



Dear Reader,

Please find below an abstract on our most recent Policy Brief on “Young Men: Sexuality and Sex Education”. The Policy Brief can be downloaded from our homepage, in English or German language.

Sincerely yours,

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Policy Briefs

Young Men: Sexuality and Sex Education Health Promotion and Prevention in the Area of Sexual and Reproductive Health for Young Men Coming from Different Social and Cultural Backgrounds

Whereas the number of new HIV-infections has remained relatively stable, infections with other sexually transmitted diseases such as hepatitis, syphilis and gonorrhoea are lately on the increase in Austria. Regarding the number of teenage pregnancies, Austria has an average rate compared to other OECD countries. Health promotion and prevention in the area of sexual and reproductive health is mainly directed towards youth in order to provide them in time with the appropriate knowledge and behaviour patterns to protect themselves against sexually transmitted diseases and unwanted parenthood.

However, research evidence shows that the conventional offers in this area often do not or insufficiently reach young boys and young persons from social classes with education deficits, despite the fact that they are more likely to engage in risky sexual behaviour.

A study conducted by the European Centre in 2006/2007 using interviews with experts and male youth shows the challenges posed in the work with boys, their experiences with sex education, their respective information demands as well as how they may be best addressed by relevant offers. An important result of the study is that socially disadvantaged youth as well as migrants have sexual contacts at an earlier stage than other youth but provide of fewer information resources. Hence, for these youth gender- and culture-specific offers should be increased.

Read more about: Policy Brief ([English](#), [German](#))

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Projects

Contribution to the Austrian Family Report 2009

In Austria, detailed reports on the situation of the family are being produced every 10 years (since 1969). We are pleased to report that the application for several parts of the Austrian Family Report 2009 – jointly prepared by the European Centre and the Johannes Kepler University of Linz – has been awarded by the Federal Ministry for Health, Family and Youth. Our contribution to the Family Report 2009 will cover a wide range of topics: impact of social change on families; discourses about family in politics, the media and research; features of families today (in the light of recent family and household data); familial relationships; causes and effects of divorce/separation; use of time in families; child care facilities; reconciling family and work; and the interrelation between family and school. The final report will be completed by the end of June 2009.

Read more about: [project](#)

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New Study “Generationenpolitik – Internationale Ansätze und Entwicklungen” (Generational Policies – International Approaches and Developments)

We are pleased to inform you that the application for a study on the topic “Generational Policies – International Approaches and Developments” has been awarded by the Schweizer Bundesamt für Sozialversicherungen, the Swiss NLO of the European Centre. This 1-year study aims at analysing and reflecting different approaches and developments concerning “Generational Policies” and related policy measures in Europe.

Read more about: [project](#)

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Accurate Income Measurement for the Assessment of Public Policies, new project paper

The new project paper on “Home Production and Fringe Benefits: An Estimation of Their Distributional Impact in Italy” by Conchita D’Ambrosio and Chiara Gigliarano is online.

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

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I-CUE: Improving the Capacity and Usability of EUROMOD

Country reports of Estonia, Hungary, Slovenia and Poland describe the features of the tax and cash benefit systems, as well as the country-specific features of the enlarged EUROMOD in these countries, which have joined EUROMOD as a part of I-CUE. They may be useful background documents for those interested in comparing and analysing income redistribution systems, and also for those who are current and future users of the EUROMOD model.

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

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Events

Past Events

Online Document of Past Event

The presentations of the last International Seminar, i.e. “The Implementation of Children’s Rights; Two Challenges for Research” by Mona Sandbæk, and “Are Mature Welfare States on the Path towards Gerontocracy? Evidence from 18 OECD Democracies, 1980-2002” by Pieter Vanhuyse, can be accessed at our [website](#).

Upcoming Events

8-9 September 2008, Bratislava (Slovakia): International Workshop “Impact of Poverty and Social Exclusion on Children’s Lives and their Well-Being” and Childwatch International Regional Network Meeting of CEE Countries

An international workshop on the impact of poverty and social exclusion on children’s lives and their well-being is currently under preparation, jointly organised by the European Centre and the Institute for Labour and Family Research in Bratislava, which will host this event.

Immediately after the workshop, a Regional Network Meeting of Central and Eastern European Countries takes place. Both events are funded by the Childwatch International Research Network.

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

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First Announcement

**13-14 November 2008, Lucerne (Switzerland): International Conference,
Rescaling of Social Welfare Policies – A Comparative Study on the Path towards
Multi-level Governance in Europe**

Organisation

Hochschule für Soziale Arbeit (HSA) Luzern and European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research

Background

“Rescaling of Social Welfare Policies – A Comparative Study on the Path towards Multi-level Governance in Europe” is a project co-ordinated by the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research and carried out with partners from eight countries:

- Finland: National Research and Development Centre for Welfare and Health (STAKES)
- France: Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Strasbourg
- Italy: University of Urbino “Carlo Bo”, Faculty of Sociology
(Scientific Project Director: Prof. Yuri Kazepov)
- Norway: Oslo University College
- Poland: The Gdansk Institute for Market Economics, Department for Social Security
- Spain: IMSERSO
- Sweden: Institute for Future Studies
- Switzerland: Hochschule für Soziale Arbeit (HAS) Luzern

The aim of this 3-year research project is to improve the information and knowledge base for assessing intended and unintended consequences of policies concerning multi-level governance (centralisation – decentralisation) in social welfare domains such as social assistance and local policies against poverty, employment policies, and care for the elderly. The project is to describe different strategies and solutions in European countries that are facing similar challenges and could thus learn from each other.

Aims of the conference

After three years of research, we would like to present our results to a broader public, in particular by:

- presenting our findings to experts in the field of social policy research
- confronting scholars, practitioners and policy-makers with the chosen approach, and
- developing a dialogue about further perspectives of multi-level governance in Europe.

Venue and Language

Lucerne (Switzerland) – Hochschule für Soziale Arbeit (HSA). The conference language is English – no translation will be provided.

Read more about: [project](#)

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14-19 April 2009, Lisbon (Portugal): Joint Sessions of the European Consortium for Political Research

Our Research Affiliate Pieter Vanhuysse will be directing, jointly with Achim Goerres from the University of Cologne, a special six-day panel on “Generational Politics: The Political-Sociological and Policy Consequences of Population Ageing”.

Paper proposals are invited.

Read more about: [Joint Sessions Academic Programme](#),
[CFP of the Goerres-Vanhuysse workshop on Generational Politics](#)
For further information and for your proposals please contact: [Pieter Vanhuysse](#)

Publications

Book

Schmied, G. / Reidl, Ch. (2008) Männliche Jugendliche: Sexualität und Aufklärung (Young Men: Sexuality and Sex Education). Vienna: European Centre.

The study has been conducted in 2006/7. A literature analysis and a survey with experts give an overview of the current sex education within programmes for young men in the Austrian federal states of Vienna, Styria, and Tyrol. Qualitative interviews with boys and focus groups with girls deliver insight in the needs of young people regarding sex education and prevention in the area of sexual and reproductive health. Furthermore, the report analyses a selection of national and international examples of good practices. The report also includes guidelines how to better address the male youth with respective programmes.

Read more about: [book](#), [project](#)
For further information please contact: [Gabriele Schmied](#), [Christine Reidl](#)



Book Reviews

The book of our Research Affiliate

Vanhuyse, Pieter (2006) *Divide and Pacify: Strategic Social Policies and Political Protests in Post-Communist Democracies*. Budapest/New York: Central European University Press.

is at present being reviewed in the current issues of the following three journals:

1. [Europe-Asia Studies](#) (pp 518-519)
2. [West European Politics](#)
3. [European Sociological Review](#)

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Journal Article

By our External Research Associate Yitzhak Berman

Phillips, D. / Berman, Y. (2008) 'Social Cohesion and the Sustainable Welfare Society', *National Taiwan University Social Work Review*, 16: 1-44.

Newsletter Article

Huber, M. (2008) 'Expenditures on Long-term Care in Europe', "Health and Ageing" Newsletter, April 2008, The Geneva Association.

Read more about: [article](#)

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Newspaper Articles

[Marin, Bernd \(2005-2008\) Various articles in Der Standard, Vienna, 2008](#)

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Publication of the Slovak National Liaison Official Institute

The Institute for Labour and Family Research of our Slovak National Liaison Official Kvetoslava Repková has published a new issue of its Bulletin "Family and Work".

April/2008: 'Actual Issues of Foreign Migration through Empirical Research Optics', by Jana Vavrečková, Eneke Hanzelová, Daniela Kešelová, Zuzana Kostolná. In Slovak, summary and keywords in English.

Read more about: issue [April/2008](#)

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