



Berkeley Social Welfare

The Demographic Transition: Policy Implications of Fertility and Aging Trends

Vilnius, Lithuania | 23-24 May 2025

Penultimate agenda

Day 1: Friday, 23 May

12:45 – 13.45 Optional one-hour tour of Vilnius University

14:00–14:30 **Conference Welcome and Introductions**

Moderator: **Jekaterina Navickė**. Social Policy Department, Vilnius University
& Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour of the Republic of Lithuania

- **Jonas Dagys**. Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy, Vilnius University
- **Vaida Budzevičienė** (tbc). Advisor to the President of the Republic of Lithuania
- **Eitvydas Bingelis**. Vice minister of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour of the Republic of Lithuania
- **Neil Gilbert & Douglas J. Besharov**. International Network for Social Policy Teaching and Research

14:30-15:00 Plenary session: **Overview: Demographic Change and OECD Labour Markets**

Jonas Fluchtmann, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

15:00-16:00 Panel session 1: **Migration**

Panel chair: Guido Merzoni

Population Ageing and Migration Shift in Lithuania in 2010-2024

Domantas Jasilionis, Daumantas Stumbrys

Harnessing Migration Policies in an Age of Demographic Divergence

Ganesh Seshan

Social Integration and Health Challenges among Elderly Ukrainian Refugees in Lithuania: A Social Work Perspective

Hengyu Wang

16:00-16:30 Coffee Break

16:30-18:00 Panel Session 2: **Pensions and Long-Term Care**

Panel chair: Kyungbae Chung

Pensions in Ukraine and Lithuania

Daiva Skuciene, Romas Lazutka, Svitlana Shumska and Victoriia Blizniuk

Welfare Attitudes Towards the Pension System, its Financial Sustainability, and Intergenerational Redistribution in Hungary

Csaba Kucsera

Aging in Democracy: An Examination of Long-Term Care Policy in Post-Authoritarian Taiwan

Mo'e Yaisikana

Towards Reshaping the Long-Term Care Landscape in Greece: The Case of 'Quality of LTC'

Berry (Varvara) Lalioti

19:30 Conference Dinner

Grey Restaurant

Pilies St. 2

Day 2: Saturday, 24 May

9:00-10:30 Panel Session 3: **Demographics and Policy Responses**

Panel chair: Per Jensen

The Political Implications of Generational Demographic Change

David Schultz

Theoretical Implications of Demographic Transitions for Social Policy and Migration Research: Different Trajectories among OECD and Asian Countries

Emiko Ochiai

A Scoping Review on the Well-being of Childless Women and Men in Later Life

Ivett Szalma, Judit Takács, and Lóránt Pélyi

The Demographic Aging Transition: Impacts and Policies

Kyungbae Chung

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:30 Panel Session 4: **Fertility and Family Formation**

Panel chair: Fernando Burgos

Shared Parenthood Leave in Lithuania: Can This Affect Fertility?

Aušra Maslauskaitė and Dovilė Galdauskaitė

The Timing of Parenthood: Fertility Decisions and the Unintended Consequences of Family Policy

Vilma Ražauskienė

Perceptions and Attitudes of Women and Men in Malta towards Work-Life Balance: With a Specific Focus on Family Size

Anna Borg and Liberato Camilleri

What Explains the Gulf Fertility Paradox? Investigating Decline and Natalist Policy Efficacy in GCC Rentier States

Anis Ben Brik

12:30-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30 Panel Session 5: **Employment and Ageing Society**

Panel chair: Pawel Polawski

The Decomposition of Retirement Pathways: a Theoretical Approach and Practical Implications

Lukasz Jurek, Joanna Rutecka-Góra, Izabela Grabowska, Stanisław Kamiński

The Impact of Demographic Factors and Population Aging on the Lithuanian Labour Market: At the Crossroads of Integration Opportunities (under Agreement No. S-MIP-24-27 with the Research Council of Lithuania)

Laima Okunevičiūtė Neverauskienė, Arūnas Pocius

On Post-Retirement Employment Across Sectors in Lithuania

Kristina Zitikytė

Regional Inequalities and the Ageing Workforce: Long-Term Unemployment among Older Jobseekers in Lithuania's Labour Shortage Paradox

Inga Nomeikienė and Rūta Brazienė

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-17:30 Panel session 6: Well-Being and Social Inclusion

Panel chair: Anis Ben Brik

The Role of Active Labour Market Policy Training Programs in Labour Market Integration of Older Unemployed in Czechia

Ondřej Hora

Active Aging and Volunteering for a Longevity Society in Taiwan: Culture, Cognition, and Cross-Caregiving

Benjamin Gicqueau, Angela K. Perone

Alone, But Not Lonely? Experiences Of Lithuanian Older Adults Ageing Solo

Jūratė Charenkova

17:30 Adjourn