



Dear Reader,

We co-organise several interesting events in May, June and August 2007. Accompanying contents can be found on our website or respective topical sub-websites. You will find all details listed in this issue.

Sincerely yours,

Annette Hexelschneider,

Head of Knowledge and Information Management Support Unit

Projects

AIM-AP: Accurate Income Measurement for the Assessment of Public Policies

Orsolya Lelkes and Michael Fuchs presented their ongoing research during a project meeting in May in Athens. In collaboration with the German and Finnish teams, Michael Fuchs presented comparative results on the non-take-up of social assistance in Germany, Finland and Austria. The results comprise the analysis of the overall non-take-up as well as the correlation with socio-demographic variables and will be published in a research paper in the course of the year.

Orsolya Lelkes spoke about income tax evasion in Hungary. The research is based on administrative tax records and a nationally representative income survey. She highlighted the importance of minimum wage spike: the majority of entrepreneurs report only incomes of a minimum wage level. Despite the obvious importance of the subject, little is yet known about the incidence of tax evasion, in other words, on who is evading tax and to what extent. This research, to be completed by the end of the year, will yield novel evidence.

Read more about: [Project and Publications](#)

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



I-CUE: Improving the Capacity and Usability of EUROMOD

At a country meeting in Malta, Orsolya Lelkes and Michael Fuchs gave presentations on Euromod, the European tax-benefit microsimulation model, and discussed future collaboration with Malta with representatives of the Ministry for the Family and Social Solidarity and the Ministry of Finance, and also an independent researcher.

Read more about: [Project and Publications](#)

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

Involvements

Cultural Preservation and Empowerment of Immigrant Communities

An ISCW Expert meeting on “Cultural Preservation and Empowerment of Immigrant Communities” was jointly organized by ICSW National Committees of Israel and Norway, together with the Israel Ministry of Social Affairs, Department of International Relations, CIMI / the Center for International Migration and Integration (JDC Israel) and the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research, Vienna. The Jerusalem meeting was a follow up to the 2004 Bratislava meeting [“Migration Integration and Social Cohesion: Barriers and Remedies”](#) jointly organized by the aforementioned institutions and the European Centre.

The meeting brought together experts on international migration and integration from Austria, France, Israel, Norway, Spain and Switzerland. Participants explored the relationship between the formation of immigrant communities in host countries, the maintenance of ties with the country of origin and the adaptation process in the host country. The impact of language skills, previously acquired professional qualifications, geographic location of immigrant communities and density of immigrant networks were given special attention. Challenges specific to different groups such as women and second generation youth were addressed, drawing upon the experiences of Israel, European receiving societies as well as classical immigration countries such as Canada.

Bernd Marin and Dilek Cinar attended the meeting as representatives of the European Centre and actively contributed to the proceedings of the meeting as chair persons and discussants. Avraham Lavine, a member of the European Centre Board of Directors and NLO for Israel, coordinated the work of the Israeli organizing committee, and collaborated with Dilek both on the content of the meeting and on the selection of the European experts who participated in the meeting. A web site containing more information on the meeting and presentations will be accessible soon through the web site of the European Centre.

For further information please contact: [Avraham Lavine](#), [Bernd Marin](#), [Dilek Çinar](#)



Events

Online Documents of Past Events

The documents are online now:

EC International Seminar [“Can Parents Afford To Work?”](#)

EC International Seminar [“‘Western Childhood’ and the Welfare State – Some Theoretical Reflections about an Old Interrelation”](#)

11 June, Vienna: International Seminar

The next International Seminar at the European Centre will be held by Robert Laslett (Chief Economist and Director of Analysis and Stewardship, Pensions Client Directorate, Department for Work and Pensions, UK) on “Personal Accounts to Improve Pension Coverage and Adequacy: The UK’s Proposed Pension Reforms and Lessons for other EU Countries”.

The seminar will be jointly organised by the Economic Studies Division of the Austrian National Bank (OeNB) and the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research.

Please note that the starting time of the seminar is 12:30 pm.

The seminar is by invitation only, and there are a limited number of places available for those who register by sending an email to [Andrea Hovenier](#). 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.

Read more about: [International Seminars of the European Centre](#)

21-22 June, Paris: Health Networks, Integration of Services for the Aged: Which Model of Evaluation? Findings from International Experiences for the Construction of a French Evaluation Framework

Kai Leichsenring will speak about “Les pistes différentes vers l’intégration des services sociaux et sanitaires en Europe : les résultats du projet PROCARE” [Different pathways towards the integration of health and social services in Europe: the results of PROCARE] at an international conference in Paris: “Réseaux de santé, intégration des services gérontologiques : quel modèle d’évaluation ? Apports des expériences internationales pour la construction d’un cadre d’évaluation français” [Health networks, integration of services for the aged: which model of evaluation? Findings from international experiences for the construction of a French evaluation framework].



The conference is organized by the Université de Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines as well as a range of other French and Canadian organizations under the patronage of the French Ministry for Health and Solidarity and the Ministry for Social Security, Older Persons, Persons with Disabilities and the Family. The Conference will take place at the CRAMIF, 17-19 Avenue de Flandres, Paris, 19ème arrondissement.

Read more about: [Programme](#), [Registration Form](#)

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

Publications

Working Papers:

EUROMOD: Working Paper:

Fuchs, M/ Lietz, C. (May 2007) Effects of Changes in Tax-Benefit Policies in Austria 1998 – 2005

Read more about: [Working Paper](#)

For further information please contact: [Michael Fuchs](#)

Websites:

The website of the International Microsimulation Association Conference 2007 contains all abstracts of the papers accepted for inclusion in the conference programme.

Read more about: [Abstracts for the conference](#)

For further information please contact: For conference co-ordination [Asghar Zaidi](#), for organisational questions [Andrea Hovenier](#)

Newspaper Articles

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

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



Personnel Matters

New Staff:

Jason Allman

Jason Allman received his undergraduate education at the University of Oregon, where he earned a B.S. in Geography. He completed the IMBA jointly with the Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien and the University of South Carolina in 2005. Jason has a diverse work experience that includes, among others, fund transfer infrastructure at Citibank. At the European Centre, Jason will be involved in the project MA:IMI and the Spanish Government project on pension systems.

For further information please contact: [Jason Allman](#)

Andersen Stanciole

In May, Anderson Stanciole has joined the health and care team of the Centre as lead researcher in the programme areas of “Health Economics and Indicators” and “Health and Disability Policies”. He will also contribute to projects that address cross-cutting themes bridging health and social issues, including with the help of micro-econometric modelling. Among his research interests from previous projects (with the University of York, CEPS and WHO) are regulation of health care providers; prevention and lifestyle choices and the economics of chronic diseases. Anderson Stanciole holds an MSc in Economics from the Universidade de São Paulo and is currently finalising his PhD in Health Economics with the University of York.

Read more about: [Andersen Stanciole](#)

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Isilda Shima

Isilda Shima received her PhD in Economic European Studies and Master’s degrees from the University of Turin. Her dissertation was about the study of shadow economy following macroeconomic and micro-econometric approaches. Isilda continued working at the University of Turin and she was involved on teaching and research activities. The main research projects she contributed to were “The Analysis of Migration Flows at Risk” and “The Guaranteed Minimum Income as a Crucial Node in the Design of Social Policy in Europe”. Her main research interests are labour economics, social policies, inequality and welfare. Also as part of her training, she attended the Joint Vienna Institute’s course on Applied Economic Policy on countries in transition and her contribution was about the reforms in the pension systems. At the European Centre, Isilda will be involved in a number of projects related to her specializations.

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