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Editorial

Dear SHARE users and friends,

On April 3, we have released the data of the seventh wave of SHARE. With Bulgaria, Cyprus, Finland, Lithuania, Latvia, Malta, Romania and Slovakia, the data includes eight new countries. Furthermore, it contains life history data of all respondents who had not already participated in SHARELIFE (Wave 3), as well as data on the Big-5 personality traits. As is the tradition, the release also comes with updates of all previous waves.

At the end of March, the national survey agencies received instructions on how to train their interviewers for the field rehearsal at the Train-the-Trainer (TTT) event in Munich. After that, the interviewers went to the field to collect data for the field rehearsal until May 10. Another TTT will then take place at the end of September before beginning the main data collection for Wave 8.

Please enjoy reading about these and many more news in our SHARE Newsletter!

Yours sincerely,

Axel Börsch-Supan

Wave 7 Data is now Available

We are very happy to announce **SHARE Release 7.0.0!**

SHARE Release 7.0.0 includes the first Release of Wave 7 data. Eight new countries joined the SHARE in Wave 7: Bulgaria, Cyprus, Finland, Lithuania, Latvia, Malta, Romania and Slovakia.

The data collection in Wave 7 focused on respondents' life histories (SHARELIFE). Every respondent who has not participated in SHARELIFE in Wave 3 completed a life history interview. Respondents who already participated in SHARELIFE in Wave 3 completed a regular SHARE interview. A new feature of the Wave 7 questionnaire is the inclusion of the Big-5 personality traits. In addition, the new SHARE Release 7.0.0 comes with a compatible update of all previous SHARE waves (1-6).

We also provide an updated version of the Job Episodes Panel that comprises SHARELIFE respondents of Wave 3 and Wave 7. An updated version is also available for *easySHARE*, our dataset for student training and for researchers with little experience in quantitative analyses of complex survey data.

Please, find all information about [data access](#) and [data documentation](#) on the [SHARE homepage](#).

SHARE User Conference Budapest 2019

SHARE will hold its 6th International User Conference jointly with the Budapest Pension Seminar in Budapest, Hungary, on 19-20 September 2019. The conference theme is

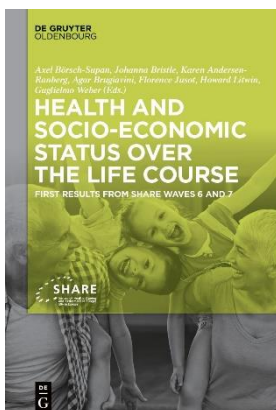
Understanding Ageing Societies.

The conference invites papers using SHARE data on all research areas covered in SHARE, ranging from Health, to Work and Retirement, Pensions, Income and Wealth, Health Care, Family and Social Networks, to Survey Methodology. It explicitly invites contributions that make use of the longitudinal dimension of the SHARE data, combine SHARE data with data from an associated study (ELSA, HRS, JSTAR, CHARLS, etc.), or highlight recent findings of SHARE. The joint conference aims at bringing SHARE users from multiple disciplines and countries together to discuss ongoing research projects.

Please find more information on the website:

<https://conference.tcs.allamkincstar.gov.hu/en/budapest-pension-seminar/invitation-2019.html>.

First Results Book for Waves 6 and 7



In early June, we will publish the new book “Health and Socio Economic Status over the Life Course”, which gives an overview of the first results of waves 6 and 7. The book release will be accompanied by an official event in Brussels on June 25. For this event, we are bringing together actors from research and policy, both to allow mutual exchange as well as to highlight the practical relevance of SHARE data.

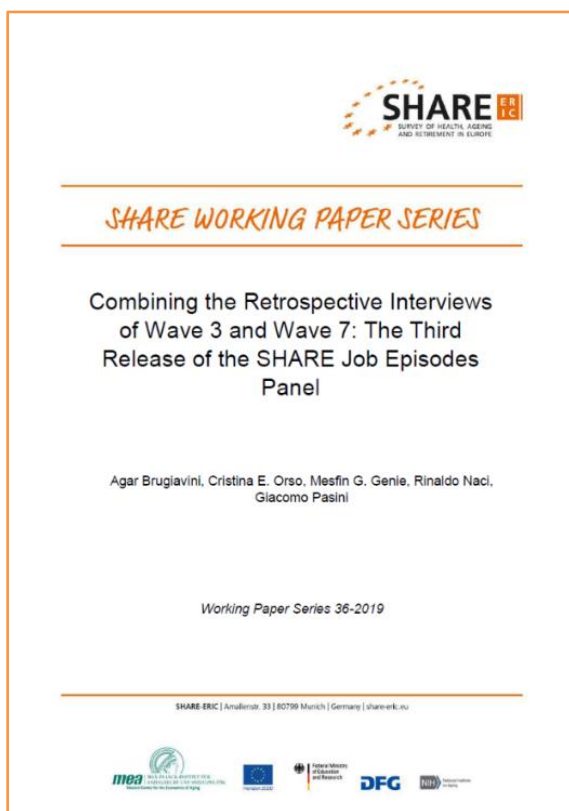
The book will be published in open access.

Methodology Volume for Wave 7

Also in early June, we will publish the SHARE Wave 7 methodology volume “Panel innovations and life histories”. It documents the most important questionnaire innovations, methodological advancements and new procedures introduced during the seventh wave of SHARE. Ten chapters cover information on important methodological aspects, such as sampling, interviewer training, fieldwork monitoring, weighting and imputations, as well as new questionnaire content, e.g., the 10-item Big Five Inventory. In addition, the eight new countries that joined SHARE in Wave 7 describe how they managed to integrate in SHARE and talk about the challenges they encountered in doing so.

New SHARE Working Papers

New issues of the SHARE Working Paper Series have been published:



SHARE Working Paper 37-2019

Gruber, S.: *Generating easySHARE Release 7.0.0: Guidelines, Structure, Content and Programming.*

SHARE Working Paper 36-2019

Brugiavini, A., C. E. Orso, M. G. Genie, R. Naci and G. Pasini: *Combining the Retrospective Interviews of Wave 3 and Wave 7: The Third Release of the SHARE Job Episodes Panel.*

SHARE Working Paper 35-2019

Van Herreweghe, L. and W. Van Lancker: *Is Religiousness Really Helpful to Reduce Depressive Symptoms at Old Age? A Longitudinal Study.*

SHARE Working Paper 34-2019

Backhaus, A. and M. Barslund: *The Effect of Grandchildren on Grandparental Labour Supply: Evidence from Europe.*

SHARE Working Paper 33-2019:

Bethmann, A., M. Bergmann and A. Scherpenzeel: *SHARE Sampling Guide – Wave 8.*

The entire series can be accessed [>>here](#).

SHARE in the Social Sciences and Humanities Open Cloud SSHOC



On March 11-12, the Social Sciences and Humanities Open Cloud (SSHOC) project's kick-off took place in Utrecht. SSHOC will realize the social sciences and humanities part of the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC) by offering access to research data and related services adapted to the needs of the SSH community. SHARE is one of 47 organizations to take part in the project and leads the work package on "Innovations in data access".

Train-the-Trainer



From March 20 to 22, SHARE hosted the field rehearsal Train-the-Trainer (TTT) event in Munich. At the TTT, representatives of the national survey agencies of all 28 SHARE countries received hands-on training for successful fieldwork. They then, in turn, pass their training on to the interviewers in their respective countries.

ESRA Participation: Chairs & Presentations

The local organisers of this year's conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA) in Zagreb are Šime Smolić and Ivan Čipin, our Croatian SHARE country team. If you happen to attend, you will have the chance to meet several SHARE researchers who will co-chair sessions and give talks.

Sessions co-chaired by SHARE researchers:

- "Fieldwork monitoring tools for large-scale surveys: Lessons from the field" (Michael Bergmann/Sarah Butt/Salima Douhou/Brad Edwards/Patrick Schmich/Henning Silber)
- "The curse of complexity - Dealing with sampling design and non-response issues in longitudinal analysis of complex survey data" (Arne Bethmann/Ulrich Pötter)
- "With or without you - standardized metadata in survey data management" (Knut Wenzig/Daniel Bela/Arne Bethmann)
- "Generating methodological insights from the ESS probability based on-line web panel CRONOS" (Gianmaria Bottoni/Rory Fitzgerald/Elena Sommer/Ana Villar)
- "Methodological Issues in Surveying Older people" (Jan-Lucas Schanze/Emanuela Sala/Annette Scherpenzeel/Wander van der Vaart/Daniele Zaccaria)

Presentations:

- Arne Bethmann:
"Cognitive or qualitative? Qualitative Pretest Interviews in Questionnaire Development" & "Machine Learning in Data Analysis for Social Research"
- Elena Sommer:
"Smartphone survey completion in the probability-based CROss-National Online Survey (CRONOS) panel" & "Comparing wave-by-wave and one-off unconditional incentives in the CROss-National Online Survey (CRONOS) Panel"
- Annette Scherpenzeel & Michael Bergmann:
"Using field monitoring strategies to reduce attrition bias in a panel study: Application during data collection in SHARE"
- Annette Scherpenzeel, Arne Bethmann, Michael Bergmann & Sabine Friedel:
"Using the relationship between income item nonresponse and panel attrition for adaptive fieldwork measures in the Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE)"

SHARE Number of Users: More than 9,000

The number of SHARE users continues to rise. Early in 2019, SHARE passed the mark of 9,000 users and with 9,500 already (as of April 1), it is on its way for 10,000.

SHARE in the Press - Selected Articles

- El 40% de los españoles mayores de 50 convive con dos o más enfermedades (*40% of Spaniards over 50 live with two or more diseases*), [msn.com](#) / [elindependiente.com](#)
- Smoking reduces due to tobacco control policies, [business-standard.com](#)
- Massive study finds strong correlation between "early affluence" and "faster cognitive drop" in old age, [boingboing.net](#)
- Ein Jobverlust macht auch Jahre danach noch krank (*Job loss makes you sick even years later*), [derstandard.at](#)
- Cómo ganar felicidad en los años de vida que las mujeres han conquistado a la vejez (*How to gain happiness in the years of life that women have conquered in old age*), [elpais.com](#)
- El 14 % de los mayores de 65 años de Europa tienen alguna discapacidad (*14% of people over 65 in Europe have some disability*), [elconfidencial.com](#)
- Childhood poverty may have lasting effects on cognitive skills in old age, [sciencedaily.com](#)
- Ni mimados ni malcriados: así son en realidad los niños que pasan mucho tiempo con sus abuelos (*Neither spoiled nor depraved: This is about how the children actually are who spend a lot of time with their grandparents*), [elpais.com](#)
- Abuelos: Si cuidas a tus nietos pierdes libertad, pero ganas salud (*Grandparents: If you care for your grandchildren you lose freedom, but you gain health*), [elpais.com](#)
- Critically ill 'should not be made to die away from home', [theguardian.com](#)
- The costs of child care around the world, [edition.cnn.com](#)
- El estatus socio-económico durante los primeros años de vida es fundamental para la educación y la salud adulta (*The socio-economic status during the first years of life is fundamental for education and adult health*), [eleconomista.es](#)
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- Family & Education: Empty-nesters 'resent boomerang kids', [bbc.com](#)
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- Gesundheit: Benachteiligte Kinder haben im Alter mehr Gesundheitsprobleme (*Health: disadvantaged children have more health problems in old age*), [blick.ch](#)

New Publications

Books

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