



**Dear Reader,**

We would like to draw your attention to the next International Seminar at the European Centre on the topic “Can Parents Afford To Work?”. You will find the announcement under the heading “Events”.

Sincerely yours,

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## Policy Briefs

### Challenges in Guaranteeing Adequate Pension Incomes for Women

In this Policy Brief, Asghar Zaidi analyses the current poverty situation of older women in EU countries, and also discusses how recent changes in the pension policy of some of the European countries may be more or less detrimental to women than to men.

Read more about: [Policy Brief](#)

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

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## Projects

### The Situation of Social and Health Services of General Interest in the European Union

The final synthesis report on the project “Social and Health Services of General Interest”, funded by the European Commission, will become available in early June 2007.

Read more about: [Project](#)

For further information please contact: [Manfred Huber](#)



## Study of the Compilation of Disability Statistics from Administrative Data

The European Centre is a project partner in this study that has a focus on collecting and analysing data from administrative registers to provide a picture of the position of people with disabilities in relation to a broad range of relevant topics. 25 EU countries will be covered. At the Centre, the study will be coordinated by a group of three people: Manfred Huber, Asghar Zaidi and Michael Fuchs.

For further information please contact: [Manfred Huber](#)

## Indicators and Comparative Analyses of European Pension Systems

The project will involve collecting information on relevant indicators on pension systems and writing two policy reports. Countries covered will be Germany, Austria, Denmark, Spain, France, the United Kingdom, Sweden, Poland, Bulgaria, Hungary and Norway. The European Centre team, formed by Asghar Zaidi, Bernd Marin, Michael Fuchs and Eszter Zolyomi, will work along with many international experts. This project will form the foundation of our work towards setting up of the European Observatory on Pension Systems, whose purpose will be to monitor developments in the pension systems in the European countries and how they are likely to impact on retirement incomes.

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

## The Distribution of Household Income and Poverty in the UK

Asghar Zaidi will provide intellectual services to OECD, Paris, to work on the distribution of Household Income and Poverty as a national expert for the United Kingdom.

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



## Involvements

### **Ageing – A challenge and an opportunity for the Countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia**

The UNECE and the UNFPA jointly organised a training workshop to develop technical capacities for ageing related work of governmental and UNFPA focal points in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, and Central Asia and to exchange experiences. The workshop was hosted by the UNFPA Country Office in Moldova and it took place in Chisinau, 13-16 March 2007. Amongst others, the objectives of the workshop has been to improve understanding of how to identify and analyse challenges and opportunities related to ageing and demographic change and to improve understanding of the UNECE Regional Implementation Strategy (RIS) of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA). Bernd Marin and Asghar Zaidi participated in the workshop as technical experts. Bernd Marin made a presentation on “The Indicators for Monitoring MIPAA/RIS” and Asghar Zaidi spoke on “Pension Challenges and Pension Reforms for the countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia”.

Read more about: [Workshop Programme](#), [Presentation by Asghar Zaidi](#), [MA:IMI – Mainstreaming Ageing: Indicators to Monitor Implementation](#), [Follow-up Phase of the „Monitoring RIS for the MIPAA“](#)  
For further information please contact: [Bernd Marin](#), [Asghar Zaidi](#)

## Events

### **22–23 March, Vienna: Vom schönen Schein der Integration – Menschen mit Behinderung am Rand der Leistungsgesellschaft (The Illusion of Integration – Disabled Persons on the Edge of Performance-Oriented Society)**

Kai Leichsenring will present an introductory speech on work integration of persons with disabilities (“Arbeit um jeden Preis – Ist die Integration am Arbeitsmarkt noch ein erstrebenswertes Ziel?” / “Work at Any Price – Is Integration into the Labour Market Still a Desirable Goal?”), at the LOK (Leben ohne Krankenhaus/Life without Hospital) Congress, 22-23 March 2007, Austria Center Vienna.

Read more about: [Website](#) (in German)  
For further information please contact: [Kai Leichsenring](#)



## 20 April, Vienna: International Seminar European Centre

Our Research Affiliate Herwig Immervoll will speak about “Can Parents Afford To Work?”

Read more about: [Seminar](#)

The seminar is by invitation only, and 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). The seminar is part of the series of international seminars organised at the European Centre, debating the fiscal and social sustainability of social welfare systems.

## 30 April – 2 May 2007, Jerusalem: Cultural Preservation and Empowerment of Immigrant Communities – A Contributor or Obstacle to Successful Integration?

The ICSW Expert Meeting “Cultural Preservation and Empowerment of Immigrant Communities – A Contributor or Obstacle to Successful Integration?” is organized by the National ICSW Committees of Israel and Norway, together with the Israeli Ministry of Social Affairs, Department of International Relations, the CIMI / Center for International Migration and Integration (JDC Israel) and the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research, Vienna. It will take place from 30 April to 2 May 2007 in Jerusalem. For more information, please contact our National Liaison Official in Israel, [Avraham Lavine](#).

## Publications

### Peer-Reviewed Journal:

By our Research Affiliates Herwig Immervoll and Horacio Levy

Immervoll, H./ Levy, H./ Lietz, C./ Mantovani, D./ Sutherland, H. (2006) ‘The Sensitivity of Poverty Rates to Macro-level Changes in the European Union’, Cambridge Journal of Economics, 30 (2), pp. 181-199.

Read more about: [Abstract](#)

For further information please contact: [Herwig Immercoll](#), [Horacio Levy](#)



### Book Reviews:

Zartler, Ulrike/Wilk, Liselotte/Kränzl-Nagl, Renate (2004) Wenn Eltern sich trennen. Wie Kinder, Frauen und Männer Scheidung erleben. Frankfurt/New York: Campus Verlag

By Sirringhaus-Bünder, Annegret (Systemische Lehrtherapeutin, DGSF; NLP-Lehrtrainerin, DVNLP)/ Meo, Marte (Licensed Supervisor; Supervisor DGSV; Diplom-Sozialarbeiterin) (2007) socialnet. Fachwissen Rezensionen 07.02.2007

Read more about: [Book, Review](#) (in German)

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

Billings, Jenny/Leichsenring, Kai (Eds.) (2005) Integrating Health and Social Care Services for Older Persons. Evidence from Nine European Countries. Aldershot: Ashgate.

By: Tilly, Jane (Director, Quality Care Advocacy, The Alzheimer's Association, Washington, DC USA) (2007) International Journal of Integrated Care, Volume 7

Read more about: [Book, Review](#)

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

### Book Contribution:

By our Research Affiliates Herwig Immervoll and Horacio Levy

Immervoll, H./ Levy, H./ Lietz, C./ Mantovani, D./ O'Donoghue, C./ Sutherland/Verbist, G. (2006) 'Household Incomes and Redistribution in the European Union: Quantifying the Equalising Properties of Taxes and Benefits', in: Papadimitriou, D.B. (Ed.), The Distributional Effects of Government Spending and Taxation. Palgrave Macmillan (also available in the IZA discussion paper series).

Read more about: [Abstract](#)

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

By our Research Affiliate Mirco Tonin

Tonin, M. (2007) 'The Wage Dimension of Flexibility and Security in Selected Central and Eastern European Countries', in: Cazes, S./ Nesporova, A., Flexicurity. A Relevant Approach in Central and Eastern Europe. Geneva: ILO, ISBN 978-92-2-119215-2 35

Read more about: [Book information](#)

For further information please contact: [Mirco Tonin](#)



### Radio:

Huber, Manfred: "Pflegestudie: So machen es die anderen" ("Care Studies: That's How the Others Do It"), ORFI, Mittagsjournal, 12:00, 16.02.2007

Read more about: [Abstract \(in German\)](#)

Fuchs, Michael "Verteilungswirkungen von Sozialversicherungsbeiträgen, Einkommenssteuer und monetären Sozialleistungen auf Haushaltsebene in Österreich" ("Distributional Consequences of Social Insurance Contributions, Income Tax and Monetary Transfers on the Household Level"), ORFI, Abendjournal, 18:00, 11.03.2007

### Newspaper Articles:

[Marin, Bernd \(2005-2007\) Various articles in Der Standard, Vienna, 2007](#)

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



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