SHARE Workshop

This workshop provides an overview of the Survey of Health, Ageing, and Retirement in Europe (SHARE) and its latest research results. It starts with an overview of the SHARE project - organization, methods, previous and future waves. After the introduction researchers will present a variety of research projects based on SHARE.

Agenda

Part I
10.15 – 10.30 Welcome & Introduction
Rudolf Winter-Ebmer
(JKU Linz and IHS Vienna)

10.30 - 11.00 SHARE Wave 4 Results
Martina Brandt
(Max Plank Institute for Social Law and Policy)

11.00 – 11.30 Subjective Survival Probabilities and Their Role in Labor Supply Decisions
Jorge Esteban Leon
(Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries)

11.30 - 12.00 Long-Term Care and Social Inequality in European Welfare States. A Comparative Macro-Micro Analysis of 15 Countries
Erwin Stolz
(Salzburg Centre of European Union Studies)

Part II
13.00 - 13.30 Long-Run Effects of Childhood Shocks on Health in Late Adulthood
Nicole Halmdienst
(JKU Linz)

13.30 - 14.00 Social Activities and Grandparenting: Are They Competing?
Valeria Bordone
(Wittgenstein Centre for Demography and Global Human Capital)

14.00 - 14.30 Does Education Improve Cognitive Performance Four Decades after Finishing School?
Rudolf Winter-Ebmer
(JKU Linz and IHS Vienna)
Outlines of Presentations

SHARE Wave 4 Results
Building on the general introduction to the Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement, Martina Brandt will present the new SHARE Wave 4 panel data as well as its recent innovations. After an overview of data, users and publications she will provide some glimpses into the results of the new open access book "Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations in Europe: First Results from SHARE after the Economic Crisis" which was published in June 2013.

Subjective Survival Probabilities and Their Role in Labor Supply Decisions
Jorge Esteban Leon will talk about one of the most important decisions an economic agent has to take: when to retire. Deciding when to retire is deciding when to stop working, and therefore, stop receiving labour income and start collecting pension income, which is usually lower. In order to overcome this decrease in income, economic agents normally accumulate wealth during working years and spend it during retirement. In his research he investigates people’s longevity expectations and their role in labor supply decisions.

Long-Term Care and Social Inequality in European Welfare States. A Comparative Macro-Micro Analysis of 15 Countries
Erwin Stolz will demonstrate the association between long-term care and available social resources. Building on a comparative analysis of long term care systems in 15 European countries he examines the impact of social resources on care-reception in different long term care systems.

Long-Run Effects of Childhood Shocks on Health in Late Adulthood
Nicole Halmdienst will present a research project that addresses the long-run impact of childhood shocks on health in late adulthood. The prevalence of such long-term or even intergenerational consequences may make potential early policy interventions still more important. She looks at a variety of adverse events which individuals may have experienced in childhood: starting from dramatic war- or social-upheaval-driven events such as dispossession or relocation to more family-driven events, like living in a children's home, in a foster family, or suffering from hunger in childhood.

Social Activities and Grandparenting: Are They Competing?
Valeria Bordone will talk about the relationship between engaging in social activities - which has a positive impact on mental health - and grandparenting. Are they competing? If any effect of grandparenting on the probability to be involved in social activities will be found, it will then be of interest to assess how this can have an impact on grandparents’ health-related aspects.

Does Education Improve Cognitive Performance Four Decades after Finishing School?
The effect of education on cognitive performance and cognitive decline - like memory, fluency, numeracy, etc. - at the end of working life will be presented by Rudolf Winter-Ebmer. Physical health and cognitive performance are central factors determining labour force participation, activity and well-being. Finding ways to improve cognitive performance is key to ageing economies.