Editorial

Dear SHARE users and friends,

just in time for the actual start of the summer, we are happy to announce new summer readings: the new book on “Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations in Europe: First Results from SHARE after the Economic Crisis” is now available as an open access publication!

We celebrated this publication in Brussels on June 27th and were honored to have high-level representatives of the European Commission’s DG Research & Innovation, DG Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion and DG Health & Consumers as well as the German Ministry of Education and Research and the Max Planck Society as our guests. All speakers stressed the role of SHARE as a crucial research infrastructure providing essential information on the process of population ageing in Europe. For a more detailed report about the conference, please read on.

In addition to providing these insights into new SHARE results, we also offer tools to foster your own research and strengthen the SHARE research community. The SHARE Wave 4 data have been updated and we continue working on the documentation section of our website. Furthermore, SHARE will be traveling “around the globe” quite extensively during the next months. These upcoming conferences where SHARE will participate and upcoming events like the SHARE user conference offer a great chance to get detailed information about SHARE and related research.

Within the next weeks, the SHARE dataset will also receive its own DOI-number (Digital Object
Identifier) which provides easier access to the data as well as the documentation.

For more in-depth information on what has been going on in SHARE, please read on. Besides this biannual newsletter you can always get up-to-date information on www.share-project.org and via our social media channels such as facebook or twitter.

The SHARE team wishes you a productive – and not less relaxing – summer time!

Yours sincerely,

Axel Börsch-Supan

Munich, July 2013

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**SHARE Wave 4 book launch**

On June 27th 2013 the publication of „Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations. First Results from SHARE after the Economic Crisis“ as well as the official launch of Wave 4 have been celebrated in Brussels. The book itself is available as an open access version right here. 33 chapters provide a detailed overview of the effects the economic crisis had on the lives of older people in 16 European countries and introduces the new social networks module.

Opening the event, Prof. Axel Börsch-Supan, Ph.D. gave an introduction to SHARE and emphasized that population ageing is one of the key challenges of the 21st century for the European Union as a whole. In order to tackle these challenges, monitoring and benchmarking is required, which SHARE provides through its cross-national, interdisciplinary and longitudinal design. Wave 4, as emphasized by Dr. Martina Brandt, assistant coordinator of SHARE, contributes to innovative research on several levels: important in this context are the new social networks module, additional biomarkers (dried blood spots, height, waist circumference, blood pressure) as well as the possibility of linking SHARE data to administrative pension data.

Following this introduction to SHARE, insights into specific topics were provided in presentations by Michał Myck, Ph.D. (“Poverty and transitions in key areas of quality of life”, co-authored with Dr. Maja Adena), Prof. Gábor Kézdi, Ph.D. (“Low employment among the 50+ population in Hungary: the role of incentives, health and cognitive capacities”, co-authored with János Divényi), Dr. Tabea Bucher-Koenen (“The recent economic crisis and old age health in Europe”, co-authored with Fabrizio Mazzonna, Ph.D.) and Giacomo Pasini, Ph.D. (“Grandchild care and the receipt of help at older ages”, co-authored with Prof. Agar Brugiavini, Ph.D., Raluca Elena Buia & Francesca Zantomio). These chapters demonstrate the large variety of research possible with SHARE data.

This relevance of SHARE research was also emphasized by our guests invited to the Wave 4 launch: both Georg Fischer (DG Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion, Director for Analysis, Evaluation, External Relations) and Dr. Ludwig Kronthaler (Max Planck Society, Secretary General) highlighted the role that SHARE plays regarding procedures of policy-making and stated that research in the fields of demography, pension and health is of utmost importance in order to understand and provide policies aiming at altering long-term effects of population ageing. One of the most central aspects in this
context was also stressed by Dr. Dietrich Nelle (German Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Head of Directorate): as population ageing is a phenomenon common in all European countries, the internationally comparative perspective and the longitudinal design of SHARE are crucial. Funding transnational research infrastructures, as shown by Ana Arana Antelo (DG Research & Innovation), remain a complex endeavor supported by the European Commission. Marianne van den Berg, Ph.D. (Policy Analyst Innovation for Health & Consumers) furthermore underlined the relevance of research on the topic of ageing societies by introducing the “European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing”.

In addition to the speeches held in Brussels, a poster presentation of SHARE’s international partner projects took place where CHANCES (Consortium on Health and Ageing: Network of Cohorts in Europe and the United States), DARIAH (Digital Research Infrastructure for the Arts and Humanities), DASISH (Data Service Infrastructure for the Social Sciences and Humanities), ELSA (English Longitudinal Study of Ageing), ESS (European Social Survey), NORLAG (Norwegian Life Course, Ageing and Generation Study), CHARLS (China Health and Retirement Longitudinal Study), MHAS (Mexican Health and Aging Study) and Gentrans (Generational Transmissions in Finland) were our guests.

For more information, including photos, videos and slides of the presentations, please click here.

Wave 4 data - release update 1.1.1

As most of you were already informed, the SHARE Wave 4 data release 1.1.1 is now available for download. In addition to corrected weights and imputations, the NUTS variables are now available in
the generated housing module, the ISCED coding for Estonia has been revised and minor changes in variable formats in the children module provide better consistency of the data.

More information on the release 1.1.1 of SHARE wave 4 data is available here, and the SHARE questionnaires can be downloaded here. Moreover, we would like to announce the first release of the SHARE job episodes panel. This generated dataset provides labour market status of the SHARE respondents over the life course using information from waves 1 to 3 of SHARE. A detailed description of the methodology and assumptions underlying the construction of the dataset is available in the SHARE working paper 11-2013: "Working life histories from SHARELIFE: a retrospective panel", by Agar Brugiavini, Danilo Cavapozzi, Giacomo Pasini, and Elisabetta Trevisan.

Additionally we included a new section on our website informing about the questionnaire differences between the waves.

As a registered user you can download the data through the research data center. Please note that your login code and password remain valid. However the disclaimer and acknowledgement changed (please find the new version here). Please use the new disclaimer when publishing with SHARE wave 4 release 1.1.1 data.

**SHARE around the globe**

In the coming months several conferences will take place where SHARE is represented through presentations, workshops and exhibition booths. July 16th-19th, a harmonization conference will take place in Delhi where SHARE, ELSA, HRS, JSTAR, KLOSA, CHARLS and LASI will meet and discuss progress and harmonize new data collection in this global alliance of surveys on health, retirement and ageing. Under the umbrella of “Research in Germany” three events will take place that offer a chance to get first-hand information about SHARE: from August 27th-31st the 15th Biennial conference Earli (European Association for Research in Learning and Instruction) in Munich, Germany, the 108th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association in New York and the 27th International Population Conference IUSSP in Busan, Korea. Moreover, the French SHARE team will organize a conference on October 11th 2013 dedicated to francophone research based on SHARE data. In early 2014 there will also be a workshop on using SHARE data in Cologne, Germany in collaboration with GESIS – details and the exact date will soon be available on our website.

**Calls for SHARE conferences**

The 4th International SHARE User Conference will take place November 28-29, 2013 at the HEC Business School in Liège, Belgium. The User Conference shall provide a forum for ‘old’ and ‘new’ users to share their experiences with SHARE and to discuss ongoing research projects with an interdisciplinary and international audience. Further information and the call for papers can be found here. The deadline for submissions is July 15, 2013.
Moreover, the Austrian Ministry of Science is organizing a joint conference of Austrian ESFRI projects of human and social sciences held on October 24th, 2013, in Vienna. In parallel sessions scientists, students and data-users of these European ESFRI projects are able to present and discuss their findings in front of an Austrian and international audience of key scientists and political decision makers. Scientists, students, and all other SHARE data users are invited to submit their research papers based on SHARE data. Papers or extended abstracts should be submitted to share-austria@jku.at by July 30, 2013. Details are available here.

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**The University of Paris-Dauphine in charge of SHARE**

Since 2012, the University of Paris-Dauphine is in charge of SHARE in France and responsible for supervising the data collection process. It replaces IRDES (Institut de recherche et documentation en économie de la santé) that used to coordinate SHARE during the first four years in France in close collaboration with INSEE (Institut national de la statistique et des études économiques) which carried out data collection.

Within the University, it is the Laboratory of Economics and Management of Healthcare Organisations (LEGOS) which manages SHARE survey in France. LEGOS is a team of researchers within Dauphine Laboratory of Economics (LEDa). It is composed of five tenured teachers, six lecturers, five associate researchers, 24 PhD students, one intern in public health and various researchers with contractual status. The theoretical and research activity of is divided into five main areas: Regulation and Financing of Healthcare Systems; Assessment, Quality, Performance; Aging and Long-term Care Facilities; Healthcare Access and Health Inequalities; Health and Labour.

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**Welcome to the new SHARE French Team**

Since SHARE is managed by the University of Paris-Dauphine, Marie-Eve Joël (Ph.D. economics, University of Paris I; BA. mathematics) is the new Country Team Leader (CTL) in France and two persons working on a full-time basis on the survey were hired: Nicolas Briant and Ludivine Gendre. **Marie-Eve Joël** (Ph.D. economics, University of Paris I; BA. mathematics) is the new CTL in France since 2012. She replaced Anne Laferrère from INSEE. Marie-Eve Joël is a Full Tenured Professor within LEGOS in the University of Paris-Dauphine, specialized in the Economics of Aging. The main research areas Marie-Eve Joël currently works on are the following: Social protection of elderly persons in Europe and the risk of dependence; Economy of long-term care and chronic pathologies; new technologies enforced for people losing autonomy.
Nicolas Briant used to work on SHARE at IRDES before integrating the team at Paris-Dauphine as the French country operator. Nicolas Briant is also working on interviewer effects in Wave 4.

Ludivine Gendre worked on aging issues in the past and is now in charge of the coordination, communication and research evaluation of SHARE in France.

Five researchers at the University of Paris-Dauphine
Central SHARE publications

Even though Wave 4 first results are now published and the new open access book “Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations – First Results from SHARE after the Economic Crisis” is now available, we haven't spent our time idly – and several other noteworthy publications were published by the SHARE team within the past weeks and months.

In early 2013 we released “SHARE Wave 4 – Innovations & Methodology”. It summarizes innovations and key methodological advancements achieved in the fourth wave of SHARE and is available as a pdf-Version right here.

Furthermore the Israeli country team published the country specific First Results Book “Changes in the Second Half of Life. Recent Findings from SHARE-Israel: The Longitudinal Survey of People Aged 50 and Older, 2005-2010”, edited by Leah Achdut & Howard Litwin. The book includes sections on economic aspects of changes in late life, health related changes as well as selected areas of the personal welfare of the SHARE-Israel respondents.

Last but not least we would also like to draw your attention to the collaborative work of several SHARE authors entitled "Data Resource Profile: The Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE)". This open access article has just been published in the renowned International Journal of Epidemiology and provides a great overview of the SHARE data up to Wave 4.

Please let us know about all new SHARE based publications by sending an email to info@share-project.org. For an overview of especially noteworthy new publications please refer to the list below.

Selected new publications


Lyberaki, A., P. Tinios and G. Papadoudis. (2013). Retrospective explanation of older women's


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Please help us in always including in your SHARE publications the following full acknowledgment
“This paper uses data from SHARE wave 4 release 1.1.1, as of March 28th 2013 or SHARE wave 1 and 2 release 2.5.0, as of May 24th 2011 or SHARELIFE release 1, as of November 24th 2010. The SHARE data collection has been primarily funded by the European Commission through the 5th Framework Programme (project QLK6-CT-2001-00360 in the thematic programme Quality of Life), through the 6th Framework Programme (projects SHARE-I3, RII-CT-2006-062193, COMPARE, CIT5-CT-2005-028857, and SHARELIFE, CIT4-CT-2006-028812) and through the 7th Framework Programme (SHARE-PREP, N° 211909, SHARE-LEAP, N° 227822 and SHARE M4, N° 261982). Additional funding from the U.S. National Institute on Aging (U01 AG09740-13S2, P01 AG005842, P01 AG08291, P30 AG12815, R21 AG025169, Y1-AI-4553-01, IAG BSR06-11 and OGHA 04-064) and the German Ministry of Education and Research as well as from various national sources is gratefully acknowledged (see www.share-project.org for a full list of funding institutions).”

The recent acknowledgement version can be found in the section "Research Data Center" on the SHARE website.

Please always consider including your publications in the US archive PubMed Central to raise the awareness of our research worldwide. Information on the submission process can be found here (Method C).

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