

Symposium

Paid work beyond retirement age in international perspective

11th and 12th April 2013

Venue: Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg, Delmenhorst (close to Bremen), Germany

Lunch, coffee and dinner are included in the registration fee of around € 50,- (please note: without prior registration, participation will not be possible).

Deadline for registration: 15th March 2013. (For registration and further information, please contact simone.scherger@zes.uni-bremen.de).

The symposium will bring together academic contributors from Germany, the UK, other European countries and the US to explore paid work beyond retirement age in a comparative perspective, asking who works beyond retirement age and why. In addition to a number of country studies, speakers will engage with the institutional context of pensions systems and labour markets, and the debates surrounding their reform. A third focus of the symposium will be the consequences of the shifting boundaries between work and retirement for (old) age and ageing.

The keynote lecture will be given by Victor Marshall (University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill), further speakers include Karen Anderson, Björn Halleröd, James Nazroo, Gerhard Naegele and Harald Künemund.

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Preliminary schedule (as of 15.03.2013)	
Thursday 11th April 2013	
from 9.30	coffee/registration
10.15	Welcome
Part I: Paid Work beyond Retirement in International Comparison	
chair: Julia Simonson	
10.30-10.55	Björn Halleröd (Gothenburg): Does a prolonged work life lead to increasing inequalities among older people?
10.55-11.20	Andrea Principi (Ancona): Paid work beyond retirement in Italy
11.20-11.45	Jonas Radl (Madrid)/Ted Gerber (Wisconsin): Pushed, pulled, or blocked? The elderly and the labor market in post-soviet Russia
11.45-12.15	discussion (discussant: Klaus Schömann)
12.15-13.15	lunch
13.15-13.40	David Lain (Brighton): Work beyond retirement in the UK and US
13.40-14.05	Anna Hokema/Thomas Lux (Bremen): Reasons for paid work beyond retirement age in Germany and the UK: Quantitative and qualitative perspectives
14.05-14.30	discussion (discussant: Walter Heinz)
14.30-14.45	coffee break

Part II: Work and Retirement – Contexts and Discourses	
chair: Patricia Frericks	
14.45-15.15	Karen Anderson (Nijmegen): Pension reforms in Europe
15.15-15.45	Gerhard Naegele (Dortmund): Ageing and labour markets – the German case
15.45-16.15	discussion (discussant: Karl Hinrichs)
16.15-16.45	coffee break
16.45-17.15	Antonio Brettschneider (Duisburg-Essen): Pension reform debates in Spain and Germany
17.15-17.45	Steffen Hagemann (Bremen): Normative dimensions of reform debates in Germany and the UK
17.45-18.15	discussion (discussant: Frank Berner)
18.15	dinner at HWK
Friday 12th April 2013	
9.00-10.00	Keynote lecture: Victor Marshall (North Carolina – Chapel Hill): The transition to retirement: The life course and the life course perspective evolving (Introduction: Simone Scherger)
Part III: Consequences – “Active Ageing” and the Changing Nature of Old Age	
chair: Karin Gottschall	
10.00-10.30	Harald Künemund (Vechta): Active ageing beyond labour market participation
10.30-11.00	James Nazroo (Manchester): Effects of later life work on health and wellbeing
11.00-11.30	discussion (discussant: Claudia Vogel)
11.30-11.45	coffee break
11.45-12.15	Silke van Dyk (Jena): The discourse of old age activation
12.15-12.45	Paul Higgs (London): The third age and consumption
12.45-13.15	discussion (discussant: Sarah Vickerstaff)
13.15-13.45	Simone Scherger (Bremen): Final remarks – and final discussion
13.45	lunch snack and departure