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Within the framework of the 2012 European Year for Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations, Bernd Marin, Executive Director of the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research, delivered the keynote speech at the opening event of the National Council of the Republic of Slovenia in Ljubljana, see below.

Sincerely yours,

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Events

Opening Event of the European Year for Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations 2012, Republic of Slovenia, National Council, 16 February

Prof. Dr. Bernd Marin, Executive Director of the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research, delivered the keynote speech at the opening event of the European Year for Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations 2012.

The event took place on 16 February at the National Council of the Republic of Slovenia in Ljubljana.

The keynote speech addressed the theme of “Welfare without Work and Solidarity? Idleness and Activation in Ageing Societies”.

Read more about: [event](#)

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**European Centre Researchers Seminar:
Vanhuysse, P. & Goerres, A. (eds.) (2012) Ageing Populations in Post-Industrial Democracies: Comparative Studies of Policies and Politics**

Pieter Vanhuysse has presented his new book with Achim Goerres, which brings together an expert set of scholars from Europe and North America to investigate generational politics and public policies within an explicitly comparative political science approach.

Published to coincide with the start of the European Year for Active Aging and Solidarity between Generations 2012, the book examines changing social and public policy demands due to ageing electorates and features analysis of USA, UK, Japan, Germany, Italy and all major EU countries.

It studies government reforms that have often hurt the interests of growing elderly voting blocs in order to safeguard macro-fiscal viability, and looks at the political drivers behind highly topical responses such as pension generosity cuts and retirement age increases.

It also examines the social policy attitudes of younger and older generations, as well as the emergence of 'grey' or pensioner parties across 31 democracies.

See [advance praise](#), [sample chapter](#) and the [book flyer](#)

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Publications

Journal Article

Kai Leichsenring, 'Results-Oriented Quality Indicators for Care Homes'

Kai Leichsenring published an article on 'Results-Oriented Quality Indicators for Care Homes' (see also the [PROGRESS project](#)) in German and French in the journal of the Swiss Federal Social Insurance Office called "Soziale Sicherheit", no. 1/2012:

(German): [Ergebnisorientierte Qualitätsindikatoren für Alters- und Pflegeheime](#)

(French): [Indicateurs de qualité axés sur les résultats pour les EMS et les homes](#)

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Reviews

The Czech Sociological Review

The reviews section of the Winter 2011-2012 issue of the *Czech Sociological Review* (ISI impact factor 0.652) contains reviews written by the likes of David Laitin (Stanford), Catherine Bolzendahl (UC Irvine), Catharina Hjortsberg (Lund) and Yuval Yonay (Haifa) on altogether nine new books in sociology and social policy, authored by Charles King, Brian Powell, Marilyn Rueschemeyer and others.

It also features a review by Stein Ringen (Oxford) on the highly influential new book by Jacob Hacker and Paul Pierson, *Winner-Take-All Politics: How Washington Made the Rich Richer and Turned Its Back on the Middle Class*.

For the entire CSR winter book reviews section see: [website](#)

On the CSR see: [website](#)

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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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