



Dear Reader,

Today we are able to present you another new European Centre publication: “Tax and Benefit Policies in the Enlarged Europe: Assessing the Impact with Microsimulation Models”.

This book is one of the first systematic collections of studies based on the European tax-benefit microsimulation model, and thus a synthesis of the scientific work of researchers from more than a dozen of countries for over a decade. You will find more information on the publication in this Newsletter.

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Events

Upcoming

25-26 June 2009, Essex (UK): EUROMOD – Annual Project Meeting 2009

The annual project meeting, that is open to all interested scholars including those due to be active in years 2 and 3, will be held at the Institute for Social and Economic Research / ISER.

One day will be devoted to the project and EUROMOD itself (e.g. discussing comparability issues; demonstrating special features of the model, etc.) and one day will be a workshop to discuss research based on EUROMOD.

There will be a launch party for the book “Tax and Benefit Policies in the Enlarged Europe: Assessing the Impact with Microsimulation Models” on the evening of 25th June in Essex with Sir Anthony Atkinson as a guest. He is also a contributor to the book. Please find more information on the book in the Publications section of this Newsletter.

Read more about: [Euromod Update](#)

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Past

8-10 June 2009, Ottawa (Canada): Second General Conference of the International Microsimulation Association

The second General Conference of the International Microsimulation Association was hosted by Statistics Canada. As for the 1st conference, which was hosted by the European Centre in Vienna, the focus was on microsimulation models and their applications. Asghar Zaidi presented his work on mortality differentials and their implications for pensions' policy that uses the OECD pension models. He also organised a panel discussion on the topic of "Model Validation: Would You Trust This Model?". Orsolya Lelkes and Horacio Levy of the European Centre also contributed to papers presented at the conference. Asghar Zaidi was re-elected as the Vice-President of the Association during the members' meeting.

Read more about: [conference website](#)

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29 May 2009, Brussels (Belgium): Access Barriers to Healthcare for Migrants

This was the second of three Policy Seminars to disseminate key findings of the European study "Quality in and Equality of Access to Healthcare Services". The European Centre cooperated in this study with the European Health Management Association in Brussels, which organizes these events.

The Seminar featured the topic of access problems of immigrants, (undocumented) migrants, and of ethnic minorities to mainstream healthcare in the European Union. The main findings were presented, such as the complex access problems that in particular undocumented migrants are faced with in many countries. National policies and good practices to tackle these challenges were presented for the examples of Spain and the Netherlands.

The Seminar provided a forum to discuss implications of the study findings with the authors of the study as well as with European-level stakeholders and policy-makers.

Read more about: [European Health Management Association](#), [project](#)

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Publications

New European Centre Book

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 (A Series Edited by Bernd Marin, European Centre). Aldershot (UK): Ashgate.

The book is one of the first systematic collections of studies based on the European tax-benefit micro-simulation model, and has a specific focus on Eastern Europe, within a comparative European perspective. It provides novel analysis on the impact of tax and benefit systems on individuals' incomes and work incentives. Not only actual policies are assessed, but hypothetical scenarios of interest to policy-makers as well, for example the introduction of flat taxes.

The central premise of the book is that optimal policy decisions need to be informed by detailed empirical evidence, and it provides a powerful presentation on how complex information on the interaction of specific tax and cash benefit policy instruments can be presented in a concise and comprehensible way.

Read more about: [book](#)

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Book Review

Schmied, G. / Reidl, Ch. (2008) Männliche Jugendliche: Sexualität und Aufklärung (Young Men: Sexuality and Sex Education). Vienna: European Centre.

Review by: Hummert, Michael (29.05.2009). In: socialnet > reviews

Read more about: [review](#), [book](#), [project](#)

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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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News from our National Liaison Officials

Publication of the Slovak National Liaison Official Institute

The Institute for Labour and Family Research of our Slovak National Liaison Official Kvetoslava Repková has published a new issue of its Bulletin “Family and Work”.

2/2009: Starnutie a predlžovanie pracovného života [Ageing and Prolongation of the Working Life]
by Bodnárová, Bernardína, Kostolná, Zuzana

The present issue of the bulletin brings two contributions referring to the active ageing agenda, with a special interest for the prolongation of working life. The first contribution (Ageing of the Population and Prolongation of Working Life in Slovakia) focuses on the prolongation of working life as a consequence of the rising life expectancy of the population in general. The second one on the “Position of Older Workers in the Labour Market in the Light of New Research Findings” presents data on employers’ attitudes towards older workers.

Read more about: [issue 2/2009](#)

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