



Dear Reader,

The European Centre proudly announces that it will host the 1st General Conference of the International Microsimulation Association in August 2007 and will celebrate 50 years of Microsimulation. Find more information under Involvements.

Sincerely yours,

Annette Hexelschneider,

Head of Knowledge and Information Management Support Unit

Projects

New Project

A project on behalf of the Austrian Pharmaceutical Salary Fund (Pharmazeutische Gehaltskasse) will be carried out during the course of 2007. Within the project the positive externalities of the salary system in terms of length of employment over the life-course, effective pension age, share of women in employed persons, duration of parental leave and rate of re-entry will be analysed. The results will be presented at the 100-year anniversary celebration of the Salary Fund in 2008.

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

I-CUE – Improving the Capacity and Usability of EUROMOD

I-CUE Feasibility Studies explore the feasibility of introducing EUROMOD in the New Member States, and include the key features of the national tax and benefit systems. You may find the first country studies about the Czech Republic, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Slovenia under the link below.

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

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



Zählen Kinder? Zeitverwendung von Eltern mit Schulkindern. Nationale und internationale Befunde. Do Children Count? Time Use of Parents with School-aged Children

In December 2006 the final report prepared by Renate Kränzl-Nagl, Martina Beham, Frank Bergmair, Andreas Bohonnek and Peter Melvyn has been submitted to the Austrian Federal Ministry of Social Security, Generations and Consumer Protection, containing national and international findings.

Read more about: [Project](#)

For further information please contact: [Renate Kränzl-Nagl](#)

Events

24 January – Vienna: EU Statistics on Income and Living Conditions

Statistics Austria organises a workshop to exchange experiences with EU-SILC (Statistics on Income and Living Conditions) micro data. Michael Fuchs will speak about the usage of the EU-SILC data 2004 within the tax-and-transfer microsimulation model EUROMOD.

Agenda

Read more about: [Euromod: European Tax-Benefit Model](#)

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

5 February – London: Pension Reforms in EU25

Asghar Zaidi will give a lecture on this topic at the Institute of Gerontology, King's College.

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

13 February – Brussels: Woman & Pension

Asghar Zaidi will speak about “Challenges in Guaranteeing Adequate Retirement Incomes for Women” at the 4th conference “Woman & Pension” organised by the Belgian Ministry for Pensions that will be held in Brussels on 13 February.

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



28 February till 1 March – Valencia: International Conference on Long-term Care and Quality of Life

Manfred Huber and Kai Leichsenring will participate in this International Conference. Manfred Huber will speak about financing of long-term care services in Europe, while Kai Leichsenring will present lessons from Europe to support the autonomy of persons with long-term care needs.

Read more about: [Agenda](#)

For further information please contact: [Manfred Huber](#), [Kai Leichsenring](#)

Involvements

International Microsimulation Association Conference 2007 – “Celebrating 50 years of Microsimulation”

The primary focus of this international conference is the analytical tool of microsimulation models and its applications. The subtitle of the Conference “Celebrating 50 Years of Microsimulation” refers to Guy Orcutt, who first put into practice the idea of applying microsimulation techniques to socio-economic modelling in the late 1950s.

The conference will bring together experts from governmental (national policy-makers and model developers) and intergovernmental organisations, academics and consultants. It is expected that around 200 participants from all parts of the world will attend the conference. We also expect to publish selected papers after the conference, both in a special conference edition of the International Journal of Microsimulation and in an edited book collection.

Read more about: [Conference](#)

For further information please contact: [Andrea Hovenier \(Conference Secretariat\)](#)

Contribution to the World Ageing Situation Report 2007

The European Centre contributed the chapter “Regional Trends and Priorities of the UN-European (ECE) Region” to the UN World Ageing Situation Report 2007, authored by Bernd Marin and Asghar Zaidi. The EC contribution reports on current regional trends and key priorities such as

- demographic trends and coping capacity
- financial and social sustainability of pension reforms
- active ageing and the failure of “extending working life” along with longer and healthier living
- quality services in long-term care
- national policy responses within or without a Regional UN-ECE / RIS Strategy

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



Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journals:

Lelkes, Orsolya (2006) 'Bernard van Praag, Ada Ferrer-i-Carbonell: Happiness Quantified. A Satisfaction Calculus Approach' (Oxford University Press, 2004), Book Review in Journal of Economic Inequality, Volume 4, Number 3 / December, 2006, 391-395, Springer Netherlands

[Article](#)

Lelkes, Orsolya (2006) 'Socijalna ekskluzija u centralno-istocnoj Evropi – koncept, merenje I politika intervencije' (Social Exclusion in Central Eastern Europe), in Panoeconimus, No. 2, 131-159, Novi Sad

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

Zaidi, Asghar/ Gustafsson, Björn (2007) 'Income Mobility Among the Elderly in Sweden during the 1990s', in International Journal of Social Welfare, Volume 16: 84-93

[Article](#)

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

Book Contribution:

Johnson, Paul/ Zaidi, Asghar (2007) 'Work over the Life Course', in: Crafts, Nicholas/ Gazeley, Ian/ Newell, Andrew (Eds.), Work and Pay in the 20th Century Britain. Oxford: Oxford University Press

[Book](#)

Working Papers:

OECD Working Paper by our Research Affiliate Herwig Immervoll:

Immervoll, Herwig (2007) Minimum Wages, Minimum Labour Costs and the Tax Treatment of Low-wage Employment, OECD Social, Employment and Migration Working Papers, No. 46, Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs

[Publication](#)

Immervoll, Herwig (2007) Minimum Wages, Minimum Labour Costs and the Tax Treatment of Low-Wage Employment, IZA Discussion Paper Series, No. 2555

[Publication](#)

For further information please contact: [Herwig Immervoll](#)

Newspaper Articles:

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

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



Personnel Matters

New Intern from Hungary

Eszter Zolyomi has just started her internship at the EC. Sociology is her academic background; still a student, she is currently in the process of writing her thesis at the University of Amsterdam. Eszter's short-term plan is to finish her Master degree and, in the meantime, contribute to work programme of the Centre.

As for the future, she would like to continue her studies and do her own research in the area of education and labour market policy.

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