



**Dear Reader,**

You may or may not be aware that Renate Kränzl-Nagl (Childhood, Youth & Families) has worked at the European Centre for already 11 years and 11 months! Now, having applied for a Professorship in Sociology at the University for Applied Studies in her hometown Linz (Fachhochschule Linz, Studiengang “Sozial- und Verwaltungsmanagement” [Technical College Linz, Course of Studies “Social and Administrative Management”]), she succeeded at first try and has – good for her, not so for us – accepted this new job opportunity, starting from 1 September 2008 onwards. While she is leaving the European Centre, she continues to collaborate with us as a consultant till June 2009 in order to complete some of her ongoing project activities – and hopefully also beyond as an external partner in the area of childhood and youth.

We wish her the very best for her exciting and demanding new career stage and thank her for the many years of productive and pleasant cooperation: thank you Renate! Best wishes for your future!

**Prof. Dr. Bernd Marin**

Executive Director, European Centre Vienna

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## Involvements

### Science Group of the European Alcohol and Health Forum

Irmgard Eisenbach-Stangl from the EC got elected into the Science Group of the European Alcohol and Health Forum of the European Commission – Health & Consumer Protection Directorate-General.

Read more about: [official communication of the European Commission](#)

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## Events

### Past Events

#### **27 June 2008, Salzburg: Diakonie-Dialog (Diaconate Dialogue) – “Alter hat Zukunft” (There is a Future for Age)**

Kai Leichsenring will deliver a speech on “Die Zukunft sozialer Dienstleistungen – Pflegelücke, Betreuungsmarkt und Luxuservice?” (The Future of Social Services – Care Gap, Care Market and Luxury Services). He will also direct a workshop on “Meine Zukunft im Bereich sozialer Dienstleistungen – Was brauchen wir, um hier (weiter) arbeiten zu können?” (My Future in the Area of Social Services – What Do We Need to Keep on Working in This Area?).

Read more about: [event](#) (in German)

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

#### **28-30 May, Nicosia (Cyprus): Child and Youth Research in the 21st Century – A Critical Appraisal**

Renate Kränzl-Nagl participated in the first International Conference (28-29 May 2008) and the General Assembly Meeting (30 May 2008) of the recently established network ICYRNet (International Childhood and Youth Research Network). At the conference, she presented a poster entitled “Parenting of Children at Risk of Social Exclusion – European Perspectives” based on her work for the Council of Europe (2005-2006).

Read more about: [programme](#), [poster presentation](#)

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

#### **26-28 May, Jerusalem (Israel): Social Policy – Vision and Reality. Issues in Labour Force Participation and Life-Cycle Income Assurance**

Bernd Marin spoke about “Living Longer, Working Shorter? Towards the Limits of Sustainable Welfare”, at the International Workshop and Conference of the Taub Center for Social Policy Studies in Israel.

Read more about: [abstracts](#), [article](#) in “The Jerusalem Post”, [Taub Center](#)

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## Upcoming Events

### Next International Seminars

#### **3 July 2008, Vienna: “Gender Inequalities and the Allocation of Market Work within Households”**

**Speaker: Herwig Immervoll (Head of Employment-Oriented Social Policies at the OECD)**

Despite large increases in female employment rates across OECD countries, the trend towards reduced employment and earnings gaps has been uneven, with large gender differences remaining in a number of countries. The processes driving these changes are complex and interrelated. Since decisions about the sharing of market and non-market work are made at the family level, it is not the difference in work incentives between men and women on average that is most relevant, but how these incentives play out within households. Too little is known about the relative work incentives of men and women sharing the same household, how this differs across countries, and which types of policy configurations dampen or exacerbate incentives for an unequal sharing of market and household work. This paper provides such evidence for a selection of European countries covering a wide range of different demographics, employment patterns and policy traditions.

The seminar will take place at 15:00, Seminar Room at the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research, Berggasse 17, 1090 Vienna.

Read more about: [seminar details](#)

There are a limited number of places available for those who register by sending an email to [hovenier@euro.centre.org](mailto:hovenier@euro.centre.org).

#### **7 July 2008, Vienna: “Increasing Employment among People with Disability: New Ways of Addressing Partial Work Capacity in OECD Countries”**

**Speaker: Michael Förster (OECD Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs).**

Employment policies directed towards people with disability in OECD countries have been shifting their focus on what people can do rather than what they cannot do and to provide support accordingly. The present paper reviews recent policy changes in eleven OECD countries (Australia, Denmark, Finland, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom), based on the ongoing OECD Review Sickness, Disability and Work: Breaking the Barriers. It considers the changing



roles of the public sector, the employers and people with reduced work capacity. The paper presents outcomes of past and present policies. It concludes by describing the key challenges that policy-makers need to address if the new approaches are to be successful in both increasing employment opportunities and reducing poverty risks for people with disability.

The seminar will take place at 15:00, Seminar Room at the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research, Berggasse 17, 1090 Vienna.

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## Publications

### Peer Reviewed Journal Article

Our Research Affiliate Pieter Vanhuysse has contributed to the special section on “Solidarity with the Gloves Off” in the new spring 2008 issue of the New York-based journal *International Labor and Working-Class History (ILWCH)*, with a paper entitled ‘Kneeling at the Altar of (Il-)Liberalism: The Politics of Ideas, Job Loss and Union Weakness in East Central Europe’, see *International Labor and Working-Class History*, 73, No. 1, pp. 137-151. Spring issue.

Read more about: [article](#), [ILWCH’s “Solidarity with the Gloves Off” section](#)  
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### Newspaper Articles

[Marin, Bernd \(2005-2008\) Various articles in Der Standard, in Die Presse, Vienna, 2008](#)

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

### Website

We are happy to announce that the next update of the MonitoringRIS website has been published. The main changes of the update are a new set of country reports including a new set of our popular country indicators on the implementation of the RIS, as well as many new key documents.

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