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The latest publication in our book series “Public Policy and Social Welfare” – Rescaling Social Policies: Towards Multilevel Governance in Europe, edited by Yuri Kazepov – has been published this month. Please read more on page 4 of this Newsletter.

Sincerely yours,

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Policy Brief

Intergenerational Solidarity: Policy Challenges and Societal Responses

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The challenges associated with population ageing in EU countries are traditionally sketched out in two ways:

- the financial sustainability of public welfare systems
- and the adequacy of retirement incomes and basic social services.

A less discussed and also less clearly defined goal is that of social sustainability, which encompasses both the abovementioned challenges and also the aspects of intergenerational solidarity. In societies experiencing population ageing, the notion of social sustainability requires enabling of practical, mutually beneficial and satisfying relationships between generations. This Policy Brief addresses the issue of what policy challenges with respect to intergenerational solidarity are identified in international policy frameworks and how European societies are responding to them. It is based upon authors' presentation to the first-day Plenary Session, “Policies and Actions in Europe for an Active and Healthy Ageing”, during the Spanish EU Presidency event “Conference on Active and Healthy Ageing”, held at Logroño (La Rioja), 29-30 April 2010, which celebrated the European Day of Solidarity between Generations.

Read more about: [Policy Brief](#)

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Projects

Peer Review in Social Protection and Social Inclusion and Assessment in Social Inclusion

The European Centre will be participating in the forthcoming EU Peer Review in Social Protection and Social Inclusion and Assessment in Social Inclusion. This EU Peer Review will focus on “Achieving Excellence in Social Service Provision”; it is hosted by Romania and has Belgium, Croatia, Estonia and Lithuania as participating countries.

It is expected that the “Peer Review will provide an opportunity to evaluate the role of accreditation systems and quality standards in improving social service provision and to discuss the possibility of developing EU principles of excellence for social services”.

Given the involvement of the European Centre in previous EU Peer Reviews (namely on the [“Future of Social Services of General Interest”](#)) and current and past projects on quality of social services ([INTERLINKS](#), [Study on the Situation of Social and Health Services of General Interest in Europe](#), [Quality Management by Result-oriented Indicators](#)), the European Centre was invited to produce the discussion paper and synthesis report for this Peer Review. Ricardo Rodrigues and Flip Maas are the researchers involved.

Read more about: [event](#)

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Events

Past Events

14 June, Vienna (Austria): Enquete “Die Familie an der Wende zum 21. Jahrhundert” (The Family on the Turnaround towards the 21st Century)

Michael Fuchs participated in the enquete “Die Familie an der Wende zum 21. Jahrhundert”, organised by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Economy, Family and Youth. At this event, the 5th Austrian Family Report 1999-2009 was presented to which the European Centre contributed several chapters. Furthermore, Michael Fuchs gave an impulse statement on “Models of Work-Life Balance: Paternity Leave and Formal Childcare: A Field Report” and participated in a panel discussion on family policy.

Read more about: [event](#), [project](#)

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14 June, Vienna (Austria): Beirat zur einheitlichen Dokumentation der Klientinnen und Klienten der Drogeneinrichtungen (Advisory Board for Unified Documentation of Clients in Drug Users' Care)

Irmgard Eisenbach-Stangl and Harald Spirig from the Schweizer Haus Hadersdorf reported on the project "Senior Drug Dependents and Care Structures – SDDCARE".

Read more about: [project](#)

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10-11 June, London (UK): 4th Project Meeting of the project "Quality Management by Result-Oriented Indicators – Towards Benchmarking in Residential Care for Older People" (funded by the PROGRESS Programme)

This was the last meeting before the final Dissemination Conference that will take place in Brussels. The objectives of the meeting were to:

- Present the results of the Delphi study and E-Qalin validation phase (summary and analysis) to the whole team.
- Incorporate final comments to achieve a definite version of the list of key performance indicators and a related manual/guidebook ("How to Implement and Apply the Framework of Quality Indicators in National Systems"), which will be drafted by specific task forces after the workshop. It should become ready for use in the context of quality management systems, accreditation systems and/or as a single tool for working with result-oriented indicators.
- Discussion of the Agenda and other logistics for the Final Conference in Brussels (3-4 November 2010).

Read more about: [project](#)

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27-28 May, Sliema (Malta): Second Meeting of the Bureau of the UNECE Working Group on Ageing

The Bureau of the Working Group met in Malta to review progress made in implementing the current Programme of Work and to plan further steps to be taken over the coming six months. Bernd Marin and Eszter Zólyomi participated in the meeting and presented results of the monitoring activities carried out under the 2nd phase of the MA:IMI project. The International Institute on Ageing, Malta, hosted the meeting.

Read more about: [project](#), [Monitoring RIS website](#)

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Presentations on-line

The presentations of the Gallup European Well-being Summit – “Measuring the Emotional Economy in the 21st Century” – are now posted on the website of the Institute for Advanced Behavioral Studies.

Read more about: [presentations](#)

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Publications

EC Book Publication

Kazepov, Yuri (Ed.) (2010) *Rescaling Social Policies: Towards Multilevel Governance in Europe*. Book series “Public Policy and Social Welfare”, Volume 38, European Centre and Asghate (UK)

“Rescaling Social Policies: Towards Multilevel Governance in Europe” was an international research project that aimed at disentangling the complex relations between changes taking place in the territorial organisation of social policies and the increasing number of actors involved in policy design, management and delivery.

The book presents results of this 3-year project focusing on the relations between the vertical rescaling and the horizontal governance arrangements emerging from change processes since the 1990s. It provides the analytical tools to understand these changes by outlining the different scenarios in Finland, France, Italy, Norway, Poland, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.

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

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Publication Contribution

Kai Leichsenring (2009) ‘La atención integral como base de los sistemas emergentes de asistencia de larga duración en Europa’ (Integrated Care as a Cornerstone of Emerging Long-term Care Systems in Europe), in Arriba González de Durana, Ana/ Moreno Fuentes, Francisco Javier (2009) *El tratamiento de la dependencia en los regímenes de bienestar europeos contemporáneos* (Addressing Long-term Care in Current European Welfare Systems), Collection of Studies, Series “Long-term Care”, Instituto de Mayores y Servicios Sociales (IMSERSO)

Read more about: [publication](#) (in Spanish), [English version of the contribution](#)

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Peer-reviewed Journal Article

Tepe, M. / Vanhuyse, P. (2010) 'Elderly Bias, New Social Risks, and Social Spending: Change and Timing in Eight Programs across Four Worlds of Welfare, 1980-2003', *Journal of European Social Policy* Vol. 20, No. 3.

Pieter Vanhuyse's article together with Markus Tepe (University of Oldenburg) on the joint effects of population ageing and new social risks on social expenditure biases is forthcoming in the next issue of the *Journal of European Social Policy*, summer 2010. The article is based on a paper first presented at a European Centre International Seminar in July 2009. With a five-year impact factor of 1.580, the ISI Web of Knowledge currently ranks the *Journal of European Social Policy* as seventh-best 'social issues' journal and seventh-best 'public administration' journal.

Abstract

Over the past decades, all affluent welfare states have been coping with two major new trends: population ageing, and new social risks resulting from de-industrialization. How have these demand-side trends, and their timing, affected welfare spending? We investigate up to 21 OECD democracies with respect to eight separate programmes and two composite indicators of aggregate welfare spending bias towards the elderly and new social risks. We find that welfare regime logics still matter crucially in accounting for variation between countries, as does the timing of the large-scale arrival of new social risks. Both Southern European welfare states and countries that entered the post-industrial society comparatively late spend less on programmes such as education and family allowances, and more on survivor pensions. But within countries, contemporaneous levels of new social risks conspicuously fail to affect spending on programmes that deal with these risks. These findings defy simple neo-pluralist expectations of "social policy responsiveness": on their own, even dramatic demand-side trends influence welfare spending relatively little in advanced democracies.

Keywords: comparative welfare regimes, demographic change, generational politics, service sector economy, social policy responsiveness

Read more about: [working paper](#), [International Seminar](#)
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Newspaper Articles

[Marin, Bernd \(2005-2010\) Various articles in Der Standard, in Die Presse, in Format, in Kleine Zeitung, in Salzburger Nachrichten, Vienna, Graz, Salzburg, 2010](#)

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