



Director's Column

Janet Gornick – New Director of LIS

At LIS, 2006 was an eventful year.

On August 31, 2006, Tim Smeeding retired as Director of LIS, after holding that position for 23 years. I became Director on September 1, and the small U.S. Office of LIS moved from Syracuse University to The Graduate Center of the City University of New York, where I am Professor of Sociology and Political Science. I am honored and delighted to take the Directorship and I look forward to leading LIS in the coming years, in partnership with Markus Jäntti, who succeeded Lee Rainwater in 2005 as LIS Research Director.

Markus and I, and the LIS staff, want to thank Tim for the extraordinary energy and creativity that he brought to LIS for so many years and we congratulate him for all that he achieved. We wish him the best as he sails into new waters, wherever those may take him. We know that he will continue to work hard and play hard -- sometimes in Luxembourg -- and hope that he might actually get some rest. We are also grateful to Kati Foley, who assisted Tim for nine years in the Syracuse office. When Tim went, so did Kati, taking with her much institutional knowledge and her inimitable sense of humor.

This year also brought new faces to LIS. Helen Connolly, on leave from the economics department at Northeastern University, joined our staff in Luxembourg as Data Expert and Research Associate. We also welcomed Jessica Hughes, who serves as Research Associate and Assistant Office Director of the U.S. office. Jessica, originally from Australia, came to LIS from the World Bank.

All of us at LIS are eager to continue the work that LIS has carried out for over two decades, and also to move ahead with new projects and plans. Some of these are:

- ❖ In February 2007, we will start to make available Release 2 of our Wave 5 LIS microdata. Release 2 will update and extend our data template to reflect recent social policy reforms, changes in our participating countries' surveys, and two decades of our collective learning about data harmonization. Among other advances, Release 2 will include extended and upgraded labor market variables, which will enable new lines of research. (Wave 5, Release 1, will remain available.)
- ❖ In March 2007, we will begin to put up datasets as part of LIS' Wave 6, which will be centered on 2004.

- ❖ Later this spring, we will introduce a new version of the LIS Web Tabulator, which will allow registered users to construct cross-national tables on-line.
- ❖ Late in 2007, we plan to open the new Luxembourg Wealth Study database to public access.
- ❖ In collaboration with the World Bank, LIS will initiate a project that will add new tables, focused on gender inequalities, to our Key Figures.
- ❖ We also hope to welcome four new countries in the foreseeable future. Later this year, we will acquire microdata from Japan and South Korea for the first time. I am also actively negotiating with data providers in New Zealand and Portugal. Stay tuned for more news from us!

This transition period has reminded all of us at LIS how grateful we are to the many individuals and institutions that grant us intellectual and material support. I especially want to acknowledge the Government of Luxembourg for providing essential financial support; the participating countries for their contributions, without which we could not operate; Robert Erikson, President of LIS, for his eternally sound judgment; and Serge Allegrezza, President of our Local Advisory Board, for making us at home in Luxembourg. Last but not least, I am grateful to the City University of New York for generously welcoming our new office.

JAPAN and SOUTH KOREA to PARTICIPATE in LIS

This year, LIS will acquire datasets from Japan and South Korea -- two countries that we have long hoped to include. From Japan, we will acquire the 2004 Keio Household Panel Survey (KHPS). From South Korea, we will receive the 2006 Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES). We are grateful to our colleagues at Keio University, in Tokyo, and at the Korean National Statistical Office for making these acquisitions possible. LIS will make both datasets available as part of our Wave 6 data.

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LIS Welcomes Two New Staff

Helen Connolly is a labor economist and econometrician. She holds a Ph.D. in Economics and is currently on leave from Northeastern University. She has come to LIS to help define the content of the new labor market variables that will be available this spring and to help establish a technical working paper series. She is currently working on a paper examining cross-national differences in employment and income across family types using the new data, which she will present at the annual meeting of the Society of Labor Economists in May.

Jessica Hughes joined Janet Gornick in LIS' recently established New York City office as her Research Associate and Assistant Office Director. Jessica received a Master of Public Administration degree from Syracuse University and comes to LIS from the Gender and Development group at the World Bank. She will be conducting research with Janet on gender inequalities in income and employment, with a focus on middle-income countries.

2007 LIS Summer Workshop

Co-Hosted for the first time by the University of Luxembourg

The LIS Summer Workshop is a one-week workshop designed to introduce researchers in the social sciences to comparative research in income distribution, employment and social policy using the LIS database. We welcome applications from researchers with varying levels of knowledge and experience.

The Luxembourg Income Study has made comparable over 160 large microdata sets that contain comprehensive measures of income, employment and household characteristics for 30 industrialized countries (Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Mexico, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russia, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States).

The language of instruction is English. By the end of the workshop, attendees will be fully trained to use the database independently. Workshop faculty includes the LIS directors, Janet Gornick and Markus Jäntti, the LIS staff and guest lecturers. In addition, the winner of the annual Aldi Hageaars Memorial will present his/her paper (see Aldi Hageaars Memorial Award page: <http://www.lisproject.org/workshop/aldiaward.htm>). The format includes a mix of lectures on comparative research, laboratory sessions and individual one-on-one advisory sessions. Attendees will also be introduced to the new Luxembourg Wealth Study (LWS).

Tuition of €1,400 covers instructional materials, single-occupancy accommodation, and full board. Transportation to and from Luxembourg is the responsibility of the student.

The 2007 workshop will be held from June 24 to June 30, 2007 (with departure on July 1).

Download the application at:

<http://www.lisproject.org/workshop/2007application.pdf> and return it to Caroline de Tombeur: (caroline@lisproject.org) before April 2, 2007, or fax it to: +352-26 00 30 30.

DATA ACCESS RENEWAL

In December 2006, LIS users were required to renew their registration to access the LIS data, due to changes in the legal requirements that govern the provision of data from particular countries. LIS users can now access the data for a period of one year. **From 2008 onwards, users will be able to renew their registration by email.** We thank all users for having cooperated with us in this effort.

COMING SOON! WAVE 5, RELEASE 2.

In late February, we will put online Release 2 of our Wave 5 data. Details will be provided on our website and in the next newsletter. Stay tuned for our improved, expanded, and updated data template!

2006 Workshop Summary

The 2006 LIS Annual Summer Workshop was held June 26–July 1, 2006 at Munsbach Castle in Luxembourg. Twenty-five students representing 12 countries participated, hailing from such places as Norway, Mexico, Australia, Turkey, New Zealand, Japan, the USA and Canada. This was Tim Smeeding's last workshop as Director of LIS, and he gave several of the lectures, along with Markus Jäntti, Janet Gornick, Thierry Kruten, Paul Alkemade and other members of the LIS staff. Eva Sierminska and Janet Gornick presented preliminary findings from research using data from the Luxembourg Wealth Study.

During the workshop, **Arthur Alderson** (Indiana University), co-winner of the 2006 Aldi Hageaars Memorial Award, presented the winning paper (co-authored by **Jason Beckfield**, University of Chicago, and **François Nielsen**, University of North Carolina), "Exactly How has Income Inequality Changed? Patterns of Distributional Change in Core Societies" (WP No. 422). The paper is available on the LIS website: (<http://www.lisproject.org/workshop/aldiaward.htm>).

2007 MEETING OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

The 2007 Meeting of the LIS participating countries will be held on July 2-3 in Luxembourg. Details have been sent to country representatives by mail.

- Summary - Local Workshop, Belgium

On the October 5, 2006, Janet Gornick, Thierry Kruten and Paul Alkemade provided a full-day workshop to Belgian researchers and civil servants who currently use, or were interested in learning to use, the LIS data. The workshop was organized in partnership with The Belgian Science Policy Council and the Federal Public Service/ Social Security. The aim of the workshop was to inform Belgian researchers and civil servants about the many potential uses of LIS.

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2006 Visiting Scholars

Karen Jusko, from the Center for the Study of Democratic Politics at Princeton University, was a Visiting Scholar at LIS on two occasions in 2006: first in June and then in late October/ early November. Karen's project concerns the political representation of the poor.

Helen Connolly and Kathrin Zippel came to LIS as Visiting Scholars from Northeastern University. Kathrin came in late 2005 and Helen came in June 2006 to work on their project, "Differences in motherhood and employment across countries: using policy variation to assess the motherhood penalty".

LIS USER SUPPORT

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ANNOUNCEMENT!!

Due to legal requirements that regulate some of our data providers, the names of LIS users may be relayed to the data providers at their request – unless individual users object. This information will be treated as confidential and will be made available only to these data providers.

Update on the Luxembourg Wealth Study

Eva Sierminska

The Luxembourg Wealth Study (LWS) has continued to develop this past year. In Summer 2006, the Beta version of the dataset was made accessible to LWS partner institutions. In December, we organized a Technical Conference entitled, "The LWS database: First reflections on the beta-version" so that member institutions could assess the test version of the data. The conference took place in Luxembourg and was a great success. We had over 30 participants from most of the LWS partner institutions as well as others from (listed in no particular order): ECB, US FRB, Deutsche Bundesbank, RAND, University of Venice, CEPS, OECD and others.

The aim of the workshop was to provide insights and material for the preparation of final documentation; the collection of institutional details; and the finalization of the beta-version of the database. Topics of discussion at the meeting included: methodological issues regarding the database, such as imputations and weighting schemes; comparisons of LWS definitions of wealth aggregates to nationally preferred aggregates; institutional issues regarding wealth holdings, accumulation and transfer in the country; current research and policy issues in each nation; and comparisons of LWS figures to other surveys (e.g., HRS, ELSA and SHARE estimates for the older population). The latest program as well as papers or presentations are available on the LWS website (www.lisproject.org/lws.htm). During the meeting we also discussed the Final LWS Conference organized by the Bank of Italy, which will take place in Rome on July 5-7, 2007. The public access version of the LWS database will be made available later this year. Please stay tuned to the website for more news in the coming months!

The Luxembourg Wealth Study Intern Program

The success of LWS has been made possible by the devoted team of interns that has worked with us throughout the project. Overall, we received 15 applications from eight countries and, from these, we selected four who subsequently worked with us in Luxembourg.

In November 2005, Mike Turner (Syracuse University) spent six weeks in Luxembourg working on identifying key concepts to be included in the database. Since then, he has graduated with a Master of Public Administration and a Master of Arts in International Relations. He is currently an Assistant Professor at the United States Coast Guard Academy.

Anna-Leena Asikainen joined us in April-June 2006 and worked tirelessly on the documentation. Since then, she has started working at CRP Henri Tudor doing research on innovations and R&D investments in Luxembourgian companies.

Bhavershee Hiriani, a statistician from the Department of Work and Pensions in the UK, worked with us in June and July, 2006. She compiled the survey documentation, and did extensive checks and analysis on the data.

Stephan Bartke, a student at the University of Frankfurt (Oder), worked with us in November and December on assessing the possibility of expanding the LWS database to include behavioral variables. The outcome of his work was presented during the LWS Technical Conference and is available on the LWS website (<http://www.lisproject.org/lws.htm>).

For further information on LWS, contact me at: sierminska@lisproject.org

2006 Staff Presentations and Meetings

LIS directors and staff gave a number of presentations in 2006, providing technical information about LIS and findings from research they did using LIS and LWS.

LIS Presentations

January 26, Conference on the Economic Future of Adolescents, MacArthur Network on Adolescents and Life Transitions, New York; November 3, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Conference, Madison, WI: Lisa Bell, Gary Burtless, Janet Gornick, and Tim Smeeding presented their paper, "A Cross-National Survey of Trends in the Transition to Economic Independence."

March 16, AIM-AP meetings Athens, Greece; September 22, Antwerp, Belgium; December 14, Leuven, Belgium: Tim Smeeding presented his paper on "Noncash Income and Cross-national Comparisons."

March 31-April 1, The Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Los Angeles, California: Janet Gornick presented a LIS paper, "Intra-Country Disparities in Working Time: A U.S. – European Comparison."

April 19-21, New Zealand Department of Labour; The Institute for Policy Studies; the Work-Life Balance Conference (Victoria University), New Zealand: Janet Gornick gave seminars on LIS and its work, and also met with staff at Statistics New Zealand to discuss the possible inclusion of New Zealand data in LIS.

June 2, Institute of Fiscal Studies, Madrid: Teresa Munzi and Tim Smeeding presented their work on "Conditions of Social Vulnerability, Work and Low Income: Evidence for Spain in Comparative Perspectives."

June 7-10, IPUMS Workshop, Paris: "Integrating European Census Microdata". Teresa Munzi presented the LIS data and was a discussant for the section on harmonization issues for economic variables.

October 26-27, OECD Conference, Luxembourg: The OECD held a conference on assessing the feasibility of microdata. The objective was to provide a forum where countries and institutions could share the methods they have used, or are developing, to disseminate microdata as a means to share best practice in this field, especially in the context of preserving confidentiality, and thereby widening the international reach of comparable microdata statistics. **Thierry Kruten**, LIS Technical Director and Office Director, gave a presentation on LIS and what we do, and on LISSY (LIS' computer system), including the functioning, contents, security and confidentiality issues related to this system.

Workshop on Labour Statistics - The European and Comparative Perspective, Milan, Università Cattolica, 2 November. Teresa Munzi gave a one-day lecture titled, "The Luxembourg Income Study (LIS): una banca di microdati per analisi socio-economiche comparative" (a microdata database for comparative socio-economic analyses).

December 15, Conference of European Ministers Responsible for Higher Education, Working Group on Data Collection, Luxembourg: This was Teresa Munzi and Thierry Kruten's fourth meeting with this Working Group to discuss the ways in which LIS data can be used to provide information on the social and economic situation of students enrolled in higher education.

LWS Presentations

May, SF Federal Reserve Bank Brown Bag Seminar; July 1-2, Warsaw Economic Meeting; and August 20-26, IARIW Conference, Joensuu, Finland: Eva Sierminska and Yelena Takhtamanova, presented their work on "Wealth Effects out of Financial and Housing Wealth: Cross-Country and Age Group Comparisons".

June 15, Russell Sage Foundation's Women and Retirement Security Conference, New York; November 4, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Conference, Madison, WI: Janet Gornick and Tim Smeeding presented their work, coauthored by Teresa Munzi and Eva Sierminska, on "Older Women's Income and Wealth Packages: The Five-Legged Stool in Cross-National Perspectives."

August 10-11, Retirement Research Consortium, Washington, DC: Tim Smeeding presented, "Cross National Comparison of Income and Wealth Status in Retirement: First Results from the Luxembourg Wealth Study (LWS)", co-authored by Eva Sierminska and Andrea Brandolini. Eva presented the paper at the **Second World Ageing and Generation Congress, St. Gallen, Switzerland, held September 27-28;** and it was also presented at the LWS conference in December.

August 20-26, IARIW Conference Joensuu, Finland: Eva Sierminska, Andrea Brandolini, and Tim Smeeding presented their paper, "Comparing Wealth Distribution across Rich Countries: First Results from the Luxembourg Wealth Study (LWS)." Also presented at the IFC Conference, "Measuring the Financial Position of the Household Sector", BIS, Basel, Switzerland, August 30-31, 2006, and at the LWS Technical conference in December.

September 14-15, European Central Bank Statistics Committee: Thematic Meeting on Household Surveys, Dublin, Ireland: Tim Smeeding presented "The Luxembourg Wealth Study and Luxembourg Income Study: Comparative Income & Wealth in Rich Countries", co-authored by Andrea Brandolini and Eva Sierminska.

Announcing Three Upcoming Local LIS Workshops in 2007

LIS staff will offer three local workshops in 2007.

FRANCE – March 2007:

The Réseau Quetelet, the French Data Archives, will host the Luxembourg Income Study (LIS) for a one-day workshop in Paris on March 6, 2007. The agenda includes an overview of the LIS database; a presentation of representative research results on income, employment, and wealth; and a brief introduction to access and use of the microdata. The workshop will be followed by a panel discussion on wealth data and measurement. For information about attending, please contact Fleur Sauvêtre at fleur.sauvetre@ens.fr. Detailed information will be available on www.centre.quetelet.cnrs.fr.

DENMARK – April 2007:

On April 23-24, 2007, The Danish National Institute of Social Research will host a two-day LIS workshop in Copenhagen.

At the workshop, LIS Research Director, Markus Jäntti, and members of the LIS staff will present an overview of the LIS databases, including a summary of the content and instructions for data access. There will also be a hands-on session in which users will have the opportunity to send data queries and receive results from LIS.

The registration fee is 100 Euro, which includes all instruction, a workshop dinner, two lunches, and all coffee breaks.

Interested persons should look at the workshop home page, www.sfi.dk/lis-workshop, where further details and an application form can be found. The application deadline is March 15, 2007, and participation will be limited to 20 persons.

SPAIN – November 2007:

On November 14, 2007, the Instituto de Estudios Fiscales (www.ief.es) will host a LIS workshop in Madrid.

Members of the LIS staff will present an overview of the LIS database; a presentation of representative research results on income, employment, and wealth; and a brief introduction to access and use of the microdata. Interested persons should contact Luis Esteban by email to request an application, at: luis.esteban@ief.meh.es. The application deadline is 10 October 2007.

UPDATE

Local Advisory Board Meeting

On January 8, 2006, LIS' Local Advisory Board met for their first meeting of the year. The Board is composed of academics, researchers and civil servants from Luxembourg who use the LIS data, or are otherwise engaged in collaborative activities with LIS and its staff. Attending this meeting of the Board were members, Serge Allegrezza (STATEC); Guy Clausse (European Investment Bank); Armand Clesse (Institut d'Etudes Européennes et Internationales du Luxembourg); Alexandra Guarda-Rauchs (Ministère de l'Economie); Mario Hirsch (Centre Culturel de Rencontre); Jean-Pierre Schöder (Banque Central de Luxembourg). Also in attendance were Philippe van Kerm (CEPS) and Helmut Willems (Luxembourg University).

The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the new LIS Director and LIS Research Director to the LAB and to discuss how LIS can better serve the Luxembourg community. The Board first heard from Janet Gornick, who gave an overview of LIS' work and activities, and recent trends in the profiles and disciplines of LIS users,

and their use of the LIS data. Markus Jäntti gave an overview of the future plans for LIS, including the inclusion of more datasets from middle-income countries. Following these presentations, the LAB discussed the kinds of services LIS could offer to those present and to the Luxembourg community in general. During the following week, LIS staff met with the Centre Culturel de Rencontre and the Luxembourg University to organize joint seminars and the inclusion of more of the University's students in the summer workshop. LIS is deepening its roots in Luxembourg and thanks the LAB for the support.

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

The University of Manchester Gender Research Network has announced a Call for Papers for an upcoming conference on "**Engendering Policy and Politics: International and Comparative Challenges and Perspectives**", to be held 21-22 June 2007. They invite papers in a variety of areas, but of particular interest to LIS users might be the panel focusing on comparisons using large-scale secondary datasets; see Panel 2 convened by Vanessa Gash and Lynn Prince Cooke. For more details, including submission details, see <http://www.socialsciences.man.ac.uk/gendernetwork/conference>.

Grants for Visiting Scholars

WHAT IS OFFERED The Luxembourg Income Study has an on-site Visiting Scholars program. Awarded visits vary from one to six weeks, depending on the nature of the research project. Financial support is provided to cover economy class travel expenses and reasonable accommodation. Visitors also receive a stipend of 30 Euros/day for living expenses.

During their stay, visitors have access to the LIS microdata, using the remote-access system, and to relevant data documentation. Furthermore, direct on-site access is allowed for datasets whose providers have given their consent for such access. Visiting Scholars are assigned office space in the LIS office, and given access to a personal computer with office applications and statistical software packages, including STATA, SPSS and SAS. The LIS staff is available for consultation, assistance and possible collaboration. Visiting Scholar grants may be awarded to individual researchers or to groups of several researchers working on a joint project.

HOW TO APPLY Interested candidates are invited to submit applications by e-mail to Caroline de Tombeur, LIS Administrative Assistant: caroline@lisproject.org. An application form is available on-line, at: <http://www.lisproject.org/fellowships/application.pdf>

APPROPRIATE PROJECTS LIS welcomes proposals related to the comparative study of income inequality, poverty, employment, social policy and other related topics, using the LIS microdata. Visitors are expected to present an informal seminar at LIS and the results of any research carried out either wholly or in part during the visit should appear in the LIS Working Papers Series before publication.

DEADLINE Research proposals are accepted all year round without any deadline restriction.

WHO MAY APPLY The LIS Visiting Scholars program is open to researchers of all nationalities. However, preference will be given to researchers from LIS participating countries. Applications are welcomed from researchers at all levels of seniority.

SELECTION PROCESS The Visiting Scholars Selection Committee will evaluate each proposal by considering its scientific and technical value, originality, methodological approach, and potential for academic publication, and on the benefit to the proposal from a visit to LIS. Projects that propose to leave a product behind that can be used by LIS staff and other LIS users and researchers will be given the highest priority.

ANNOUNCING TWO SPECIAL ISSUES OF *The Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis*

Both Guest Edited by
Janet Gornick, LIS Director

In June 2006, the *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis* published a Special Issue titled "Work-Family Reconciliation Policies: Theory and Practice".

A second Special Issue, titled "Does Policy Matter? The Impact of Work-Family Reconciliation Policies on Workers and Their Families", will be published in 2007.

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CALL FOR PAPERS

Joint Conference of LIS and The Instituto de Estudios Fiscales, SPAIN



ECONOMIC WELL-BEING AND SOCIAL PROTECTION IN SOUTHERN EUROPE: CHANGING POLICIES AND TRENDS

November 15-16, 2007, Madrid

Jointly sponsored by the Luxembourg Income Study and Instituto de Estudios Fiscales

In recent years, social policies and income distribution trends have undergone major changes in Southern Europe. In these countries, the changing life course, the new and more fragile family structure, changing employment patterns and population aging all combine to alter the distribution of social risks in the population. While some of these changes have also taken place in other European countries, Southern European countries seem to have a similar pattern of challenges. Since the early 1990s most of these countries have also introduced reforms to their systems of social protection, in response to those challenges. There have been different reform lines and a variety of strategies has been put into action.

This conference will provide an opportunity to:

- Present emerging research analyzing the effects of these changes in Southern European countries
- Bring together researchers from these countries to analyze specific reforms and the policy lessons
- Develop a future research agenda on these issues

The conference will take place on November, 15-16, 2007. Papers should evaluate key changes in economic well-being and social protection, with particular attention to comparative issues.

Papers will be selected depending upon:

- Their demonstrated quality of research and analysis
- Their focus on the evaluation of the effects of changing social policies
- Their contribution in addressing issues from a diverse set of countries and a diverse group of policies

Submission instructions

A one-to-two page abstract describing the specific aims, data, methods, and academic and policy significance of the paper should be submitted by July 1, 2007. If a draft of the paper is available, we are happy to receive it. Submissions based on complete papers are likely to be given preference in acceptance over those based on an abstract, other things being equal. Letters will be emailed to those submitting papers by August 15, 2007, indicating acceptance of papers submitted. The final version of the papers for presentation at the conference should be submitted by September 30, 2007.

Submissions should be sent by email to luis.esteban@ief.meh.es. A cover sheet should be included with the title of the paper, the authors' names and institutional affiliation, including mailing address, e-mail address, phone and FAX numbers.

New LIS Working Papers

All LIS Working Paper abstracts can be found on the LIS website at: <http://www.lisproject.org/publications/wpapers.htm>. Using our new search engine, you can now search for working papers on this link by: year of publication, author, keyword, or country.

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No. 427. *The Inequality Process as a Wealth Maximizing Process* by John Angle, March 2006.

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No. 433. *A Class Perspective on Gender Inequality: How Welfare States Shape the Gender Pay Gap* by Hadas Mandel and Michael Shalev, May-2006.

No. 434. *Fertility and the Influence of Women's Industries* by Nicola Hülskamp, June 2006.

No. 435. *Income Inequality over the Later-life Course: A Comparative Analysis of Seven OECD Countries* by Steven Prus and Robert Brown, June 2006.

No. 436. *Do the Elderly Reduce Housing Equity? An International Comparison* by Tullio Jappelli and Maria Chiuri, June 2006.

No. 437. *Inequality of Wealth for Never Married Women in Canada, Germany, Sweden, and the United States* by Linda Steinsultz, June 2006.

No. 438. *Die regionale Dimension sozialer Ungleichheit in der erweiterten Europäischen Union: Statistische, wirtschaftliche und politische Effekte der Osterweiterung auf die Einkommensverteilung in der EU* by Onno Hoffmeister, June 2006.

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No. 444. *Widowhood Later in Life in Japan: Considering Social Security System in the Aging Society* by Sawako Shirahase, August 2006.

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No. 447. *European Integration and Income Inequality* by Jason Beckfield, September 2006.

No. 448. *Conditions of Social Vulnerability, Work and Low Income, Evidence for Spain in Comparative Perspective* by Teresa Munzi and Timothy Smeeding, June 2006.

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No. 452. *Measurement of Income Distribution in Supranational Entities: The Case of the European Union* by Andrea Brandolini, November 2006.

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