness is sustainable within an advanced welfare society? How many years of unemployment, non-employment, long-term sickness, disability or invalidity pensions or other paid and unpaid, voluntary and involuntary out-of-work periods are consistent with what welfare standards and pension duration? How much social insurance and old-age pension is affordable with more than 18 years of non-contributing periods during working age and more than 25 years of retirement on average, as is the case in Austria? For the EU-28, more than 100 million non-employed people need to be added to the 27 million unemployed to make up the overall pool of out-of-work potential or labour slack.

The book concentrates on single cases such as Austria or Sweden, but in a comparative UN-56 (not just EU-28) European and global OECD perspective. It deals with the countries chosen as cases in point of some general challenges and efforts to cope with them effectively. It tries to determine the specificity and, at times, the exceptionalism of single cases, and analyses the respective strengths and weaknesses of different national approaches and their organizing principles. Apart from analytical concepts and empirical investigations for knowledgeable observers, it pursues a didactic approach and also aims to communicate to the general reader and citoyen, who is interested in public affairs.

And it sets out the main public choices countries in the heart of the continent are confronted with. In a first choice, Continental Europe may be moving towards either a North-Western or a South Eastern and Mediterranean Europe. North-Western Europe has much more in common than is conventionally perceived by frequent accounts of an alleged antagonism between Anglo-Saxon liberalism and Nordic Social Democratic hegemony, both deeply rooted and independent from changing government complexions. Indeed, there is what is called an underlying "liberal-socialist consensus", an "Anglo-Scandinavian" or Swiss way of "work and welfare societies", though with quite different work and welfare mixes. Later, a second choice between "going Swedish" or "going British" with respect to pensions presents itself.

Work societies are characterised by a primacy of formal market (system of national accounts/SNA) production and paid work, creating ample riches in order to aliment more or less generous welfare and social security "from cradle to grave". But providing safety nets and minimum living standards "below which no one should be allowed to fall" in the sense of William Beveridge can only be sustained if the animal spirits of entrepreneurship, capitalist enterprising, pervasive innovation and productivity increases are left unfettered, and if economic competitiveness and high employment rates are maintained. The alternative for Continental Europe to this highway towards North-Western Europe would be drifting even further towards the low-work country profiles of South-Eastern, Balkan, and Mediterranean societies, with a prevalence of informal and household (non-SNA) production, early labour market exit pathways – and correspondingly shabby – or shady – benefit regimes.

This ground-breaking book demonstrates how countries are addressing population-ageing challenges in depth, using single case studies to gain the required complexity and differentiation in a comparative European framework of empirical evidence. This is a broad social science study in political economy and sociology, not an economic analysis. It has been widely endorsed by leading scholars in the field of ageing and welfare as required reading for all social scientists, economists and social policy experts working within this areas.

Content Overview: Part I Global Challenges and 21st Century Austrian Pension Future: Introduction: the policy issues at stake and the task in hand; Sustainable welfare societies: new guiding principles; What is a 'pension'?; Why are 'pensions' so crucial?; Why do pensions urgently need to be consolidated? Austriaka continued: the national context of pension consolidation in a comparative perspective; Pension consolidation in a low-work country? What is to be done? Strategic perspectives on a new model of pension consolidation. Part II Doomed to Fail – or Robust, Fair, and Sustainable? Reinventing Social Security, Welfare and Self-Governance: Demographic transition and marginalization, migration and social (dis)integration; living longer, working shorter – or longer? The limits of sustainable welfare societies; Extending working life incentives for companies: conventional and innovative approaches; Close to 'best practice'? The Swedish NDC model as a yardstick for pension modernization and social progress?; NDC – a magic all-European pension reform and coordination formula? Part III Invalidity Pensions – or Disability Insurance?: What does invalidity/disability mean? Mainstreaming invalidity/disability from destiny to self-determination? And from 'bone-rates' of

'abnormality' to normalcy? The ambiguity of modern disability welfare: success story or political fiasco? Towards an employment-oriented equal opportunity model: a second or completed paradigm shift? Cautionary postscript as an appendix: forever beyond the Dark Ages of sin, stereotypes, stigma, sanitizing - and medical killing? Appendix: facts and figures on invalidity and disability welfare. Part IV Women's Work and Pensions: Gender-Sensitive Arrangements; Recent pension reforms – and their impact on women; General gender and pension analyses; Single and comparative country studies; What is good, bad, best for women? Some preliminary conclusions; Appendix: some facts and figures on women's lives, work and pensions; Bibliography.

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Das Buch adressiert die theoretisch wie praktisch-politische Kernfrage, wie man moderne Wohlfahrtsgesellschaften nachhaltig macht, indem man soziale Sicherheit in eine dauerhafte Humaninstitution und selbsttragende zivilisatorische Errungenschaft weiterentwickelt.

Wohlfahrtsgesellschaft ist eine große historische Errungenschaft des 20. Jahrhunderts und keineswegs per se überholt, aber – angesichts (selbst)zerstörerischer Tendenzen dringend überholungsbedürftig. Ihre Modernisierung erfordert eine Neudefinition der Philosophie, Schlüsselkonzepte, Finanzierungsbasis, Organisationsprinzipien, Sozialpolitiken und Programme. Re-Design sozialer Sicherheit bedeutet Neuerfindung von Ruhestand, Arbeit, Wohlstand, Gesundheit und Wohlfahrt.

Dabei geht es nicht um Ungleichgewichte zwischen "jung und alt", sondern zwischen aktiv und inaktiv, Arbeit und Nicht-Arbeit, produktiv berufstätigen Arbeiterklassen und beitragenden "Erwerbsklassen" und abhängigen "Versorgungsklassen" (Karl Renner). Das Kernproblem Europas sind die 127 Millionen out-of-work im besten Erwerbsalter: rd 100 Millionen Erwerbslose zusätzlich zu den zuletzt fast 27 Millionen Arbeitslosen.

Kontinentaleuropa kann sich strategisch nach Nord-West-Europa oder nach Südost-Europa und den Mittelmeerraum orientieren: anglo-sächsischer Liberalismus und nordische sozialdemokratische Hegemonie in Skandinavien haben miteinander (und mit der Schweiz, Holland) mehr gemeinsam als mit dem Rest Europas, man könnte von "anglo-skandinavischen Arbeitsgesellschaften" sprechen. 70 Jahre nach Beveridge und 140 Jahre nach Bismarck muss soziale Sicherheit neu erfunden werden – so radikal wie von Beveridge selbst.

Schon EU-Kommissar Verheugen bestritt, dass es ein "europäisches Sozialmodell" in Europa gäbe. Seit 1973 sind die drei großen Wohlfahrtsversprechen – Vollbeschäftigung, produktivitätsorientierte Einkommenszuwächse und sichere Pensionen bzw. soziale Sicherheit und Humandienstleistungen für Bildung, Gesundheit, Pflege und Soziales – trotz höchster und teilweise weiter steigender Sozialausgaben ständig gebrochen bzw. schrittweise widerrufen worden. Derzeit haben wird das Paradox einer neuen "misère du monde" (Bourdieu) – auf den höchsten Stufen je erreichten sozialen und zivilisatorischen Fortschritts – und messbar sinkende Lebenszufriedenheit selbst bei steigendem Wohlstand und Wohlfahrt. Ist daher das EU-"europäische Sozialmodell" nur eine rhetorische Fiktion wie etwa der Wachstums- und Beschäftigungspakt, der Europäische Wirtschaftsraum – oder dysfunktional wie die Euro-Zone? Ganz offensichtlich stimmen Worte, Taten und Resultate des "europäischen Sozialmodells" nicht zusammen.

Sozialstaatsdefekte wie Inaktivität und Abhängigkeit einer Mehrheit von Versorgungsempfängern gemahnen mitunter an selbstnegatorische Eigendynamiken (wie KIKS, kopfschmerzmedikamenteninduzierte Kopfschmerzen), wo bei "Arbeit lohnt nicht" Markt- und Staatsversagen ineinander greifen und einander wechselseitig verstärken. Das lässt sich an der bestürzenden und die längste Nachkriegszeit für "unmöglich" gehaltenen Massen- und Langzeitarbeitslosigkeit ebenso zeigen wie an massenhafter Invalidität und Berufsunfähigkeit. Bereits am Beispiel der sog. Stockholm-, Lissabon- und Barcelona-Ziele der EU lassen sich die "low future"-Aspirationen, die inzwischen in Südeuropa in katastrophische "no future"-Resignation für die jüngeren Generationen gekippt sind, ablesen. Hat das "europäische Sozialmodell" vergleichbare Konstruktionsfehler wie die Euro-Zone? Gibt es dieses "europäische Sozialmodell" nur für 3-10% der Europäer (Schweden, Finnen, Dänen, Norweger, Isländer, Holländer, Luxemburger, Schweize, Österreicher und evv. Deutsche?) Bereits in der EU-27 gibt es derzeit fast unüberbrückbare wirtschaftliche Heterogenität, sozio-kulturelle Diversität und unterschiedliche gesellschaftspolitische Visionen, das UN-"Europa der 56" Länder wächst noch weniger zusammen, sondern droht weiter auseinander zu driften.

Das Buch analysiert welfare-mixes als politische Gesamtkunstwerke und europäische Governance durch "soft law" wie die OMK-Praxis. Dabei ist der West/West-Glaubenskrieg zwischen Anhängern des traditionellen "Sozialstaats" und "freier Märkte" ebenso überholt wie der Ost/West-Gegensatz zu Zeiten des "Ostbock"-Kommunismus: im Kontrast zu den vorgestrigen ideologischen Gegensätzen entwickeln sich seit Mitte der 1990er Jahre neue Konvergenzen und ein neuer Konsens. Jenseits von Sozialstaats-Paternalismus und Laissez-faire Darwinismus entsteht ein neues Konzept von "welfare mix" und "Wohlfahrtsgesellschaft". Ein 5-Sektor-Modell der Wohlfahrts-Produktion und 12 Grundsätze einer neuen Wohlfahrts-Philosophie in einer Human-Investitions-Perspektive werden entworfen, wobei Sozialpolitik in einer sozialen Marktwirtschaft sowohl mit dem Markt wie auch mitunter gegen den Markt entwickelt wird. Mit einem sozialverträglichen Sozialumbau entstehen neuen Konfliktlinien wie auch neue Kompromisspotenziale.

Das Buch zeigt auch, weshalb sich unsere Gesellschaften verjüngen und nicht altern, an Hand der Schlüsselbegriffe "Altersinflation" und "Lifetime Indexing". "Jung" und "alt" sind weder unabhängig von Raum und Zeit, noch von Konzepten und objektiven Messmethoden des Alters, noch von subjektiven Wahrnehmungen. In der Öffentlichkeit herrscht große Verwirrung über grundlegende Begriffe wie individuelle und kollektive Alterung, Verjüngung, Langlebigkeit, (gesunde) Lebenserwartung in unterschiedlichen Lebensaltern, über chronologisches, prospektives, soziokulturelles, psychologisches, kognitives, biometrisches usw. Alter. In den letzten Jahren wurden in der Demographie bahnbrechend neue, dynamische Altersdefinitionen und -maße entwickelt, die veränderte Gesundheit, Sterblichkeit, Überlebenswahrscheinlichkeiten, kognitive und Arbeitsfähigkeit sowie Lebenslaufmuster berücksichtigen. Damit erweisen sich ausschließlich herkömmliche, chronologische, statische Altersmaße und darauf aufbauende Kennzahlen als gefährlich irreführend. Wer die Altersinflation, den Unterschied von nominalem und realem Alter als Stadium im Lebenszyklus nicht durch Lifetime Indexing berücksichtigt, versteht "(aktives) Altern" nicht. Es wird gezeigt, wo und wie "40 das neue 30", "73 das neue 65" ist, was Wiedergeburt mit 38 oder 50 oder 82 bedeutet – und dass sich unsere Gesellschaften (etwa Wien) tatsächlich "verjüngen" statt zu "altern".

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Long-Term Care in Europe Improving Policy and Practice

Kai Leichsenring / Jenny Billings / Henk Nies (Eds.)

Palgrave Macmillan, 2013

This book challenges the prevailing discourse centred on the problems of demographic change and long-term care provision for older people by focusing on solutions emerging from progression and improvement in policy and practice. Building on ample research in 13 European countries, evidence is provided for how the construction of long-term care systems can be taken forward by practitioners, policymakers and stakeholder organisations. By focusing on prevention and rehabilitation, the support of informal care, the enhancement of quality development as well as decent governance and financing mechanisms for long-term care, stakeholders my learn from European experiences and solutions at the local, regional and national levels.

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Can Technology-based Services Support Long-term Care Challenges in Home Care?

Analysis of Evidence from Social Innovation Good Practices across the EU: CARICT Project Summary Report

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Deployment and use of technological services for informal carers is still limited, mainly due to users' low digital skills, the lack of demonstrated business cases, and the poor evidence of the impact and sustainability of these services. The CARICT project aimed to collect evidence-based results on the impact of ICT-enabled domiciliary care services, and to make policy recommendations to develop, scale and replicate them in the European Union. The methodology was based on a mapping of 52 ICT-based services for informal carers developed in Europe, and a cross–analysis of 12 of these initiatives to get data on their impacts, drivers, business models, success factors, and challenges.

The main results show that there is a wide range of successful, not very costly and beneficial examples of ICT-based support for carers across Europe. The cross-analysis indicated that these services had positive impacts on the quality of life of elderly people and informal carers, the quality of care and the financial sustainability of the health and social systems.

The data also confirm that policy at European, national, regional and local levels can promote the successful development, implementation and transferability of these services through funding, policy leadership and by promoting stronger cooperation among stakeholders including end-users, mainly from the third sector and informal carers, to create a new value chain in the provision of long-term care. These findings help to achieve the objectives of European policy defined by the 2020 Strategy, and more specifically the Digital Agenda for Europe (DAE) and the European Innovation Partnership on Healthy and Active Ageing (EIP AHA).

Geld- versus Sachleistungen

Wirkungsweisen und Effekte von Geldleistungen und Sachleistungen im Sozialbereich

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Zur Planung und Ausrichtung von Sozialleistungen ist ein fundierter Überblick über deren Wirkungsweisen und Effekte gemessen an den Zielsetzungen unumgänglich. Ob eine Leistung als frei verfügbare Geldsumme oder als Sachleistung effizienter und nachhaltiger wirkt, sollte wissenschaftlich fundiert und abseits ideologischer Mythen diskutiert werden.

Die vorliegende Studie beleuchtet den empirischen und theoretischen Hintergrund der Fragestellung anhand einer tiefgehenden Literaturanalyse und diskutiert und bewertet sozialpolitische Konzepte hinsichtlich der jeweiligen Realisierungspotenziale ihrer Zielsetzungen sowie möglicher intendierter und nicht intendierter Effekte.

Weiters werden auf Basis sozialpolitisch wirkungsrelevanter Kriterien ausgewählte Wiener Sozialleistungen analysiert und alternative Angebotsoptionen besprochen. Dem Bereich der Pflege ist ein gesondertes Kapital gewidmet, da hier die gewachsenen Strukturen sowohl eine Geldleistung (mit dem Pflegegeld durch den Bund) als auch eine Sachleistung (durch die stationären und mobilen Pflegeangebote der Länder) vorsehen. Die Studie beleuchtet die derzeitige Versorgungssituation und die Anforderungen an neue und innovative Konzepte angesichts der demografischen Herausforderungen.

In Österreich wird ein Mix aus Geld- und Sachleistungen angeboten, wobei Geldleistungen, wie auch in anderen kontinentaleuropäischen Wohlfahrtsstaaten, den deutlich überwiegenden Anteil darstellen. Die Nordischen Staaten tendieren hingegen stärker zu Dienst- bzw. Sachleistungen. Generell ist in den OECD-Staaten ein aktueller Trend in Richtung Sachleistungen festzustellen. Während die Literatur zur Wohlfahrtsökonomie im Allgemeinen nahelegt, dass Geldtransfers aus Gründen der Effizienz unter regulären Marktbedingungen zu bevorzugen sind, spezifiziert sie mit theoretischen Ansätzen auch ein breites Spektrum von Argumenten, die für Sachleistungen sprechen: Das Samariter-Dilemma thematisiert das potentielle Anreiz-Defizit bei Geldleistungen, Bedürftigkeit zu überwinden. So könnten zum Beispiel bei der Weiterentwicklung der Bedarfsorientierten Mindestsicherung vermehrte Arbeitsintegrationsangebote für bestimmte Zielgruppen den Ausstieg erleichtern. Zusätzlich könnten die Wirkungsweisen von Sozialleistungen genauer überprüft werden, sodass negative Anreize vermieden werden.

"Paternalistische" Interventionen durch Sachleistungen werden bei Leistungen für Kinder zur Verbesserung der Chancengerechtigkeit und der innerfamiliären Umverteilung auf breiter Ebene akzeptiert, bei anderen Zielgruppen jedoch auch kritisch diskutiert.

Mit Sachleistungen können weiters multiple politische Ziele verfolgt werden, die über das direkte Ziel der Unterstützung bedürftiger Personen hinausgehen. Durch öffentlich finanzierte Angebote, etwa im Pflegebereich, können zum Beispiel auch Erwerbsquoten erhöht werden. Es können aber auch nicht intendierte Effekte eintreten, wenn, wie in den USA, Lebensmittelprogramme zur Agrarförderung mutieren.

Der Mix an Geld- und Sachleistungen für Wienerinnen und Wiener gewährleistet einen hohen sozialen Versorgungsgrad. Dabei werden die Bundesleistungen wie Pensionen, Arbeitslosenbezüge oder Pflegegeld als Geldleistungen, die Landesleistungen wie Wohnungslosenhilfe, Behindertenhilfe, stationäre und mobile Pflegedienste als Sachleistungen zur Verfügung gestellt.

Eine wichtige Geldleistung des Landes stellt die Bedarfsorientierte Mindestsicherung dar. Die Pflegegeldergänzungsleistung für persönliche Assistenz bietet Wahlfreiheit und Autonomie bei der Einteilung der Assistenz und garantiert durch genaue Abrechnungskontrolle auch eine widmungsgemäße Mittelverwendung.

Im Pflegebereich wird besonderes Augenmerk auf Angebote der integrierten Versorgung sowie die Unterstützung der informellen Pflege zu legen sein. Durch den Ausbau professioneller, ergänzender mobiler und teilstationärer Betreuungsdienste können Angehörige entlastet und Akzente zur Steigerung der Erwerbsquote gesetzt werden.

Zusammenfassend kann aus den Studien-Ergebnissen bei bestimmten Fragestellungen eine Empfehlung in Richtung Sachleistungen – trotz zum Teil höherer administrativer Kosten – abgeleitet werden. Diese wirken tendenziell nachhaltiger, treffsicherer, effizienter und erhöhen das sozialpolitische Steuerungspotential. Allerdings muss bei der Implementierung das Risiko einer (zu weit gehenden) "paternalistischen" Bevormundung der Klientinnen und Klienten sowie anderer nicht intendierter Nebeneffekte berücksichtigt werden.

Ageing Populations in Post-Industrial Democracies: Comparative Studies of Policies and Politics

Pieter Vanhuysse / Achim Goerres (Eds.)

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Most advanced democracies are currently experiencing accelerated population ageing. This fundamentally changes not just their demographic composition: it also can be expected to have far-reaching social, political and public policy consequences. This book brings together an array of comparative empirical analyses dealing with generational politics and public policies. It examines changing electoral policy demands due to demographic ageing and shifting lifestyles. It presents a theoretically unified, case study approach.

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A new paperback edition of this book has been published in 2014.

This book has been reviewed thus far in the following 14 journals: Ageing & Society, Bulletin of Italian Politics, Canadian Journal of Political Science, Canadian Journal of Sociology, Canadian Public Policy, Czech Sociological Review (in Czech), Intergenerational Justice Review, Japanese Journal of Political Science, Journal of European Social Policy, Journal of Turkish Social Policy Conferences (in Turkish), Political Studies Review, Norwegian Journal of Social Research, Swedish Political Science Review (in Swedish), Swiss Political Science Review.

Notquartier und Spritzentausch

Die Wiener Drogenszene im Gespräch

Irmgard Eisenbach-Stangl / Christine Reidl / Gabriele Schmied

LIT Verlag, 2011

Die gesellschaftlich dominierende Vorstellung von Suchtkranken ist seit vielen Jahren dieselbe: Sie werden als sozial isolierte, desintegrierte, teils verwahrloste Personen wahrgenommen.

Ein wesentlicher Teil der Alkoholkranken und von illegalen Substanzen abhängigen Personen ist aber für die Bevölkerung unauffällig weil wohnversorgt, gesellschaftlich integriert und berufstätig.

Die vorliegende Studie untersucht charakteristische Merkmale der Suchtkranken im öffentlichen Raum, ihre Lebenssituation und wie man sie im Sucht- und Drogenhilfenetzwerk gezielter erreichen kann. Zu Wort kommen nicht nur ExpertInnen, sondern auch die KlientInnengruppe selbst.

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Ageing, Health and Pensions in Europe An Economic and Social Policy Perspective

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This book aims to improve our understanding of the key relationships between demographics, welfare regimes, pension provision, public health, employment, income security, and well-being in a cross-national framework from a broad economic perspective, accounting for insights from other social sciences. It intends to stimulate scientific research that will add cutting-edge scientific evidence on the core topics within the European economic and social policy debate.

Moreover, the chapters set out a research agenda that exploits the diversity of European pension and health systems to study causal links between institutional arrangements, individual decision-making, labour force transitions, financial security and general well-being of the elderly, and health outcomes. A key feature is to integrate economic, psychological, sociological and epidemiological approaches to individual decision-making related to health and pensions, and the implications of this for financial and labour markets, financial institutions, and public policy.

The research topics covered are organised in three broad themes:

- (1) Income Security of the Elderly: This theme includes topics related to defined-benefit and defined-contribution type pension systems, intergenerational risk sharing, individual decisions on pensions and other retirement savings, consumption patterns before and during retirement, decisions to annuitize or not, and financial knowledge. The insights about the economic well-being are drawn using the disciplines of micro-economics, finance, psychology, and public policy. The role of health is also emphasised, mainly through the financial risks of health shocks and health and work-related disability insurance.
- (2) Well-being of the Elderly: This theme extends beyond the economic well-being, covering wider measures of well-being, as defined by family contacts and other social networks, inter- and

intra-generational transfers, time use and satisfaction with daily activities, social exclusion, physical and mental health (and health behaviour and prevention), availability of formal and informal long-term care, and other aspects of the health and social care system.

(3) Labour Markets and Older Workers: This theme focuses on the concern of European policy makers to raise the labour-force participation of older workers, which is an important requirement to achieve the fiscal sustainability of pension and health insurance systems. The labour force participation of older workers is a core issue in micro-economic research, but the role of health, psychological and social factors has also been studied. The role of human capital, individual decision making towards labour supply as well as that of labour demand factors is also discussed at length.

By adopting a forward-looking approach, the book discusses the remaining knowledge gaps and research opportunities. It also reviews data needs and other infrastructure requirements and explores the implications for research policy.

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The target of the expertise was to compile a substantial empirical analysis of the welfare and health system of the City of Vienna in comparison to five other European metropolises (Brussels, Hamburg, Lisbon, Prague, Stockholm). Both the current status as well as the ability to react to changes and challenges in the future were investigated. The analysis is based on significant indicators, which according to the different regional and national contexts do not represent pure quantitative output indicators only. Rather, socio-economic background factors as well as impact spheres, areas of responsibility, degree of autonomy, expenditure levels, etc. of the metropolises were considered and related to the output. Thereby, both the unique and the common features of the metropolises were elaborated.

Developing a simple model of the city policy process in order to compare the policy environment (city challenges), policy efforts (city inputs) and policy performance (city outputs) in terms of social and health policy and quality of living for six European metropolises, the study finds that Brussels and especially Vienna perform very well given the constraints they face, while Prague and even more so Lisbon perform less well.

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What is it about?

The 2nd edition of the Facts and Figures on Healthy Ageing and Long-term Care provides information on the ageing phenomenon across the UNECE region. It covers data and information on demography, social situation of older people, health, informal care, migrant care workers, public long-term care policies and expenditure for the countries of the UNECE.

Why is it important?

It is meant as a tool to inform policy debate and inform decision-making by policy-makers. It provides easily accessible information on data and facts for academic experts and researchers to aid comparative analysis of healthy ageing and long-term care. It hopes to foster debate and raise awareness of the differences in ageing across the UNECE region and what they entail for citizens.

What to find?

Demography, Social connectedness, Income and housing situation, Health status, Risk factors and prevention, Informal care, Migrant care work, Long-term care services, Expenditure on long-term care.

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Auch Drogenabhängige werden älter... Zur Lebenssituation einer Randgruppe

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Mit dem Ausbau der Drogenhilfe und der Einführung von schadensmindernden Angeboten wurden die Lebensbedingungen und Überlebenschancen von drogenabhängigen Frauen und Männern verbessert. Die Zahl älterer Drogenabhängiger ist folgerichtig in vielen europäischen Ländern gestiegen. Gestiegen ist jedoch auch die Zahl hilfsbedürftiger "Drogensenioren", was zur Frage ihrer angemessenen Versorgung führt.

Das europäische Forschungsprojekt "Senior Drug Dependents and Care Structures", das aus Mitteln der Europäischen Union gefördert wurde, hat sich zum Ziel gesetzt das Wissen über die Lebenssituation von älteren drogenabhängigen Frauen und Männern zu verbessern und Grundlagen für ihre Versorgung im Alter auszuarbeiten. Es wurde zwischen 2008 und 2010 in vier Ländern durchgeführt: in Deutschland, Österreich, Polen und Schottland. Beim österreichischen Projekt kooperierten das "Europäische Zentrum für Wohlfahrtspolitik und Sozialforschung" und das "Schweizer Haus Hadersdorf".

Das Projekt besteht aus fünf lose verbundenen Teilstudien: (1) Einer Sekundäranalyse von Datensätzen auf nationaler Ebene wie auf der Ebene ausgewählter Städte – in Österreich Wien – um u.a. Aussagen über die Größe und Entwicklung der Zielgruppe zu ermöglichen; (2) Interviews mit älteren Drogenabhängigen, um der subjektiven Sicht Raum zu geben und das Verständnis der Bedürfnisse und Probleme der Zielgruppe zu erweitern; (3) Experteninterviews, um die derzeitige und geplante Versorgung von Drogensenioren zu erfassen und gegebenenfalls "best practices" zu beschreiben; (4) Analyse der gesetzlichen und finanziellen Rahmenbedingungen für die Versorgung der Zielgruppe; (5) Zusammenführung der Ergebnisse in nationalen Richtlinien für die optimalen Versorgungsstrukturen älterer drogenabhängiger Männer und Frauen.

Die vorliegende Publikation enthält die Berichte über die österreichischen Teilprojekte. Sie versteht sich als Beitrag zur Verbesserung der Lebenssituation älterer Drogenabhängiger und zur Erweiterung ihrer Möglichkeiten in Würde zu altern.

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Social Well-being of **Disabled Older Persons** An Evidence of Unequal Ageing in Europe by Katrin Gasior and Asghar Zaidi

I. Introduction

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One of the most apparent consequences of an ever-rising life expectancy
observed in the European countries is that offeer persons now constitute
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One other rather obvious phenomenon is that older people are far from being a homogenous group, and they differ inter dio with respect to social, economic and health status. Moreover, advances in medicine and social economic temporare redshildsiction methods have made the expectation of living to late life fairly reasonable, even for persons with a significant disability. Despite this, disability, can be viewed as one of the most important factors determining the individual experience of ageing, for instance, many older people are research and pulsy abuse on whole increases Cours research has been seen from the properties of the control of the

Important research questions are therefore What are the perceptions, feelings and experiences of the disabled older persons? Are these persons also enjoying and benefiting from a longer phase of old-age life! How to best capture these unequal experiences of ageing of older people! Whether institutional differences across European countries play a role in mitigating the perverse effects of disability during old age? This Brief examines this phenomenon of unequal ageing of older people in European countries by looking into how disability alone has an influence on the well-being off disabled older persons, covering several different domains of social well-being.

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Keynote Speaker at the international symposium hosted by Public Policy Exchange, January 28, Brussels, Belgium

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'From 'Cinderella' to Professional Carer - Changing the Status of Migrant Care Workers in Austria' Paper presented at ESPANET Conference, September 5-7, Poznan, Poland

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Paper presented at the International Conference on Public Policy, Grenoble, June

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'Taking Social Policy Personally: The Effect of Personality Traits

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Paper presented at the European Consortium for Political Research General Conference, Bordeaux, September

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'Improved Performance Assessment through a Health Data Navigator'

Paper presented at the ISQua Conference (Quality and Safety in Population Health and Healthcare), 15 October 2013, Edinburgh, UK

Winkelmann, Juliane / Schmidt, Andrea E. / Leichsenring, Kai (2013)

'Double Standards in Regulating Migrant Care Work? -

Analysing Cleavages in the Care Labour Market in Austria'

Paper presented at the LIEPP Conference 'Analysing the political economy of household services in Europe', Sciences Po Paris, 3-4 October 2013, Paris, France

Leichsenring, Kai (2012)

'Economia politica della famiglia: modelli europei e prospettive'

Paper presented at the 'Festival della famiglia', Riva del Garda, Italy, 27 October 2012

Leichsenring, Kai (2012

'Prevention & rehabilitation through health, social and informal care'

Paper presented at the ESN Autumn Seminar 'Retaining and regaining independence and inclusion in later life', Stuttgart, Germany, 24-25 October 2012

Leichsenring, Kai (2012)

'International perspectives on integrating health and social care services -

Towards integrated long-term care systems'

Paper presented at the 'Encuentro ETORBIZI de Innovación Sociosanitaria', Bilbao, Spain, 8-10 October 2012

Leichsenring, Kai (2012)

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Paper presented at the Fourth EAHSA Conference, Malta, 27-28 September 2012

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Leichsenring, Kai (2012)

'I cambiamenti nei sistemi dei paesi del centro Europa', Paper presented at the Conference 'Il cambiamento dei sistemi di welfare: quali politiche e processi di governance?'

Università Cà Foscari, Venice, Italy, 17-18 May 2012

Leichsenring, Kai (2012)

'Constructing long-term care systems in Europe – Theoretical considerations and examples of innovative practice'

Paper presented at the 'Third National Home Care Conference', Kusadasi, Turkey, 12-14 April 2012

Leichsenring, Kai (2012)

'Trends towards integrated long term care for older people in Europe – Harnessing the knowledge base' Paper presented at the 12th International Conference on Integrated Care, San Marino, 28-29 March 2012

Leichsenring, Kai (2012)

'Performance measurement in long-term care in Austria'

Paper presented at the 'International Conference on Evidence-based Policy in Long-term Care', London, UK, 5-8 September 2012

Leichsenring, Kai (2012)

'Politiche di welfare e crisi economica: il quadro comunitario'

Paper presented at the regional conference 'Stati generali del welfare Trentino: quali prospettive e cambiamenti possibili?', Autonomous Region Trentino, Trento, Italy, 12 March 2012

Rodrigues, Ricardo / Schmidt, Andrea E. (2012)

'The impact of cash or services on equitable use of care by older people'

Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Austrian Economic Association, May 2012, Vienna, Austria

Rodrigues, Ricardo / Leichsenring, Kai / Schmidt, Andrea E., with Lisa J. Trigg (2012)

'Public reporting of quality in long-term care in Europe: a mapping exercise across six countries'

Paper presented at the International Conference on Evidence-based Policy in Long-term Care, International Long-term Care Policy Network, September 2012, London School of Economics, UK.

Schmidt, Andrea E. (2012)

'Kampf der Generationen oder Solidarität zwischen Jung und Alt? Das österreichische Pflegesystem aus europäischer Perspektive'

Paper presented at Momentum Kongress, September 2012, Hallstatt, Austria

Schmidt, Andrea E., with Irini Papanicolas and Alistar McGuire (London School of Economics) (2012)

'Hospital quality in Austria'

Paper presented at European Conference on Health Economics, July 2012, Zurich, Switzerland

Schmidt, Andrea E. / Winkelmann, Juliane, with Eszter Kovacs (2012)

'Is the grass always greener on the other side? Mobility of patients, and health and long-term care professionals to and from Eastern European countries'

Various papers presented in an organised session at the International Conference on Challenges for Health and Healthcare in Europe, November 2012, Aalborg, Denmark

Vanhuysse, Pieter, with Markus Tepe (2012)

'The Political Economy of Population Aging and OECD Pension Generosity Retrenchment: The Different Logics and Timing of Small and Large Cutbacks'

Paper presented at the 'Economics of Ageing' conference, Annual Meeting of the Austrian Economic Association, Vienna University of Technology, May 2012

Vanhuysse, Pieter, with Markus Tepe (2012)

'Cops for Hire: The Political Economy of Police Hiring across German Länder'

Paper presented at the Joint Sessions of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), workshop on "Time and Temporality in Politics", Antwerp, Belgium, April 2012

Fuchs, Michael, with Bauernberger, J. (2011)

'Comment Paper Austria on Peer Review "Effects of Life Courses on Women's Pension" '3-4 November, Berlin

Lamura, Giovanni (2011)

'The Result of the Futurage Consultation in the Field of Social and Economic Resources'

IAGG's VII European International Congress - Healthy and Active Ageing for All Europeans, Bologna, 14-17 April

Lamura, Giovanni (2011)

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'The social innovation potential by developing long-term care systems – The INTERLINKS Framework' Paper presented at the 14th European Health Forum Gastein, Bad Hofgastein, Austria, 5-8 October 2011

Leichsenring, Kai (2011)

'Contracting for quality. Findings from six European countries'

Paper presented at the Socialchefsdagarna 2011, Gävle, Sweden, 28-30 September 2011

Leichsenring, Kai (2011)

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Paper presented at the 19th European Social Services Conference 'Building an Active and Caring Society: Innovation, Participation, Community', Warsaw, Poland, 6-8 July 2011

Leichsenring, Kai (2011)

'Langzeitpflege im europäischen Vergleich – Wer ist zuständig und wer trägt die Verantwortung?'

Paper presented at the, 61. Österreichischer Städtetag, St. Pölten, Austria, 25-27 May 2011

Leichsenring, Kai (2011)

'Politiche familiari in Europa'

Paper presented at the Conference 'Oltre l'Isee: politiche tariffarie e familiari a confronto', Municipality of Vicenza, Italy, 6 May 2011

Leichsenring, Kai (2011)

'The present and future of quality management: Long-term care for older people in Europe'

Paper presented at the 'International Forum on Quality and Safety in Healthcare',

Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 5-8 April 2011

Vanhuysse, Pieter (2011)

'Pathways towards Gerontocracy: The Politics of Pro-Elderly Policy Bias

in Central and Eastern Europe, 1990-2030'

Paper presented at the Council for European Studies conference, Barcelona, June 2011

Vanhuysse, Pieter (2011)

'Aging and Social Expenditure'

Keynote Address at the International Social Security Week 2011, Mexico City (Mexico), to the conference jointly organized by the International Social Security Association (ISSA), the International Labor Organization (ILO), and the Inter-American Conference on Social Security (CISS), april 2011, http://www.issa.int/News-Events/Events/Social-Security-Week-2011-Promoting-a-Global-Prevention-Culture/Documents

Vanhuysse, Pieter, with Markus Tepe (2011)

'Expanding in Hard Times: The Context-Dependent Politics of Active Labor Market Spending, 1986-2005'

Paper presented at the Joint Sessions of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), workshop on "Distributive Politics of Welfare", Sankt Gallen, Switzerland, April 2011

Lamura, Giovanni (2010)

'Intergenerational Relationships in Italy: Main Features and Trends in a Comparative Perspective' Oxford Institute of Ageing Workshop on "Changing Intergenerational Relationships as Europe and Asia", 9-10 Dec.

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Lamura, Giovanni (2010)

'Elder Abuse and Social Support - Selected Findings from the ABUEL Project'

Final Conference of the EUSTACEA Project, 17 November, Brussels

Lamura, Giovanni (2010)

'Migrant Long-term Care Workers: What Role, What Challenges, What Policies?'

OECD Expert Meeting on Long-term Care Workforce and Training, 15-16 November, Paris

Lamura, Giovanni (2010)

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LSE-PSSRU International Conference on Evidence-based Policy in Long-term Care, 9-11 September, London

Lamura, Giovanni (2010)

'Interaction among Migrant Workers, Family Carers and Professional Services in the Italian Elder Care Sector'

8th ESPAnet Conference, 2-4 September, Budapest

Lamura, Giovanni (2010)

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International Conference on "Quality of Life and Maltreatment of Elderly in Europe", 28 June, Madrid

Lamura, Giovanni (2010)

'Migrant Care Workers: When "Normal" Care is not Enough -

Trend of Migrant Care and Implications for European Policy'

EUROCARERS International Conference on "Does Europe Care? The Future of Carer Support in Europe", 17-19 May, Edinburgh

Lamura, Giovanni (2010)

'The Role of Migrant Care Workers in Europe'

MA:IMI Conference on "Long-term Care in Europe – Discussing Trends and Relevant Issues", 22-23 Feb., Budapest

Vanhuysse, Pieter (2010)

'The Political Timing of OECD Pension Generosity Cutbacks'

Paper presented at the 8th Annual Conference of the European Social Policy Association Network (ESPAnet), Stream 18 on "Financing the Welfare State", Budapest (Hungary), 2-4 September 2010 (with Markus Tepe)

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