



**Dear Reader,**

Thank you very much for your interest in our research activities during 2007.

I hope we can keep you interested in 2008. We will continue our Policy Brief series in early 2008 with research topics we did not cover in this series before – among others, the situation of people with disabilities on the labour market in Europe and the introduction of a long-term care scheme in the autonomous Region of Bolzano-Alto Adige (Italy).

Sincerely yours,

**Annette Hexelschneider**

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## Projects

### **A New Long-term Care Scheme for Bolzano-Alto Adige (Italy)**

The European Centre has accompanied the preparatory process for the introduction of a long-term care insurance in the Autonomous Province of Bolzano-Alto Adige (Italy) from 2000 to 2006. In October 2007, the Provincial Government passed the law concerning new provisions for supporting persons in need of long-term care.

In one of our first Policy Briefs in 2008, the main features of this new scheme as well as the political and developmental process behind it will be highlighted.

Read more about: [project](#)

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## Involvements

### Child and Youth Research in the 21st Century: A Critical Appraisal

The International Childhood and Youth Research Network (ICYRNet) organises its first international conference in Nicosia, Cyprus, 28- 29 May 2008 that is sponsored by the United Nations Development Programme – Action for Cooperation and Trust.

The Network's mission is to internationally promote the inter-disciplinary study of children and young people in order to further raise awareness and understanding of issues that affect their well-being. The network is co-ordinated by Christos Chrysanthou (European University Cyprus in Nicosia). The ad-hoc executive board consists of Spyros Spyrou (Center for the Study of Childhood and Adolescence, Cyprus), Allison James (Center for Childhood and Youth, University of Sheffield), Renate Kränzl-Nagl (European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research) and Rutger van Oudenhoven (International Child Development Initiatives, Netherlands).

One of the main aims of the conference is to critically explore the intersection between research, policy, and practice by facilitating a dialogue between the different perspectives. In that sense, the conference envisions a productive, inter-disciplinary dialogue among the various stakeholders who are, in different ways, implicated in the lives and welfare of children and youth.

Read more about: [call for papers](#), [more conference information](#), [project](#)  
For further information please contact: [Renate Kränzl-Nagl](#)

## Events

### Upcoming Events

#### 25 January 2008, Vienna: International Seminar

The next International Seminar at the European Centre will be held by Prof Andrew Clark, PSE, Ecole Normale Supérieure (Paris) on: "Happiness, Habits and High Rank: Comparisons in Economic and Social Life". Organised by Orsolya Lelkes.

Please note that the starting time of the seminar is 15:00 pm. The seminar is part of the series of International Seminars that are organised by the European Centre. Please register for the seminar with [Andrea Hovenier](#).

Read more about: [next](#) International Seminar, [all](#) International Seminars of the European Centre



## **24-30 August 2008, Portoroz: 30th General Conference of the International Association for Research in Income and Wealth**

The Statistical Office of Slovenia will host the 30th General Conference of the International Association for Research in Income and Wealth (IARIW). The Conference will cover several themes relevant to the work of the European Centre, such as: measuring economic well-being, problems of ageing societies, mobility of people, and many other issues on measuring health or non-market services. Asghar Zaidi of the European Centre has organised a special session during this conference, on “Pension Issues in Ageing Societies”, in collaboration with Marshall Reinsdorff of Bureau of Economic Analysis /BEA, Washington DC.

Read more about: [conference programme](#)

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

### **Past Events**

#### **12-13 December, London: Study Trip**

Bernd Marin and Asghar Zaidi accompanied the Austrian Minister for Social Affairs and Consumer Protection Erwin Buchinger, and the Under-Secretary Christoph Matznetter, at the occasion of meetings with the UK Secretary of State Peter Hain (Work and Pensions) and many more politicians, executives and experts in the United Kingdom regarding the topic Work Tax Credit.

For further information please contact: [Bernd Marin](#), [Asghar Zaidi](#)

#### **Online Document of Past Event**

The presentation of the last International Seminar “Divide and Pacify – Strategic Social Policies and Political Protests in Post-Communist Democracies” by Pieter Vanhuyse can be accessed now [via our website](#).

#### **29 November – 1 December, Venice: WHO Consultation**

Michael Fuchs participated in the Poverty and Health Technical Consultation organised by the WHO in Venice. He gave a presentation on the sources of information on the health of socio-economically disadvantaged groups in Austria.

For further information please contact: [Michael Fuchs](#)



## **18 October, Istanbul: Citizenship and Cultural Identities in the EU: Old Questions, New Answers**

Our Research Affiliate Dilek Çınar presented the NATAC project and its results at the ESSHRA (Enlarging the SSH Research Agenda) conference.

Read more about: [project](#), [conference](#)

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## **19-21 September, Oxford: Understanding the Drivers of Population Ageing in Central and Eastern Europe – Fertility, Mortality and Migration**

Eszter Zólyomi attended a seminar organised by the Oxford Institute of Ageing, co-ordinated by Dr. Andreas Hoff. Participants came from Bulgaria, Russia, the Ukraine, Poland, the Czech Republic, Lithuania, Hungary, Croatia, Slovenia, Romania as well as from British universities. The main aim of the seminar was to build connections between British and Central and Eastern European researchers working in this field, and lay down the basis for possible collaborative work in the future.

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## **Publications**

### **Book**

#### **Forthcoming Book: “New Frontiers in Microsimulation Modelling”, edited by Asghar Zaidi, Ann Harding and Paul Williamson**

This book will contain selected papers from the 1st General Conference of the International Microsimulation Association, hosted by the European Centre in Vienna, August 2007. As well as providing a useful introduction to the state of microsimulation internationally today, the book will contain a wide range of chapters illustrating the new applications and approaches being used across the world. The book will be of relevance to government policy-makers, social policy planners, economists and those concerned with predicting the impact of public policy change.

Read more about: [to access 80 papers](#) that will be considered for inclusion into the book, please click on Day 1/2/3.



## Book Contribution

By our Research Affiliate Dilek Çınar:

**Dilek Çınar (2007) 'Integration vor Einbürgerung: Staatsbürgerschaftsnovelle 2005' [Integration Comes Before Naturalization], in: Heinz Fassmann (Ed.) Österreichischer Migrations- und Integrationsbericht 2001–2006: Rechtliche Rahmenbedingungen, demographische Entwicklungen, sozioökonomische Strukturen [Austrian Migration and Integration Report 2001–2006: Legal Structural Conditions, Demographic Developments, Socio-economic Structures]. Klagenfurt/Celovec: Drava Verlag.**

## Book Review

By our Research Affiliate Dilek Çınar:

**Dilek Çınar (2007) 'Wie ein Wehrdienst weit weg von zu Hause' [Like Military Service Far Away from Home], in: Stimme von und für Minderheiten [Voices (in favour) of Minorities] Nr. 64/2007. Review of Nermin Abadan-Unat (2005) Migration ohne Ende. Vom Gastarbeiter zum Eurotürken [Never-ending Migration. From Foreign Workers to "Euroturks"]. Berlin: edition. PARABOLIS.**

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## Working Paper

By our Research Affiliates Herwig Immervoll and Horacio Levy

**Francesco Figari, Herwig Immervoll, Horacio Levy and Holly Sutherland (2007) "Inequalities within Couples: Market Incomes and the Role of Taxes and Benefits in Europe", Euromod Working Paper EM06/07**

Read more about: [working paper](#)

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## TV

Bernd Marin was one of the experts in the Austrian TV (ORF) discussion on “Länger arbeiten, weniger Geld – brauchen wir eine Pensionsreform ?” (Working Longer, Having Less Money. Do We Need A Pension Reform?), together with Erwin Buchinger (Austrian Federal Minister for Social Affairs and Consumer Protection), Andreas Khol (President of the Seniors’ Union of the ÖVP, the Austrian People’s Party), Barbara Rosenkranz (Parliamentary Family Speaker of the FPÖ, the Austrian National-liberal Party), and Matthias Horx (Futurologist).

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## Radio

On 5 November 2007, the Austrian radio station Ö1 (“Journal Panorama”) broadcasted a feature on persons not covered by health insurance in Austria. The feature included interview passages with Michael Fuchs related to the corresponding study of the European Centre carried out in 2003 and further developments since then.

For further information please contact: [Michael Fuchs](#)

## Newspaper Articles

[Marin, Bernd \(2005-2007\) Various articles in Der Standard, Vienna, 2007](#)

For further information please contact: [Bernd Marin](#)

## Publications of the Slovak National Liaison Official Institute

The Institute for Labour and Family Research of our Slovak National Liaison Official Kvetoslava Repková has published two new issues of the Bulletin “Family and Work”.

5/2007: on gender equality, contains the articles ‘Working Conditions as Determinants of Gender Inequality at Work’ by Perichtová, Beata and ‘Gender Segregation at the Labour Market’ by Barosova, Margita. In Slovak, summary and keywords in English.

6/2007: international issue of the bulletin in English on “Atypical Employment Forms: Tendencies and Perspectives”. Contains the articles on ‘Regional Tendencies of the Typical and Atypical Employment Forms in the European Union’ by Tésits, Róbert and ‘Non-standard Employment in the Slovak Republic’ by Hanzelova, Eneke.

Read more about: issue [5/2007](#), issue [6/2007](#)

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