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Editorial

Dear SHARE users and friends,

After releasing the data of our seventh wave in April, we have published a First Results Book on waves 6 and 7. Containing 38 individual studies, we hope that “Health and socio-economic status over the life course” provides much inspiration on how the new data can be employed for research. The open access book is accompanied by a new volume on the methodological advancements of the latest survey wave.

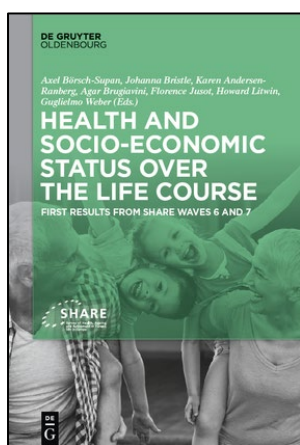
While Wave 7 has come to a close, we are already working on the future development of the survey: SHARE data can now be linked to Dutch administrative data; the main data collection of Wave 8 is currently under way; based on a public call for content we will add a module on long-term care expectations to Wave 9; and the HCAP project will extend its cognition measurements to better understand the socio-economic precursors to cognitive decline. Please enjoy reading about these and many more news in our SHARE Newsletter!

Yours sincerely,

Axel Börsch-Supan

Release of First Results Book for Waves 6 and 7

“Health and Socio-Economic Status over the Life-Course” is now available in open access



On June 25, the new SHARE First Results Book for waves 6 and 7 was released with an **event in Brussels**. Highlights from the book were accompanied by speeches from EU and OECD policymakers emphasizing the value of SHARE data for evidence-based policymaking.

The book contains 38 individual studies and is available as open access [>>here](#).

The SHARE Wave 7 Methodology Volume is Out

“Panel Innovations and Life Histories” is now available online

The new book documents the most important questionnaire innovations, methodological advancements and new procedures introduced during the seventh wave of SHARE.

The volume is available as open access [>>here](#).

Main Data Collection for Wave 8 has started

SHARE data collection is currently under way in 28 countries

In October, the main data collection for SHARE Wave 8 started in 27 European countries and Israel. Until June 2020, trained interviewers will ask the survey's respondents about their socio-economic status, their health and social and family networks. For this wave, new modules will cover the respondents' time expenditure, their savings regrets and cognitive functioning.

Successful Call for Wave 9 Content

New survey module will be included after public call

SHARE invited users to submit proposals for new survey content to be fielded as a short add-on module in Wave 9. After internal and external review, a Scientific Evaluation Board selected an add-on module on long-term care expectations. The scientists who submitted the proposal suggest to investigate individuals' beliefs about their probability of developing limitations in coping with basic activities of daily living sometime in the future, and their beliefs regarding the chances that their family and the public health care system will cover their needs in case they develop such limitations. Furthermore, they would like to assess whether the reason for the low rate of long-term private long-term care insurance purchase in the population is a lack of information about the risk of actually needing long-term care in the future. The main data collection for Wave 9 is planned for 2022.

New Data Linkage

SHARE survey data can now be linked with Dutch administrative data

SHARE data can now be linked with administrative microdata of the Dutch national statistical office, Statistics Netherlands (CBS). The SHARE Netherlands datasets from Wave 1 up to Wave 6 are available in a form that they can be linked at person level to other person-related data in the CBS Microdata Catalogue. This catalogue contains among other, the population registry and covers data on various topics such as health, labor, social security, income, and wealth. The data are available for respondents who consented to the linkage in Wave 5. Read more [>>>here](#).

SHARE User Conference

The joint SHARE User Conference and Budapest Pension Seminar took place in Hungary

In September, SHARE hosted its user conference at the Hungarian State Treasury in Budapest in cooperation with the Budapest Pension Seminar. For two days, over a hundred participants engaged in lively discussions and presentations around research with SHARE data, making it a successful event. The user conference was followed by the Wave 8 Post Field rehearsal and COHESION Kick Off meeting where the outcomes of the field rehearsal and the further development of the SHARE were discussed.



Annual Activity Report 2018-19

SHARE-ERIC has published its Annual Activity Report. The report gives an overview of the scientific, operational and financial proceedings of SHARE in the past year. Furthermore, it outlines several examples of the policy impact of SHARE research. Access the report [>>>here](#).

Successful Proposal for EU Grant

SHARE will receive funding through Horizon 2020 grant

SHARE's "COHESION" proposal for a Horizon 2020 grant was successful. For four years, the grant will fund international innovation and development tasks. On October 8, the predecessor, the DEV3 project, was successfully concluded with a final review at the European Commission's Directorate-General for Research and Innovation in Brussels.

SPLASH is now Online

The "Social Policy and Law Shared Database" (SPLASH) is now available

On September 10, the Social Policy and Law Shared Database (SPLASH) was released. SPLASH is a tool which allows the user to explore the linkages between policies on the macro level and population data on the micro level. Its database will offer access to a comprehensive collection of social policies and their supporting legislation related to population developments in up to 19 European countries covering various areas and provide access to datasets of contextual indicators for longitudinal microdata analysis and a data map of external quantitative and qualitative data sources. Access the database [>>>here](#).

Connecting Research and Policy

SHARE and others surveys meet with European Commissioner Andriukaitis



Alongside other European surveys, **SHARE** attended a meeting at the **European Commission in Brussels**. With the new Head of Research and Industrial Infrastructures of the Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, Adam Tyson, as well as **European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, Vytenis Andriukaitis**, Annette Scherpenzeel represented SHARE to discuss policy implications based on academic research.

Kick-off for SHARE-HCAP Project

In-depth measurement of cognition in SHARE with the Harmonized Cognitive Assessment Protocol

SHARE is looking to administer an in-depth measurement of cognition by means of the Harmonized Cognitive Assessment Protocol (HCAP). This has been developed for the HRS-style sister surveys on aging. HCAP consists of about one hour of cognitive assessment of a respondent and a twenty-minute informant interview, both of which can be administered at home or at a care facility. The goals of the project are to identify individuals that are likely to be on the path to dementia in Europe, to study biomedical and socioeconomic conditions over the lifespan that are associated with the risk for dementia, to estimate and predict the economic burden of dementia on society and to identify possible intervention strategies.

ERIC Forum Directors' Meeting

Directors of the ERIC Forum members met in Amsterdam to discuss governance

The ERIC Forum laid the foundation for its new governance with a meeting in Amsterdam. An association of all European Research Infrastructure Consortia, the Forum currently functions on basis of a common Memorandum of Understanding and the goal is to further solidify its governance through the addition of Rules of Procedure. SHARE leads the work package on the development of these rules and the Amsterdam meeting paved the way for their finalization.

SSHOC Consortium Meeting

On October 14-15, the second SSHOC Consortium Meeting took place in Florence

SHARE is part of SSHOC, which will realize the social sciences and humanities part of the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC). On October 14-15, SHARE representatives were present in Florence for the review of the results of the first ten months of activities, coordination among the various work packages and sharing of practices and experiences. Representatives of other EOSC-related projects took part as well to discuss possible links and synergies.

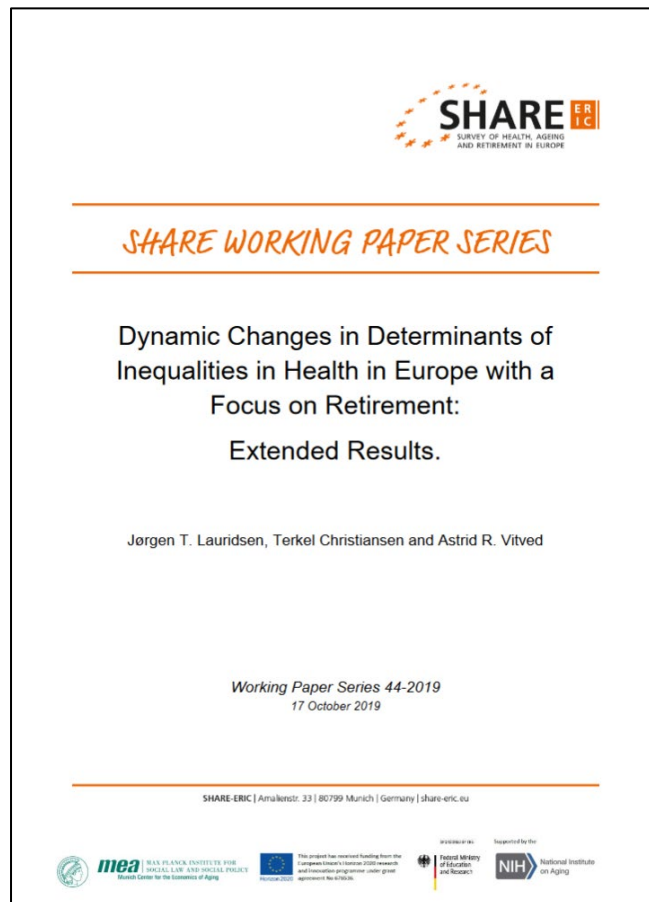
21st Venice Summer Institute

Call for Papers

The CESifo Venice Summer Institute, held annually in co-operation with Venice International University, focuses on themes of current interest in European and global economic policy. Located on San Servolo, an island in the bay of Venice, the conference venue offers an ideal setting for the exchange of ideas. Moreover, the Venice Summer Institute is a good opportunity to submit your research with SHARE data. You can find more information [>>>here](#).

New SHARE Working Papers

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



SHARE Working Paper 41-2019

Bergmann, M., T. Kneip, G. De Luca and A. Scherpenzeel: Survey participation in the Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE), Wave 1-7.

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Wels, J.: Structural and Individual Barriers to Progressive Retirement. A European Comparison using SHARE Waves 5 & 6.

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

SHARE in the Press - Selected Articles

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