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The Financial Situation of the Statutory Pension Scheme

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The Current Development of the Statutory Pension Scheme

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Possibilities of a Smooth Transition into Retirement

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The Future Strategy Regarding Age Limits in Relationship to the Labor Market

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Age Limits and Labor Law

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Rulings Regarding Social Protection of Elderly Insured According to Pension and Constitutional Law

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The Employment Outlook for Elderly Persons – Empiric Results and Perspectives

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Elderly Recipients of Unemployment Benefit (“Arbeitslosengeld II, Hartz IV”)

...in the Statutory Pension Scheme - Empiric Findings -

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Location: Berlin

The authors analyze the pension entitlements of the recipients of means-tested unemployment benefit (“Arbeitslosengeld II, Hartz IV”) in the birth cohorts of 1948 to 1957 as compared to all insured in these cohorts. The analysis is based on the statistical data collected by the statutory pension scheme. They came to the conclusion that the pension entitlements of younger recipients of unemployment benefit tend to decline, both absolutely and relatively in comparison to the pension entitlements of all insured. On the basis of simple model calculations, the authors describe the corridor of the expected pensions in two scenarios: on the one hand, the assumption that the permanently unemployed elderly do not acquire further pension entitlements until they reach the pensionable age, and, on the other hand, the assumption that they acquire further pension entitlements corresponding to the average amount of earnings points they acquired per year before.

The Social Protection Agreement for Rhinemariners in the International Context

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The social protection agreement for Rhine-mariners (“Übereinkommen über die soziale Sicherheit der Rheinschiffer”) was signed by Germany, France, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Belgium, and Luxembourg, which means that it is a multilateral agreement. The agreement shows major differences to the EC Regulation No. 883/04 which came into force on the 1st of May, 2010: First of all, it covers all Rhine-mariners, irrespective of nationality and place of residence. The employers and the representatives of the employed Rhinemariners are represented in the central administrative institution („Zentrale Verwaltungsstelle für die soziale Sicherheit der Rheinschiffer“) and, thereby, directly involved with the administration of the agreement. Furthermore, the Rhinemariners are subject to the legal provisions of the state, in which the respective company has its place of business. However, due to the EC Regulation No. 883/04, this primacy is no longer applicable. According to the prevailing opinion, this means that the European coordination law, i. e. the EC Regulation No. 883/04, applies to the Rhinemariners, too. Thus, the agreement is still applicable for citizens of nonmember states (because a new regulation for these persons does not yet exist), also in cases, in which Switzerland is concerned, because Switzerland did not yet transcribe the EC Regulation No. 883/04. Together with its two predecessor agreements, the social protection agreement for Rhinemariners is one of the oldest instruments of coordination and, therefore, plays an important role in the history of coordination regulations. Furthermore, it pioneered the legal development in some ways, e. g. regarding the unconditioned involvement of citizens of nonmember states.

Old-Age Provision in Central and Eastern Europe: Status, Challenges, and Research Questions

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The „annus mirabilis“ 1989 led to broad political, economic, and social changes in Central and Eastern Europe that did not stop at the pension systems. In the first years after the collapse of communism, a series of parametric reforms started within the existing pay-as-you-go-systems. In a second phase, many countries instituted a partial transition into a

capital cover system, and, thereby, a paradigm shift in their pension system. Twenty years after the fundamental pension reforms in Central and Eastern Europe, it is time to take stock. All in all, the Central and Eastern European pension reforms entailed a clear transition from a universalistic-redistributive heritage to a highly differentiated, incomerelated replacement rate. However, the re-cent financial and economic crisis was not without consequences for the pension systems in Central and Eastern Europe. Furthermore, gender justice, the demographic development, and old-age poverty pose challenges the pension systems in Central Eastern Europe, in the Baltic States, and in South East Europe. Finally, the author describes possible desiderata from the perspective of different scientific branches of research.

The Focus of Research Promoted by the Research Network of the Statutory Pension Scheme

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Location: Berlin

A solid scientific foundation of reform measures is essential for a target-orientated pension policy. Therefore, it is the utmost concern of the Research Network of the Statutory Pension Scheme ("Forschungsnetzwerk Alterssicherung, FNA") that was established nearly ten years ago, to prepare political decisions in application-oriented projects, and make them comprehensible. Thus, research promoted by the Research Network of the Statutory Pension Scheme generates an "additional value" for the statutory pension scheme in Germany. At the same time, it requires a permanent adjustment of the focus of research to the relevant questions in the field of pensions. Currently, the following items are on the agenda: questions regarding the transition period between employment termination and retirement, future risks of old-age poverty, earning incapacity, and interrelation between the three tiers of pension provision.