



Dear Reader,

The present issue is for the months of July and August. We wish you a nice summer break and will come back to you with the September news.

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Projects

Second Multi-City Study on Quantities and Financing of Illicit Drug Consumption – QUAF 2

From 2005 to 2007 the European Centre, in collaboration with UNODC, carried out a study on the consumption patterns and drug spending for the five most common illegal drugs and assessed the consumption of main drugs and the respective financing behaviour in six European cities. In 2009 and 2010 the European Centre will continue its research in this area in more European cities.

Read more about: [QUAF Part 1](#) [QUAF Part 2](#)

For further information please contact: [Irmgard Eisenbach-Stangl](#)

Rescaling of Social Welfare Policies – A Comparative Study on the Path Towards Multi-level Governance in Europe: Data collection is going public

The main aim of this project (2005 – 2009) has been to improve the information and knowledge base for assessing intended and unintended consequences of policies concerning multi-level governance (centralization/decentralization) in social welfare domains such as social assistance and local policies against poverty, employment policies, care for the elderly, and inclusion policies for migrants. National reports have now been made accessible on the web. Please see the below link.

By inserting your name and e-mail account you will also get access to interesting primary data that were gathered during the second project phase, based on case studies (vignettes) in Finland, France, Italy, Norway, Poland, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland. The final publication of this project has now been scheduled for the end of 2009.

Read more about: [national reports](#)

For further information please contact: [Yuri Kazepov](#)



Interlinks – Health Systems and Long-Term Care for Older People in Europe: Modelling the INTERfaces and LINKS between Prevention, Rehabilitation, Quality of Services and Informal Care

The Slovakian project team has produced an information folder in Slovak and put more information on-line, which might be of interest for our Slovakian readers.

Read more about: [INTERLINKS information in Slovak](#)

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Involvements

Main Evaluator for EU Project “Evaluating Qualities of Society and Public Services in the EU”

In June, Pieter Vanhuysse has acted as the main evaluator for the EU Project No. 0222 of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions, Dublin (Ireland), an autonomous body of the European Union: “Lot 3: Evaluating Qualities of Society and Public Services in the EU” (Principal Investigators: Prof. Richard Rose and Prof. Kenneth Newton).

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Events

Upcoming Events

18 September 2009, 13:30, Vienna (Austria): International Seminar “Child Care Provision and Maternal Employment – Lessons from Hungary”

Ágota Scharle, executive partner of the Budapest Institute for Policy Analysis, Budapest, Hungary, presents the first results of an analysis of the effect of child care provisions on female labour supply in Europe and a related proposal for changing family policy in Hungary. The focus is on whether supplying day care services as opposed to cash transfers may significantly increase the labour supply of mothers of small children.

The first part is a cross-country multivariate analysis of mothers' labour supply and family provisions in selected EU Member States, where labour supply indicators are calculated from micro-level data. Results confirm earlier estimates: all the main effects are as expected and a hypothetical shift of spending on



day care services (and away from cash transfers) would significantly increase maternal labour supply. As expected, the effect of a shift varies with mother's education and is particularly large for New Member States.

The second part of the seminar considers the possibilities and constraints of introducing such a shift in family policy, using the example of Hungary. One of the main challenges facing the Hungarian government is to bridge the financing gap between formal child care and flat rate cash transfer to mothers who stay at home; another are the conservative attitudes related to gender roles.

The seminar is part of the series of [International Seminars](#) organized by the European Centre. The seminar is by invitation only, and there are a limited number of places available for those who register by sending an email to Andrea [Hovenier](#). Read more about: [speaker](#)

10 September 2009, Potsdam (Germany): 4th General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)

Pieter Vanhuysse will be acting as Director and organizer of Panel 218, Section 24 on "Generational Politics from a Comparative Perspective", together with Achim Goerres, University of Cologne.

Read more about: [information and papers](#)
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Past Events

22 July 2009, Vienna (Austria): International Seminar "Elderly Bias, New Social Risks, and Spending Priorities: Investigating Change and Timing in Eight Programs Across Four Worlds of Welfare, 1980-2003"

Over the past few decades, all affluent democracies have been coping with two major new societal trends: population ageing and new social risks (NSR) resulting from de-industrialization. How have these trends affected welfare state spending towards elderly cohorts and new social risk groups?

We investigated 20 OECD democracies between 1980 and 2005 with respect to eight separate welfare programmes (old age pensions, incapacity benefits, survivor benefits, health spending, family spending, unemployment benefits, active labour market programmes, and education spending) and two composite indicators of relative welfare state bias: ENSR (elderly/non-elderly spending ratio) and NSRR (new/old social risks spending ratio). While population ageing mainly drives up pension spending, contemporaneous levels of NSR fail to systematically affect either NSRR or individual programme spending. But the timing of the advent of NSR "on the ground" does play a crucial role, with "NSR latecomers" recording lower NSRR values as they spend significantly less on programmes such as education and family allowances. In



addition, even after controlling for population ageing and NSR, institutional differences as captured by welfare regime type continue to matter crucially in accounting for social spending patterns.

The seminar was part of the series of [International Seminars](#) organized by the European Centre.

Read more about: [presentation and paper](#)

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17 June 2009, Budapest (Hungary): Launch of the Bertelsmann Foundation's 2009 OECD Sustainable Governance Indicators Report

Pieter Vanhuysse has acted as report discussant at the special CEE launch of the Bertelsmann Foundation's 2009 OECD Sustainable Governance Indicators Report, organized by the Bertelsmann Foundation at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

11 June 2009, Jerusalem (Israel): International Conference on "1989-2009: Taking Stock of East-West EUnification"

Pieter Vanhuysse has acted as the Chair of Panel 2 on "The Internal and External Consequences of EUnification" at the International Conference on "1989-2009: Taking Stock of East-West EUnification" in the Konrad Adenauer Conference Centre at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

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14-19 April 2009, Lisbon (Portugal): Joint Sessions of the European Consortium for Political Research

Pieter Vanhuysse has acted as the Director of a special five-day session on "Generational Politics: The Political-Sociological and Policy Consequences of Population Ageing" Workshop 4 at the Joint Sessions of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) in Lisbon, together with Achim Goerres, University of Cologne.

Read more about: [workshop summary](#), [longer outline of workshop](#)

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Publications

Books

Ward, Terry/ Lelkes, Orsolya/ Sutherland, Holly (Eds.) (2009) European Inequalities: Social Inclusion and Income Distribution in the European Union. Budapest: TÁRKI Social Research Institute Inc.

This book summarizes four years of research on social inclusion and income distribution across the European Union carried out in the framework of the European Observatory on the Social Situation and Demography, which has been established by the Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities of the European Commission. 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. It also offers a good insight into the potential of European surveys and notably the EU Statistics on Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC), the main survey used for the analysis presented in this publication.

Authors of the book analysed various issues relating to income distribution and poverty, including the effect on inequalities of aspects other than income, such as benefits in kind, or social services more generally, or the need to cover essential costs like housing. It also examined non-monetary indicators of exclusion, such as material deprivation.

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Cerami, A./ Vanhuyse, P. (Eds.) (forthcoming 2009) Post-Communist Welfare Pathways. Theorizing Social Policy Transformations in Central and Eastern Europe. Palgrave Macmillan.

Post-Communist Welfare Pathways is scheduled for publication in November 2009, to coincide with the twentieth anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. It adopts a novel theoretical approach to study the systemic transformations of altogether nine different CEE welfare states after 1989; an approach which acknowledges the merits of path-dependency and neo-institutionalist explanations, but goes beyond simple historical or institution-centred descriptions. The book discusses not only the specific social security culture of CEE countries, but also new and competing social policy ideas and discourses, as well as those endogenous and exogenous factors that are able to influence post-communist social policy reform processes.

Pieter Vanhuyse is listed, both as book editor and as chapter contributor, as a Research Affiliate of the European Centre. Further contributors to Post-Communist Welfare Pathways include:



- Claus Offe (Hertie School of Governance, Berlin)
- Robert Kaufman (Rutgers University)
- Stephan Haggard (University of California at San Diego)
- Tomasz Inglot (Minnesota State University)
- Mitchell Orenstein (Johns Hopkins University)

The book is now pre-orderable.

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Book Contributions

Lelkes, O.

with Paulus, A., Cok, M., Figaris, F., Hegedüs, P., Kralik, S., Kump, N., Levy, H., Lietz, C., Mantovani, D., Morawski, L., Sutherland, H. (2009) 'The Effects of Taxes and Benefits on Income Distribution in the Enlarged EU', in: Lelkes, O./ Sutherland, H. (Eds.) (2009) *Tax and Benefit Policies in the Enlarged Europe: Assessing the Impact with Microsimulation Models. Public Policy and Social Welfare, Vol. 35.* Aldershot (UK): Ashgate / European Centre Vienna.

Lelkes, O.

with Paulus, A., Cok, M., Kump, N., Hegedüs, P., Vörk, A., Szivós, P., Kralik, S. (2009) 'Flat Tax Reform in Eastern Europe: A Comparative Analysis of Alternative Scenarios in Estonia, Hungary and Slovenia, Using EUROMOD', in: Lelkes, O./ Sutherland, H. (Eds.) (2009) *Tax and Benefit Policies in the Enlarged Europe: Assessing the Impact with Microsimulation Models. Public Policy and Social Welfare, Vol. 35.* Aldershot (UK): Ashgate / European Centre Vienna.

Lelkes, O.

with Immervoll, H. (2009) 'Looking Ahead: What Priorities for Tax-benefit Modelling?', in: Lelkes, O./ Sutherland, H. (Eds.) (2009) *Tax and Benefit Policies in the Enlarged Europe: Assessing the Impact with Microsimulation Models. Public Policy and Social Welfare, Vol. 35.* Aldershot (UK): Ashgate / European Centre Vienna.

Read more about: [book](#)

For further information please contact: [Orsolya Lelkes](#), [Herwig Immervoll](#), [Horacio Levy](#)

Kränzli-Nagl, R./ Zartler, U. (2009) 'Children's Participation in School and the Local Community', in: Percy-Smith, B./ Thomas, N. (Eds.) (2009) *A Handbook of Children and Young People's Participation. Perspectives from Theory and Practice.* Routledge – Taylor & Francis Group.

Read more about: [book](#)

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Book Review

Marin, B./ Zaidi, A. (Eds.) (2007) Mainstreaming Ageing. Indicators to Monitor Sustainable Policies. Public Policy and Social Welfare, Vol. 32. Aldershot (UK): Ashgate / European Centre Vienna.

Review by [Yisrael Doron](#) (University of Haifa) in Social Security, No 79, March 2009

The review, undertaken by Dr. Yisrael Doron, notes that the primary advantage of the volume is that its underlying principle is that it is based on an empirical examination of the situation of the elderly in a large number of OECD countries. As such, he writes that this is an important book for anybody involved in diverse aspects of gerontology, if it be research, policy formulation, service provision, or evaluation. The major limitation of the book is that it does not (and cannot) present a coherent and clear-cut portrait of the state of the elderly in all these countries. At times, the data are not user-friendly or entirely accessible for the reader. In a final remark, the reviewer notes that Israel rarely appears in the volume but this should encourage Israeli researchers to adopt indicators and methods employed in the volume in order to enhance knowledge regarding the status of the elderly in Israel.

English summary by [John Gal](#), Editor-in-Chief

Zaidi, Asghar (2008) Well-being of Older People in Ageing Societies. Public Policy and Social Welfare, Vol. 30. Aldershot (UK): Ashgate / European Centre Vienna.

The book is reviewed by Achim Goerres of the University of Cologne in the Summer 2009 issue of the Czech Sociological Review (ISI impact 0.429), edited by Pieter Vanhuyse. The summer 2009 issue furthermore includes reviews of new books by the likes of Janos Kornai, Stephan Haggard and Robert Kaufman, Sir Tony Atkinson, David Rueda, Scott Gehlbach, Kevin Deegan-Krause, and others.

Excerpts from [Achim Goerres' review](#):

“This book deals with the well-being of older people defined as individuals above the entitlement age to old age pensions in Great Britain and in the Netherlands in the 1990s. The author is Dr. Asghar Zaidi, currently senior researcher at the OECD and director research on leave from the European Centre Vienna, which edits the series in which this book appeared. ... The book is suitable for being read in parts with each of the four empirical chapters being understandable on its own merit... There are numerous interesting findings in this book, a fact which highlights its broad nature and comprehensive approach. Most importantly, the book shows the considerable amount of income mobility that occurs at old age and that may be triggered by events, such as retirement, changes in family composition and changing living arrangements. ... I can recommend this book to everybody interested in the ways in which the economic and health conditions of older people in advanced European welfare states were shaped at the end of the last millennium. It is helpful for disentangling a highly relevant theoretical discussion of what constitutes ‘well-being’ and for presenting a rich variety of empirical results that can inform social science research or



policy work. Its being rather long and covering a lot of ground make it difficult to take home one message alone, but allow its usage for various purposes.”

The CSR has arranged for independent peer reviews of three further new books from the European Centre’s Public Policy and Social Welfare Series to be published in forthcoming issues:

- Marin, B./ Zaidi, A. (Eds.) (2007) *Mainstreaming Ageing. Indicators to Monitor Sustainable Policies*. Public Policy and Social Welfare, Vol. 32. Aldershot (UK): Ashgate / European Centre Vienna.
- Stanculescu, Manuela Sofia/ Stanovnik, Tine (2009) *Activity, Incomes and Social Welfare. A Comparison across Four New EU Member States*. Public Policy and Social Welfare, Vol. 33. Aldershot (UK): Ashgate / European Centre Vienna.
- Lelkes, Orsolya/ Sutherland, Holly (Eds.) (2009) *Tax and Benefit Policies in the Enlarged Europe: Assessing the Impact with Microsimulation Models*. Public Policy and Social Welfare, Vol. 35. Aldershot (UK): Ashgate / European Centre Vienna.

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Vanhuyse, Pieter (2006) *Divide and Pacify: Strategic Social Policies and Political Protests in Post-Communist Democracies*. Budapest/ New York: Central European University Press.

The book has been reviewed in the 2009 issues of the *Journal of European Social Policy* and the *Journal of Social Policy* (the world’s number one and number three social policy journals respectively, according to the new ISI 2008 ranking), as well as in the *Slavonic and East European Review*. In addition, *Divide and Pacify* has now been reviewed in the March 2009 issue of *The American Journal of Sociology* – ranked number two in sociology (ISI impact 2.808) – and in *Social Policy & Administration* – ranked number two in social policy (ISI impact: 1.000). Excerpts follow below:

[American Journal of Sociology, 2009, Vol. 114, No. 5, pp. 1540-1542:](#)

“In the countries of Central Europe, postcommunist politics turned out to be surprisingly subdued. In spite of a severe recession, high unemployment, and increasing inequalities, the region saw no major upheaval. This was not the only odd thing about the region. In another strange turn of events, in Hungary and Poland during the early 1990s, hundreds of thousands of people suddenly became disabled and retired or simply vanished from the labor market. ... Pieter Vanhuyse, in his lucid and brilliantly argued slim book *Divide and Pacify*, shows how the second oddity goes a long way toward explaining the first one. By connecting two puzzles he solves them both. ... Vanhuyse does not confuse clarity with reductionism. His explanation is neither overly deterministic—the Czech case shows that governments had choices—nor does it rule out other factors. ... Anyone who wants to write a more complete history of the Central European transition will have to read *Divide and Pacify* ... Vanhuyse’s work is a major contribution to the study of the postcommunist transition, and as it builds its case by carefully marshaling evidence from sociology, political science, and economics with lucid prose, it speaks to a wide audience.”



Social Policy & Administration, 2009, Vol. 43, No. 2, pp. 204-207

(special issue on Central and Eastern Europe):

“A double transition of momentous proportions has characterized the face of modern Central and Eastern Europe. The first is the shift within communist countries to post-communist societies; the second is the recent membership of the European Union of ten of these nations. [Divide and Pacify] provides intriguing insights into both of these changes. ... Vanhuysse seeks to marshal empirical data on industrial disputes to demonstrate that collective unrest was defused by the ‘divide and pacify’ strategies ... The use of the literature on collective action and protest, and the ‘politics of contention’, by the author is especially welcome. It is to Vanhuysse’s credit that he, in contrast to certain other sociologists, openly acknowledges his debt to Tilly, as well as to other writers, and seeks to adapt their insights in order to develop the analytical framework. ... [This book makes] welcome contributions to the debate and this reviewer, for one, sincerely hopes that more authors will shortly follow suit.”

Read more about: reviews in [Journal of European Social Policy](#), [Journal of Social Policy](#) (free article), [American Journal of Sociology](#), [Social Policy & Administration](#), the book [Divide and Pacify](#)

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

Peer-Reviewed Journals

Della Giusta, Marina/ Di Tommaso, Maria Laura/ Shima, Isilda/ Strøm, Steinar (2009) ‘What Money Buys: Clients of Street Sex Workers in the US’, Applied Economics 41

Abstract:

The article presents a review of current theoretical and empirical approaches to sex work, followed by the presentation of an original theoretical framework (Della Giusta et al., 2006), which is tested with an econometric model of the characteristics of demand for sex services by a sample of clients of street sex workers in the US. We present findings in relation to stigma and the relationship between paid and unpaid sex that corroborate our model’s hypotheses and are in line with findings from other empirical studies. Furthermore, we identify in our sample two diametrically opposite profiles: one for clients whom we label “experimenters”, and one for more experienced ones that we name “regulars”, we also estimate attitudes toward risk, and draw implications in terms of both policy and future theoretical and empirical research.

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Three of Pieter Vanhuysse's papers, two of which were written at the Centre, have now appeared in peer-reviewed journals:

1. Tepe, Markus/Vanhuysse, Pieter (2009) 'Are Aging OECD Welfare States on the Path to Gerontocracy? Evidence from 18 Democracies, 1980-2002', in: *Journal of Public Policy*, Vol. 29, No. 1, pp. 1-28 (lead article).
2. Vanhuysse, Pieter/ Sulitzeanu-Kenan, Raanan (2009) 'Teacher's PAT? Multiple-Role Principal-Agent Theory, Education Politics, and the Power of Bureaucrats', in: *Critical Studies in Education*, Vol. 50, No. 2, pp. 129-144.
3. Tepe, Markus/Vanhuysse, Pieter (2009) 'Educational Business Cycles: The Political Economy of Teacher Hiring across German States, 1992-2004', in: *Public Choice*, Vol. 139, Nos. 1-2, pp. 61-82. (5-year ISI impact: 0.880).
An [earlier version of this paper](#) was published online as: Yale Leitner Working Paper No. 2007-24, New Haven: Yale University's Georg Leitner Program in International and Comparative Political Economy.

Read more about: article [1](#) (free), [2](#), [3](#)

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Journal

Fuchs, Michael (2009) 'Nicht krankenversicherte Personen in Österreich: Empirische Erkenntnisse und Lösungsansätze' [Persons Not Covered by Public Health Insurance in Austria: Empirical Findings and Solutions], in: *Soziale Sicherheit*, June 2009

Abstract:

In the year 2007, 1.2% of the Austrian population were not covered by public social and health insurance. Moreover, a projected 0.8% of the population were not entitled to any kind of health services in case of illness (no compulsory private health insurance, no registered right to healthcare support in the context of social care). The present article, first, describes the prerequisites for access to public health insurance and those groups at risk of not being covered. Then it continues to present empirical data on the number and socio-demographic characteristics of not insured persons, as well as draws the picture of the individual and societal consequences of not being insured. The article concludes with an overview of political measures to prevent non-insurance and in this context discusses three alternative models to expand insurance protection.

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Website

An update of the MonitoringRIS website has been published.

It includes, among others, milestone documents of the whole process – kindly provided by EURAG, the European Federation of Older Persons. We especially thank Gertraud Dayé and Jaap van der Spek.

In the update you will also find new country information from the Czech Republic, Estonia, Denmark, Finland and Ireland.

Read more about: [MonitoringRIS website, complete list of changes](#)

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Newspaper Articles

[Marin, Bernd \(2005-2009\) Various articles in Der Standard, in Die Presse, in Format, in Kleine Zeitung, in Salzburger Nachrichten, Vienna, Graz, Salzburg, 2009](#)

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