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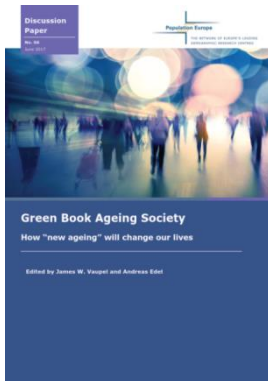
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Discussion Paper



Green Book Ageing Society: How "new ageing" will change our lives – Now available in English

This Green Book covers a wide spectrum of topics, bringing together perspectives from leading experts in various scientific disciplines, ranging from demography, sociology, psychology and epidemiology, to economics, politics and history. In their short contributions, the authors present evidence that sheds light on these fundamental questions. The contributions by these experts should encourage readers to think about how we can deal with the phenomenon of increasing life expectancy and promote an exchange of ideas about one of the most important issues for the future of our society.

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Policy Briefs



Changing Partnership Patterns, Housing and New Social Vulnerabilities

Partner relationships, residential relocations and housing are strongly interconnected, and are crucial factors for people's wellbeing. In recent decades, marriage rates have declined in all European countries, non-marital cohabitation has become common, and divorce and separation rates have increased significantly. As family patterns have changed, family and housing trajectories have become more diverse. For example, while some individuals still marry once and live in a family home for most of their lives, others experience multiple partnership and housing transitions.

[Read the full Policy Brief](#)



Becoming an Adult in Europe

Europe faces a challenge in supporting young people in becoming adults, i.e. in their pathway to independence. Despite the implementation of the Youth Employment Initiative in 2013, there are almost 17 million young people aged 20-34 across the 28 EU countries who are neither in employment nor in education and training (NEET) according to Eurostat. Furthermore, the share of those working who are in precarious and low-paid jobs is high. These trends will have an impact on the future work prospects of young people and increase their risks of poverty, social exclusion and mental health problems. They also generate substantive social and economic losses for European societies (Eurofound 2014). In addition, the ability of young adults to make a successful transition to adulthood is being undermined by increasing housing costs and government austerity measures, implying that young people are reliant upon their families for support longer.

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PopDigests



Which Door Are Europeans Knocking on When They Need Help?

In a new study, Conkova, Fokkema and Dykstra examined the extent to which Europeans opt for support from friends, neighbors and colleagues when looking for advice and help with finding a new job. The authors compared preferences for kin, non-kin (unpaid) and professional (paid) support with data from the European Quality of Life Survey for 27 countries.

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The Importance of Having a Person-Centred Approach: A study of disability services in Estonia

In Estonia, persons with disabilities are entitled to rehabilitation services, so in order to ensure that services are successful, the government has made efforts to modernize its system. To understand how clients feel about these services, Karin Hanga and colleagues conducted interviews with 12 individuals.

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Migrants' Educational Choices: From immigrant optimism to the optimism trap?

Ethnic minority students often choose more ambitious academic tracks than their native peers. However, the higher dropout rates among immigrant children at the higher secondary and university level suggest that low performing migrant students could have benefitted more from pursuing less ambitious tracks, especially in countries that offer viable vocational alternatives.

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Men's Health and Co-residence with Older Generations in Russia

With the increasing housing prices and the need to take care of an ageing population, many young generations are living together with their parents, parents-in-law or grandparents (here forth, older generations). Previous research confirms the importance of intergenerational living arrangements (ILAs) for health, but it is still unclear whether ILA is beneficial or detrimental for one's health.

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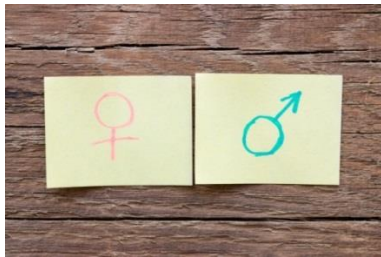
Research News



The Prognostic Value of Handgrip Strength for Mortality in Moscow, Denmark and England

Handgrip strength is seen as a powerful predictor of mortality across individuals. However, there is no research evidence about the levels and predictive ability of grip strength for mortality in Russian populations compared to the predictive ability of grip strength of other European populations, e.g. in England and Denmark.

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Why Do Women Live Longer Than Men?

Women live longer than men almost anywhere in the world. The question is whether this is due primarily to behavioural differences and social factors, or whether biological factors also play a role. To better understand the female survival advantage, Zarulli et al. (2018) investigated the survival of men and women in seven populations under extreme conditions due to famines, epidemics and slavery.

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Books and Reports

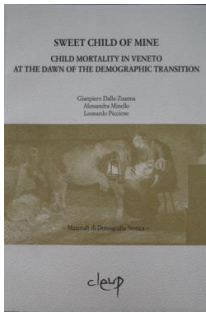
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Ageing Europe – An Application of
National Transfer Accounts for Explaining
and Projecting Trends in Public Finances

AGENTA Project Brochure

The AGENTA Project Brochure summarizes selected results of the AGENTA project. It includes a description of results from the European National Transfer Accounts (Chapter 1) and the National Time Transfer Accounts (Chapter 2); an analysis and description of retirement patterns across EU countries (Chapter 3); a description of transfer-regimes in Europe (Chapter 4); a simulation and projection of public transfers in the past and the future (Chapter 5), a discussion of indicators of sustainability and fairness (Chapter 6) and an analysis of the sustainability of public transfers using a new, NTA based indicator (Chapter 7).

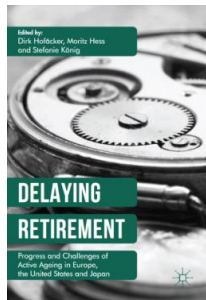
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Sweet Child of Mine

This book focuses on child mortality, and mainly on infant and neonatal mortality, during the 19th century in Veneto, Northeastern Italy. In this region the levels of infant mortality during the period 1750-1850 are among the highest ever recorded for a large area over a long period. This peculiar characteristic is mainly due to the exceptionally high neonatal winter mortality.

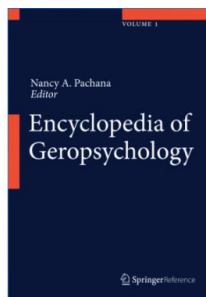
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Delaying Retirement: Progress and Challenges of Active Ageing in Europe, the United States and Japan

To a backdrop of ageing societies, pension crises and labour market reforms, this book investigates how the policy shift from early retirement to active ageing has affected individual retirement behaviour. Focusing on eleven European countries, the United States and Japan, it brings together leading international experts to analyze recent changes in pension systems.

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Encyclopedia of Geropsychology

This encyclopedia brings together key established and emerging research findings in geropsychology. It is a comprehensive coverage of the entire breadth of the field, giving readers access to all major subareas and illustrating their interconnections with other disciplines.

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Events

(eng)aging!

1 March 2018 – 2 March 2018

Aging Workforce: Older Workers and Immigrants as New Pillars of Western Economies?

The (eng)aging! project reflects on the crucial importance of a society-wide debate regarding the topic of demographic change and population aging. The second instalment of the international conference entitled "Aging Workforce: Older Workers and Immigrants as New Pillars of Western Economies?" will focus on work ability and work possibility for older people and the impact of aging on the labor market.

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14 March 2018 – 16 March 2018

Annual Conference 2018 of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Demographie (DGD)

The annual conference 2018 of the German Society for Demography (DGD) is held in collaboration with the Netherlands Demographic Society (NVD). The primary focus of the conference is the relationship between family behavior, fertility and intergenerational relationships.

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20 March 2018 – 23 March 2018

New and Emerging Family Forms Around the Globe

The workshop will focus on theories and explanations for the emergence of new family formation behaviors around the globe. Although studies should be underpinned by demographic data and analysis, we encourage novel explanations, cross-cultural comparisons, and theory-building.

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Events Review



New Social Vulnerabilities in the Baltic Sea Region

On November 14, 2017, experts from the realms of research, policy, and civil society met in the Nordic Embassies in Berlin to discuss the topic of "New social vulnerabilities in the Baltic Sea Region." The event – which was kindly hosted the Embassy of Sweden – was organized by the Max Planck Institute of Demographic Research in Rostock, the Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Policy in Munich, and Population Europe; in cooperation with the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS).

[**Read the review**](#)

Call for Papers

Social Work and the Life Course in Times of Acceleration

The 4th International Congress of the Swiss Social Work Society (SSTS) focuses on the transformations of social work in a society characterised by the acceleration of social and technological changes due to the unfettered competition typical of contemporary capitalism. It will take place at the School of Social Work and Health Sciences | EESP Lausanne (Switzerland) on September 12-13, 2018.

[**More Information**](#)

Conference on the Postponement of Parenthood

The Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, London School of Economics and Political Science, and Bocconi University cordially invite submissions to a conference on the Postponement of Parenthood, with support from the European Research Council.

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Big Data Meets Survey Science (BigSurv18)

The first international conference on Big Data Meets Survey Science (BigSurv18) is currently accepting abstracts for presentation at the conference on the theme "Exploring New Statistical Frontiers at the Intersection of Survey Science and Big Data."

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Research workshop on Demographic Research in the Digital Age (Side event at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the PAA)

This Research Workshop, organized by the IUSSP Scientific Panel on Big Data and Population Processes, is a side event at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, taking place in Denver, CO, 26-28 April 2018.

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Study & Career

News

*Population Europe has created a new format for its **Jobs Newsletter**. We have created a Google Group that will allow you to determine how often you receive updates about the latest job postings and to receive notifications about study and career opportunities as soon as they are posted online. [Join today!](#)*

PhD Studentship (ESRC South Coast DTP) - Addressing Migration Uncertainty: Data, Knowledge, and Measures

University of Southampton
Country: United Kingdom
Deadline: 31 Jan 2018

Assistant Professor in Sociology / Inequalities, uses and consequences of digital technologies

Sciences Po
Country: France
Deadline: 31 Jan 2018

PhD Studentship (ESRC South Coast DTP) - Estimating populations without a national census: A spatial simulation approach to develop and validate new methodologies

University of Southampton
Country: United Kingdom
Deadline: 31 Jan 2018

Paid traineeship with the European Commission

European Commission
Country: Belgium
Deadline: 31 Jan 2018

Two senior researchers positions at INED

Senior researcher
Country: France
Deadline: 15 Feb 2018

1 Postdoc research position in the ERC project SECCOPA

University of Bamberg
Country: Germany
Deadline: 15 Feb 2018

2 PhD research positions in the ERC project SECCOPA

University of Bamberg
Country: Germany
Deadline: 15 Feb 2018

10-12 PhD Scholarships at the Cologne University

Cologne Graduate School in Management, Economics, and Social Sciences
Country: Germany
Deadline: 31 Mar 2018

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