

JOINT PROGRAMMING INITIATIVE

# More Years, Better Lives Conference

“Demographic Change in Central  
and Eastern Europe (CEE)”

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## PROGRAMME

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### Opening Words

*Harald Mahrer*

(State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy)

*Barbara Weitgruber*

(Director General, Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy)

*Paolo M. Rossini*

(Chair, JPI More Years, Better Lives)

Moderation: *Oliver Lehmann*

### Keynote 1

*Tomáš Sobotka*

(Vienna Institute of Demography, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna)

**“Demographic shifts in Central and Eastern Europe: Change and diversity 25 years after the fall of the Iron Curtain”**

### Keynote 2

*Pieter Vanhuyse*

(European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research, Vienna)

**“Central European Welfare Pathways since 1989: Transition, Social Politics, and Population Aging”**

### Panel 1 – Labour Market

*Kremena Borissova-Marinova*

(Institute for Population and Human Studies,  
Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia)

**“Economic inactivity of the population: key challenge to the labour market in Bulgaria”**

*Roland Verwiebe*

(Department of Sociology, University of Vienna)

**“Cross-Border Commuting in the Central European Region”**

*Boris Majcen*

(Institute for Economic Research (IER), Ljubljana)

**“Active Ageing – Challenges for the Slovenian Labour Market”**



## Panel 2 – Social Protection

*Róbert Iván Gál*

(Hungarian Demographic Research Institute, Budapest)

**“Resource reallocations across generations:  
the state, the market and the household”**

*Agnieszka Chłoń-Domińczak*

(Warsaw School of Economics and Educational Research Institute, Warsaw)

**“Social Protection systems in a life-course perspective”**

*Paul Stubbs*

(Institute of Economics, Zagreb)

**“Social Protection and Social Inclusion in Croatia;  
demographic ageing, Europeanization and the crisis”**

## Panel 3 – Care

*Cornelia Muresan*

(Faculty of Sociology and Social Work,  
Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca)

**“Norms of Filial Obligations, Actual Support to Ageing Parents,  
and the Role of Family-Life Experience”**

*Zsuzsanna Széman*

(Institute of Mental Health, Semmelweis University, Budapest)

**“Challenges and Possible Answers of Home Care in Hungary”**

*Miloslav Bahna*

(Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava)

**“Migrant carers for the elderly: lessons from  
the case of Slovak care workers in Austria”**

## Final Lecture

*Andreas Hoff*

(Hochschule Zittau/Görlitz)

**“The future of welfare in CEE in the light of  
rapid demographic ageing”**



## Dr Tomáš Sobotka

is Research Group Leader of 'Comparative European Demography' at the Vienna Institute of Demography, located in the Austrian Academy of Sciences and the Wittgenstein Centre for Demography and Global Human Capital. His current research and professional work focusses on fertility and family change in Europe, fertility measurement, fertility ideals and intentions, assisted reproduction and population trends in Central and Eastern Europe. He is also Principal Investigator of the ERC-funded project EURREP (Fertility and reproduction in 21st Century Europe), and coordinates the following databases: Human Fertility Database (HFD), Human Fertility Collection (HFC), Cohort Fertility and Education (CFE) database.



## Pieter Vanhuyse, PhD (LSE)

is Head of Research and Deputy Director at the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research in Vienna (affiliated with the UN). His research focuses on the comparative politics and political sociology of welfare states, intergenerational policy conflict, and population ageing. Vanhuyse has published more than forty articles including in Journal of Social Policy, Journal of European Social Policy, Social Policy & Administration, Journal of Public Policy, Public Choice, Political Studies, and European Journal of Political Economy. He has co-edited Post-Communist Welfare Pathways: Theorizing Social Policy Transformations in Central and Eastern Europe (Palgrave Macmillan, 2009) and Ageing Populations in Post-Industrial Democracies (Routledge/ECPR, 2012), and has authored Divide and Pacify: Strategic Social Policies and Political Protests in Post-Communist Democracies (CEU Press, 2006), which was nominated for the American Sociological Association's Best Book Award for Political Sociology.





## **Associate Prof Kremena Borissova-Marinova**

is Associate Professor in the Institute for Population and Human Studies at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (since 2007). Since March 2014 she was appointed Head of the Economic and Historical Demography Research Unit of the Institute. Her recent projects focus on issues such as economic activity in Bulgaria, international migration, women's employment, negative population growth, economic activity among people over 50 and population reproduction. Her most recent article is: Scenario for evolution of potentially economically active population in Bulgaria over the period to 2035. In Scientific research in Defence: centenary tradition and new prospects. Military Academy. G. S. Rakovski Publishing House, Sofia, 56 p., under print.



## **Prof Roland Verwiebe**

is Professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Vienna. Since 2009 he has been Full Professor for Social Stratification Research and Quantitative Methods at the Department of Sociology (University of Vienna) and has been Head of the Department of Sociology and organizer (PI) of the Marie Jahoda Summer School of Sociology since 2011. His recent publications focus on poverty in Austria, the structure of European societies, the role of education in alleviating poverty, intra-European migration and reading attainment of migrant young persons.





## **Dr Boris Majcen**

is Director of the Institute for Economic Research and Senior Research Fellow. He holds a PhD in economics. His current research activities are focused on the economic effects of ageing and long term sustainability of public finances. In this area he has been leading several projects and participated in projects within the 6th Framework Programmes: Adequacy of Old-Age Income Maintenance in the EU (AIM), Improving The Capacity And Usability of Euromod (I-CUE), and Knowledge and Competitiveness in the Enlarged EU (U-KNOW), as well as projects within 7th Framework Programmes: Intangible capital and innovations: drivers of growth and location in the EU (INNODRIVE), Major upgrade of the survey of health, ageing and retirement in Europe – preparatory phase (SHARE-PREP), Longitudinal enhancement and access improvement of the SHARE infrastructure (SHARE-LEAP) and Assessing needs of care in European nations (ANCIEN). He coordinated development of a static tax-benefit micro-simulation model which was being used for the evaluation of the proposed tax and social security reforms package. He led the research team working on the development and maintenance of the Slovenian module of the EUROMOD.

Also, under his coordination a Generations accounting model has been developed with the aim to help the Ministry of finance in preparation of Convergence program on the long term sustainability of public finance with special attention put on the pension and health care systems as well as on the long term care and education. Recently he has led a research project with the aim of development of the dynamic pension micro-simulation model which has been already used for the evaluation of the effects of the proposed pension reform which came into force on the 1 January 2013.



## **Dr Róbert Iván Gál**

is Senior Research Fellow at the Hungarian Demographic Research Institute, Senior Extern at TARKI Social Research Institute, and Affiliated Professor at the Corvinus University (CUB), all in Budapest. He holds his MSc in Economics from CUB and his PhD in Sociology from the University of Groningen, the Netherlands. He participated or is currently participating in ageing related projects such as ANCIEN: Assessing Needs of Care In European Nations (DG Research, EC); PENMICRO: Monitoring pension developments through micro socio economic instruments (DG EMPL, EC); EuroNTA: National Transfers Accounts in Europe (European Science Fund); AIM: Adequacy of old-age income maintenance in the EU (DG Research, EC), PIE (Project on Intergenerational Equity (Ministry of Science and Technology, Japan); SHARE: Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (DG EMPL, EC), MIDAS\_HU, the dynamic microsimulation project of the Central Administration of the National Pension Insurance Fund of Hungary and AGENTA: Ageing Europe: An application of National Transfer Accounts for explaining and projecting trends in public finances (DG Research). In the National Transfers Accounts project he is a member of the Gender and Time Use working group and leads the Intergenerational Indicators working group. As a consultant he has been repeatedly invited by the European Commission (as a member of the ASISP and ESPN expert networks), the International Labour Organisation as well as various governmental agencies and non-governmental bodies in Hungary.



## **Dr Agnieszka Chłoń-Domińczak**

is Assistant Professor at Warsaw School of Economics and Educational Research Institute in Warsaw. In 2008-2009 she was a Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Policy. Previously she headed the Department of Economic Analyses and Forecasting in the same Ministry. Her responsibilities included, among others, the oversight of the social insurance system. She was the vice president of Social Protection Committee of the European Council and chair of the Working Party on Social Policy of Employment, Labour and Social Affairs Committee of the OECD. She was a member of the pension reform team in Poland that prepared the changes implemented in 1999. As a consultant, she participated in numerous activities related to pension reforms in the region of Central and Eastern Europe, cooperating with the World Bank, ILO and the OECD. She participated in numerous conferences on pension issues, where she shared the experience of the Polish pension reform with other participants. She is an author and co-author of many publications in the field of pensions and labour markets. Her research interest include: demography, pension systems, labour markets, social policy, health and education.

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## **Dr Paul Stubbs**

is a UK-born sociologist who has lived and worked in Croatia since 1993. His main areas of research are on social policy and the role of international actors, social protection and social inclusion, and activism and social movements in Croatia and the wider post-Yugoslav space. He is currently a Senior Research Fellow in the Institute of Economics, Zagreb, Croatia and a member of the European Social Policy Network, advising DG Employment on aspects of social policy in Croatia. He co-edited, with Bob Deacon, *Social Policy and International Interventions in South East Europe* (Edward Elgar, 2007), and, with Alexandra Kaasch, *Transformations in Global and Regional Social Policies* (Palgrave MacMillan, 2013). His latest book, *Making Policy Move: towards a politics of translation and assemblage*, co-authored with John Clarke, Dave Bainton and Noemi Lendvai, is due to be published by Policy Press in April 2015.



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## Prof Cornelia Muresan

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## Prof Zsuzsanna Széman

is Professor of Sociology of the Doctoral Programme of the Institute of Mental Health of Semmelweis University and senior Research Fellow of the Institute for Sociology, CSS, HAS. She has a long experience in research in the following issues: eldercare, long-term care, inclusion of long-term care recipient into society through the internet and ICT, quality of life of older people, migrant care workers, ageing on the labour market, pension reform, social policy and ageing, and the nonprofit sector. She has initiated several action researches and started model programmes and intervention programmes. She has explored many good practices in active ageing. She has been one of the experts elaborating the long-term Hungarian Strategy for Ageing People. She has given numerous lectures and presentations in Hungary and abroad and has authored and edited numerous books and published many articles and research reports. She has been working on various EU projects since 1992 including ENABLE-AGE, MOBILATE, EUOFAMCARE, Ageing and Employment, Employment Initiatives for an Ageing Workforce, HAPPY AGEING, CARICT, HELPS, MOPACT and on other international research projects (NISW; Japanese projects: PIE; Nonprofit sector).





## **Dr Miloslav Bahna**

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## **Prof Andreas Hoff**

is Professor of Social Gerontology at Zittau/Görlitz University of Applied Sciences, Germany, as well as Research Affiliate of the Oxford Institute of Population Ageing, University of Oxford, UK. Previously, he was Senior Research Fellow at the Oxford Institute of Ageing, University of Oxford and Research Fellow at the German Centre of Gerontology, Berlin. He completed a Ph.D. in Social Policy at the London School of Economics & Political Science after his undergraduate studies in Leipzig and Manchester leading to a M.A. in Sociology.

Population ageing in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) has been among his key research interests ever since he established the EAST (Eastern-European Ageing Societies in Transition) research network in 2005. His publications on this subject include the edited books *Population Ageing in Central and Eastern Europe. Societal and Policy Implications* (2011) as well as *The Ageing Societies of Central and Eastern Europe* (2008) and *Developing the 'Sociology of Ageing' to Tackle the Challenge of Ageing Societies in Central and Eastern Europe* (2012, both jointly edited with Jolanta Perek-Bialas). On a biographical note: Having grown up in former




East Germany as well as currently living in the easternmost German city (Görlitz) immediately on the German-Polish border and some 30 km north of the Czech-German border clearly has helped to sustain his research interest in CEE. His other main research interests include assistive technologies in home care, family care and intergenerational relations.



## **Oliver Lehmann**

is a journalist and a writer. His postings as a journalist included the Berlin based daily newspaper taz, the Vienna city newspaper Falter, the art and travel magazine Merian, the weekly Stern (both Hamburg), News (Vienna) and the BBC Worldservice. In 1998 Lehmann founded and headed as editor Universum Magazin (Austria's leading popular science publication), whose co-publisher he was until April 2013. In 2007 Lehmann became the media spokesperson of the Institute of Science and Technology Austria. In 2012 he was elected chairperson of the Austrian association of education and science journalists. In this capacity he commissioned the first comprehensive study on science journalists in Austria which was published in June 2013. Lehmann is also an author and publisher of numerous books, university lecturer, and host of panel discussions and conferences related to the public understanding of science.



The Joint Programming Initiative (JPI) **More Years, Better Lives** is a Member State-driven European research policy initiative to foster collaboration and coordination in R&D in Europe. The JPI MYBL seeks to enhance cooperation between European and national research programmes related to demographic change.

The conference brings together researchers with a focus on demography-related topics to discuss questions of demographic change in CEE. Central and Eastern European countries and their specific research questions have so far been underrepresented in the JPI MYBL. Therefore this conference facilitates insights into the status quo of research on demographic change in CEE.

Furthermore, this conference brings together not only researchers, but also various stakeholders and ministries.

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