



Dear Reader,

The European Centre's work on Mainstreaming Ageing was honoured by inviting our Executive Director, Bernd Marin, and Director Research, Asghar Zaidi, to the United Nations. Please read more in this issue and on the corresponding website – the voice of the process.

Sincerely yours,

Annette Hexelschneider

Head of Knowledge and Information Management Support Unit

Projects

MA:IMI – Mainstreaming Ageing: Indicators to Monitor Implementation

United Nations, 46th session of the Commission for Social Development

The 46th Session of the Commission for Social Development took place at the United Nations Headquarters, New York, 6 to 15 February 2008, and was attended by Bernd Marin and Asghar Zaidi.

On Friday 8 February, the European Centre organized a side event in which Bernd Marin and Asghar Zaidi made a presentation to highlight the work undertaken during the first phase of the MA:IMI project and outline its future work programme. Mr. Sidorenko of UN-DESA chaired the event and Mr. Vikat of the UNECE was among the other speakers. Participants appreciated the contribution of the European Centre during the first 5-year cycle of MIPAA and emphasized the importance of a continuation of its role also in the future.

Read more about: [the 46th session of the Commission for Social Development](#) and the [project](#)
For further information please contact: [Bernd Marin](#), [Asghar Zaidi](#)

Update Online, Launch Search Engine

We are very pleased to announce that a new update of our website on Monitoring the Regional Implementation Strategy (RIS) has been published to provide information resources to all actors interested in ageing issues and mainstreaming.



A search function has been added making it much easier to find information.

Further highlights of the update include a new set of our “Indicators to Monitor Implementation”, many key documents, such as the national reports on the implementation of the RIS, as well as background information on ageing.

We are always looking for new website content. Your help in creating an informative and interesting website is greatly appreciated! To suggest new information, please use the online forms or communicate directly to the following address: risweb@euro.centre.org

To receive the announcement for updates you can register on the “Next update” page.

Read more about: [update content](#), [Monitoring RIS Website](#), [next update registration](#)
For further information please contact: [Annette Hexelschneider](#)

I-CUE Feasibility Study Malta

I-CUE Feasibility Studies explore the feasibility of introducing EUROMOD in the New EU Member States, and include the key features of their national tax and benefit systems. The series has now been completed with Malta.

Read more about: [I-CUE](#), [Feasibility Studies](#)
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Events

Upcoming Events

22-23 May, Vienna: Second European Conference of the International Association of Homes and Services for the Ageing (IAHSA)

IAHSA is an international, non-profit educational and charitable organization of provider organizations, businesses, researchers, individuals and government officials. This conference on enhancing and sustaining the quality of European ageing services will be opened by the European Centre’s Researcher Kai Leichsenring, delivering the keynote address with an “Overview of the Ageing Services and Senior Housing Landscape”.

Read more about: [conference website](#)
For further information please contact: [Kai Leichsenring](#)



Past Events

5-7 February 2008, New York: AARP (formerly the American Association of Retired Persons) / UN Briefing Series on Global Ageing

The AARP Global Aging Program in collaboration with the UN Programme on Ageing hosted a briefing series on issues regarding ageing. Bernd Marin and Asghar Zaidi were invited to attend these briefings and comment on the latest developments in the field of global ageing. The topics included Demographic Dividends, Employment and Opportunities for Ageing, Human Rights and the Participation of Older Persons in Society.

Read more about: [the briefings](#)

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

Publications

Book contributions

Tania Burchhardt and Asghar Zaidi (2008) 'Disabled Children, Poverty and Extra Costs', in: Jason Strelitz and Ruth Lister (Eds.), Why Money Matters: Family Income, Poverty and Children's Lives, "Save the Children" UK

The new book of "Save the Children" UK, Why Money Matters, is a powerful reminder of the impact that low incomes have on the lives of children living in poverty. The book provides a comprehensive account of various measurement and policy issues linked with income poverty faced by children.

It includes a chapter from Asghar Zaidi (co-authored with Tania Burchhardt of the London School of Economics). The analysis highlights the fact that while our standard measures of poverty reflect household size and age, they do not account for disability. However, households where people have disabilities face extra costs, and while these are unaccounted for there will remain a hidden poverty.

Read more about: ["Save the Children"](#)

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



Working Paper

By our Research Affiliate Pieter Vanhuyse:

Markus Tepe and Pieter Vanhuyse (2007) “Educational Business Cycles: The Political Economy of Teacher Hiring across German States, 1992-2004”, Leitner Working Paper 2007-24

Strong institutional constraints and better-informed voters may lead re-election seeking incumbents to shift the use of cycle mechanisms to those policy domains that are most easily manipulable, targetable, and timeable. We find evidence of cycling mechanisms in teacher employment decisions, notably electioneering and honeymooning. German state level incumbents reverse their election-period increases in new teacher hiring during politically safer phases in the electoral cycle. Cycles are mediated by the political context. More heavily indebted states reduce the size of their teachers' pool, and a higher political salience of education strengthens the manipulation of teacher hiring for electoral purposes.

Read more about: [working paper](#)

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

Newspaper Articles

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

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



Personnel Matters

Pieter Vanhuysse

Pieter Vanhuysse will provide scientific services to the European Centre's work across the following areas: the comparative political economy and political sociology of:

1. Social policy and welfare regimes,
2. Pensions, population aging and generational conflict,
3. Education and human capital,
4. Transition to democracy and varieties of capitalism in Eastern Europe.

Pieter Vanhuysse obtained a Master in Economics (Catholic University of Leuven), an MSc in European Politics and Policy (London School of Economics) and a PhD in Political Economy (London School of Economics). A former Junior Fellow of the Institute for Advanced Study at Collegium Budapest, Lecturer at the Institute of International Sociology of Gorizia, and VATAT Research Fellow of the Higher Education Committee of the State of Israel, he currently holds a double appointment as Assistant Professor in the Schools of Politics and Education of the University of Haifa.

Divide and Pacify, Pieter's book on the politics of social policy in Central European transitions to democracy (CEU Press, 2006), has been nominated for the American Sociological Association's Award for Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship, Section on Political Sociology, for 2006. Pieter's work has also been published in journals such as Journal of Social Policy, Journal of European Public Policy, International Journal of Social Welfare, International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy, Public Administration Review, Political Studies, Politics, East European Quarterly, Czech Sociological Review, Europe-Asia Studies, British Educational Research Journal, Education Review, Social Psychology of Education, and International Studies in Sociology of Education.

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