



**Dear Reader,**

We would like to draw your attention to the 38th Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the European Centre and its 21st NLO-Assembly Meeting taking place 2-3 July at the premises of the United Nations Office, Vienna, see below.

Sincerely yours,

Willem Stamatou  
Publications Officer

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## Board and NLO

### **38th Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the European Centre and 21st NLO-Assembly Meeting, 2-3 July, UNOV, Vienna**

The Board Meeting has been structured into three sessions:

- Session I: Presentation of Key Host Country Projects
- Session II: Presentation of International Projects
- Session III: International Projects and their Significance for Future Work

Within the sessions there will be presentations by European Centre Researchers that are then commented on by external stakeholders and/or experts.

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## Projects

### **Honour: Editors of World's Older Persons Report**

Asghar Zaidi and Alexandre Sidorenko, our Senior Advisor, have been honoured to serve as the Editors of World's Older Persons Report. Other editors include Alexandre Kalache (The NY Academy of Medicine), Rosemary Lane (UN-DESA), Peter Lloyd-Sherlock (School of International Development) and Emily Grundy (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine).



The report provides an insight into the changing situation of older persons in the global world. It draws on the contribution of older women and men in 36 countries who were consulted about their experiences of ageing according to the key themes of the 2002 Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing.

It includes contributions from a range of UN agencies, NGOs and experts to support a shift to more age-inclusive approaches to development. The report will be launched by UNFPA and HelpAge International on 1st October 2012.

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

## Events

### Upcoming Events

#### **CE Ageing Strategy Development Second Thematic Expert Workshop, Chamber of Labour of Upper Austria, Linz, 13 June**

Pieter Vanhuyse will take part in the CE Ageing Strategy Development Expert Workshop, organized by the Central European Knowledge Platform for an Ageing Society consortium, and funded by the EU's Regional Development Fund.

Read more about: [Central European Knowledge Platform for an Ageing Society](#)

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

#### **“e-Frame Conference on Measuring Well-Being and Fostering the Progress of Societies”, Paris, 26-28 June**

Orsolya Lelkes was invited to speak on the “e-Frame Conference on Measuring Well-Being and Fostering the Progress of Societies” taking place 26-28 June 2012 in Paris. The Conference will gather around 250-300 policy-makers, statisticians, academics, and other stakeholders from the European region who have a specific interest in the field. Its purpose will be to deepen ongoing reflection on how to measure well-being and the progress of societies, enhance the relevance of measures and analysis for addressing key policy issues, and lead to concrete outputs, such as establishing frameworks for future cooperation. The Conference is organised by the OECD, as partner of e-Frame, with the Italian National Institute of Statistics (Istat) and Statistics Netherlands (CBS) as coordinators of e-Frame and in collaboration with Eurostat and the European Statistical System.

Read more about: [Conference](#)

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



## Past Events

### **“Society’s Responses to Demographic Transition and Ageing Issues”, Sarajevo, 6-8 June**

AgeUK, in cooperation with the Red Cross of Serbia and the Albanian Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics are organising a Regional Conference on “Society’s Responses to Demographic Transition and Ageing Issues”, in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. The conference is one of the activities of the two-year project that is funded by the EU and implemented by AgeUK, with partners in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, Serbia, Slovenia and Croatia.

One of the major objectives of this Regional Conference is to provide for regional learning on the measures and responses to demographic transitions and older people’s issues by all related stakeholders: government, UN, non-governmental and older people representatives and researchers. Special emphasis will be placed on the experience and practice sharing in the MIPAA implementation and on EU and other international policy responses.

Asghar Zaidi has been invited to contribute with findings from his research to the event, especially in relation to: economic and social implications of population ageing; poverty and social exclusion of older people in EU; pension systems in UNECE countries, and their main challenges and possible reforms and social pension policy discourse. Alexandre Sidorenko has also been invited to provide his expertise on issues linked with the implementation of MIPAA (Sectoral Policies and Mainstreaming Approach) and the review and appraisal exercise of UNECE’s RIS/MIPAA. Other speakers include: Lidija Kozarčanin, national focal point on ageing, Institute for Social Protection of the Republic of Serbia; Aleš Kenda, national focal point on ageing, Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs, Slovenia; and Ina Voulcker, Global Ageing Officer, HelpAge International.

For the detailed programme see: [website](#)

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

### **Population Europe Event “Long-Live Europe: Demographic Prospects for Europe in the Next Decades”, Prague, 1 June**

Population Europe is a collaborative network currently involving 20 participating institutions and more than two hundred eminent researchers. Population Europe is supported by the European Commission and closely collaborates with institutions of the EU Member States represented in this network, with the United Nations as well as with partners in the United States.

On 1 June, Population Europe, in partnership with the Charles University in Prague, organized the event entitled “Long-Live Europe: Demographic Prospects for Europe in the Next Decades”. The event consisted of a closed discussion on cutting-edge demographic issues between about 40 influential decision-makers, stakeholders and eminent scholars. The closed session was followed by a wider public debate on the issue of “Living Longer and Staying Healthy? A New Challenge for Policies and Society”.



Alexandre Sidorenko participated in both the closed discussion and the public event and made a presentation: “Policy Responses to Population Ageing in Europe”.

Read more about: [Population Europe](#)

For further information please contact: [Alexandre Sidorenko](#)

### **IFA 11th Global Conference on Ageing, Prague, 28 May – 1 June**

The 11th Global Conference of the International Federation on Ageing (IFA) was organized by the Czech NGO Zivot 90 and conducted in Prague on 28 May – 1 June, 2012. The IFA 11th Global Conference on Ageing entitled “Ageing Connects” provided a multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary forum for networking and the sharing of information related to new research and evidence-based programmes and policies. The Conference was a constellation of various sessions and side events, including plenary and parallel sessions, poster exhibits, symposia and site visits.

Alexandre Sidorenko moderated two plenary sessions of the Conference: Advancing Health and Well-being into Old Age (30 May); and Older Persons and Development (1 June).

Read more about: [Conference](#)

For further information please contact: [Alexandre Sidorenko](#)

### **“Economics of Ageing” Conference, Annual Meeting of the Austrian Economic Association, Vienna University of Technology, 18-19 May**

Pieter Vanhuysse presented a paper on ‘The Political Economy of Population Aging and OECD Pension Generosity Retrenchment: The Different Logics and Timing of Small and Large Cutbacks,’ at the NOeG “Economics of Ageing” Conference in the panel chaired by Dr Markus Knell on ‘Retirement I: Pension Systems – Design and Reforms’.

For the “Economics of Ageing” conference programme see: [website](#)

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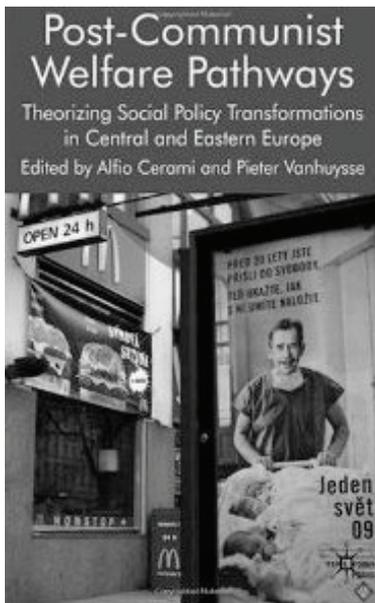
### **“Economics of Ageing” Conference, Annual Meeting of the Austrian Economic Association, Vienna University of Technology, 18-19 May**

Andrea Schmidt presented a paper on ‘The Impact of Cash or Services on Equitable Use of Care by Older People’, authored by Ricardo Rodrigues and Andrea Schmidt, at the NOeG Conference in the session on ‘Care to the Elderly’. The paper provides insights into the pros and cons of policy choices in long-term care when considering the question of equitable access to formal home care services for older people in seven European countries.

For further information please contact: [Ricardo Rodrigues, Andrea Schmidt](#)

## Publications

### Book Review



**Pieter Vanhuyse's co-edited book *Post-Communist Welfare Pathways* (Palgrave MacMillan) has been reviewed by Ivan Szelenyi from New York University in *Contemporary Sociology*, the official reviews journal of the American Sociological Association (Vol. 40, No. 1, pp. 19-20)**

*Excerpts below:*

“Quite an extraordinary book. One rarely reads an edited volume in which contributors engage each other the way they do in this book. This is largely the accomplishment of the editors ... As with their earlier work they have set a tight, novel theoretical agenda, which stimulated and guided the exemplary crew who contributed to the volume. The volume offers a persuasive historical institutional analysis of East European welfare states ... this is a balanced evaluation of path-dependency and path departure, continuity and change. ... Pieter Vanhuyse persuasively argues that the construction of this emergency welfare state to a large extent was driven by immediate political needs of ruling political elites. ... These largely ad hoc, politically motivated emergency measures were frozen into lasting structures and this resulted in the hybrid character of post-communist welfare states, which carry elements of conservative, social democratic, and neoliberal systems. ... This is an agenda setting book, the most comprehensive, theoretically sophisticated work in the emergent large body of literature on post-communist welfare regimes.”

For the book contents and the editorial introduction see: [website](#)

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

### Newspaper Articles

[Marin, Bernd \(2005-2012\) Various articles in: Der Standard, in: Die Presse, in: Format, in: Kleine Zeitung, in: Salzburger Nachrichten, in: Der Falter, Vienna, Graz, Salzburg, 2012](#)

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