



Dear Reader,

This month we launched the book presenting the research findings of the project “Qualitative Research on Juvenile Alcohol Scenes to Develop Effective Prevention Instruments”. Please find more information in the following Newsletter under Policy Brief and Past Events.

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Policy Brief

“Jugendliche Alkoholszenen. Konsumkontexte, Trinkmotive, Prävention” (Juvenile Alcohol Scenes. Consumption Contexts, Drinking Motives, Prevention)

The Policy Brief by Irmgard Eisenbach-Stangl, Alexander Bernardis, Kurt Fellöcker, Judith Haberhauer-Stidl, and Gabriele Schmied gives an overview about the research findings and the book publication of the project “Qualitative Research on Juvenile Alcohol Scenes to Develop Effective Prevention Instruments”.

It describes the project design, the juvenile alcohol scenes as institution in the transition from childhood to adulthood and as post-traditional spare time communities. Moreover it looks into street scenes, pub scenes and private scenes and consumption habits, consumption after-effects and drinking motives. Differences between young men and women are highlighted as well as the responses of the adults. Drawn from the results, a set of preventive measures is being suggested.

An English version will be produced soon and subscribers of the Social Welfare Policy and Research News will be informed in due time.

Read more about: [Policy Brief \(in German\)](#), [project information](#)

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Involvements

Home Care in Europe – The Solid Facts

The WHO Regional Office for Europe just published this systematic overview, which provides evidence for the effectiveness of home care, shows how it can be improved and explains the need for health systems to ensure equitable access to it. Kai Leichsenring from the European Centre was one of the contributing authors.

Contents of the publication: home care in Europe: an overview; an emerging need for home care in Europe; the supply side of home care in Europe; the challenges for health policy- and decision-makers.

Read more about: [publication](#)

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Events

Past Events

5 November 2008, Vienna and 6 November 2008, St. Pölten: Book Presentation

The book “Jugendliche Alkoholszenen. Konsumkontexte, Trinkmotive, Prävention” (Juvenile Alcohol Scenes. Consumption Contexts, Drinking Motives, Prevention) by Irmgard Eisenbach-Stangl, Alexander Bernardis, Kurt Fellöcker, Judith Haberhauer-Stidl, and Gabriele Schmied has been presented in Vienna and St. Pölten. In Vienna experts from different backgrounds (research, politics, administration, youth work) discussed the research findings with the authors and journalists. In St. Pölten students and teachers from the Universities of Applied Sciences discussed the research results with the authors.

Read more about: [electronic book and launch presentation \(in German\)](#), [project information](#)

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Upcoming Events

10-12 September 2009, Potsdam (Germany): 5th European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference

Together with Achim Goerres from the University of Cologne, Pieter Vanhuysse will be directing a Special Panel on “Generational Politics from a Comparative Perspective” at the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) 4th General Conference, in Potsdam (Germany) next September 2009 (Panel Number: 218, Section Number: 24).

As mentioned in the May 2008 Newsletter, Pieter and Achim will also be co-directing a special five-day workshop on “Generational Politics: The Political-Sociological and Policy Consequences of Population Ageing” at the Joint Sessions of the European Consortium for Political research (ECPR) in Lisbon, Portugal, 14-19 April 2009.

Read more about: [ECPR General Conference](#), [Lisbon Workshop](#)
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Publications

Journals

Gabriele Schmied / Christine Reidl (2008) ‘Geschlechterrollen, Sexualität und Aufklärung aus der Sicht männlicher Jugendlicher’ (Gender Roles, Sexuality and Sexual Education from the Perspective of Male Adolescents) in SWS-Rundschau, issue 3/2008

The article is based on a study on enhancing the access of boys and young men to extracurricular sexual education. The results of qualitative interviews with male adolescents and experts in three Austrian provinces provide the ground for describing the views of boys on gender roles, partnership, relations and sexuality. Their experiences with diverse sources of knowledge regarding sexuality, are reported. Particular emphasis is placed on differences between boys from different educational, cultural and migrant/ non-migrant backgrounds. The article concludes that migrant boys or boys from socially disadvantaged families often do not have access to sufficient sources of information, experience considerable pressures to be sexually active at an early age, and assume rather traditional concepts of masculinity. Finally, the article infers that there exists a demand for specifically tailored offers and formulates suggestions for a sexually and culturally sensitive sexual education for boys that accommodates the needs of these young people.

Read more about: [journal](#), [project information](#), Policy Brief ([German](#), [English](#))
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Peer-Reviewed Journals

Orsolya Lelkes / Dóra Benedek (2008) 'Assessment of Income Redistribution and A Hypothetical Flat Tax Reform in Hungary', in Journal of Applied Economic Sciences, 3(5): 173-186

The paper presents evidence on the effects of taxes and benefits on household incomes in Hungary referring to the 2006 system and a hypothetical flat tax reform. For this, a microsimulation model is used, which is based on a matched sample of an income and a consumption survey and administrative tax records. The Hungarian budget receives more revenues from VAT than from PIT. This has major implications on equity because while PIT is progressive, VAT is regressive, imposing a higher tax burden on low-income households. We highlight the importance of tax allowances. The absolute amount of total tax allowances tends to increase with income, and the share of allowances within total incomes is around 5-7% in all income groups, except the top fifth, where it declines. Targeting is thus inadequate, and it is especially so in case of child support. Family tax allowance reaches the bottom decile only to a limited extent. This is in sharp contrast with the universal child benefit, which is well targeted to the poorest. The second part explores the likely impact of the introduction of a flat tax, where VAT and PIT rates are set at 20%, and a tax-free bracket for low incomes is kept. We show that a budget-neutral solution would have a largely regressive effect, where 70% of the population would lose, with a minority on the top of the distribution gaining.

Read more about: [journal homepage](#)

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Pieter Vanhuyse / Raanan Sulitzeanu-Kenan (2009) 'Teacher's PAT? Multiple-Role Principal-Agent Theory, Education Politics, and Bureaucrat Power'.

Pieter's paper with Raanan Sulitzeanu-Kenan from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem has been accepted for publication by the Australian journal *Critical Studies in Education*, and will be forthcoming in 2009.

The paper contributes to theories of rational choice theory, democratic governance, political power, and bureaucratic agency relationships in education and other public sector settings. It engages in a critical debate with Stanford University's Terry Moe, who has called for an ambitious redirection of political principal-agent theories (PAT). According to Moe, current theories largely overlook the direct electoral power (EPA) of bureaucratic agents and their unions in voting for their own bureaucratic principals. Therefore, they are biased systematically towards under-estimating agent power. The paper critically addresses both Moe's theoretical arguments, and his empirical applications to Californian school board elections. We conclude that Moe over-estimates the power consequences of EPA on both counts. We outline a more balanced version of "multiple-role" PAT and of its potential implications for our understanding of the political power of public school teachers and bureaucrats more in general.



In sum, contrary to much political science theorising, we conclude that American school boards principals are far from being teacher's pets!

Read more about: [paper](#), [journal homepage](#)

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Books

Our Research Affiliate Yitzhak Berman has been appointed to the editorial board of a new book series: 'Studies in Comparative Social Pedagogies and International Social Work and Social Policy' that is to be published by "Europäischer Hochschulverlag", an imprint of Salzwasser-Verlag (Bremen). The editor in chief of the series is Prof. Dr. Peter Herrmann.

Read more about: [publishing house](#)

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Newspaper Articles

[Marin, Bernd \(2005-2008\) Various articles in Der Standard, in Die Presse, in Format, in Kleine Zeitung, in Salzburger Nachrichten, Vienna, Graz, Salzburg, 2008](#)

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