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**Is There a Need to Address Changes in the State Funding of the  
“Riester”-Pension? Discussions on Selected Reform  
Considerations**

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In political as well as scientific discussions there are a variety of reform considerations on the topic of “Riester”-pensions. They stretch from market regulations to changed abatement laws for benefits stemming from “Riester”-pensions. The rules regulating the funding, as well as the funding process itself, don’t take a center stage in these deliberations. Nonetheless they play a role in showing transparency and acceptance of the “Riester”-pension, and thus play an important part. This article aims to elaborate on the different reform considerations concerning the funding aspects. Simultaneously the question is asked which implications the proposed changes will have on the effectiveness of the funding of these pensions. One of the topics which is highlighted is the efficiency of said funding and the tax breaks that come with it.

## **Silver Agers and the Job Market Boom – A Closer Look at the Quality of Employment**

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In the last one and a half decades especially older persons profited from a boom in the labor market. Unfortunately a closer look at the quality of employment, resulting from the labor market boom, has not been done justice. The article aims at taking a closer look at the employment structures of those aged 55–64, as well as 35–44, during the time frame of 1995 until 2015. Aspects that are being examined are the dispersal of different work models (i.e. part time work, or temporary work) as well as low income work. The results of these examinations show that the different work models differ substantially, but the number of people in employ, if viewed over time, stay stable. Old persons, in comparison to younger ones, are less employed in stable occupations, but to a higher degree rather are mainly self employed or work mini-jobs. The risk of low income jobs for fulltime employed, has risen for older persons. In order to counterbalance this, it is necessary to strengthen further and ongoing education, and also watch, and offer preventative health care.

## **Migration: Implications for the Systems of Old Age Security**

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The article aims to provide a general overview of the most important changes and implications resulting out of the migration, in reference to financing systems of old age security. A focus will be on the effects of immigration on “pay as you go” financing for old age security systems in the respective destination country. In principle this will

have a positive effect on the budget of old age pension systems, as migrants and their descendants provide an influx in the budget of the respective old age pension system. Against this backdrop the article will show that the influx of migrants is beneficial to the German old age security systems, as it will provide an increase in prospective payees due to employment. This is a positive effect as the German old age systems will come under stress due to the demographic changes that are coming up in the future. The strain put on financing of the old age systems can be countered through this, but ultimately not diminished. Furthermore the article examines the adverse effects of migration in the context of capital financed old age pension systems.

**The Repeal of Official Decisions in View of the New Laws on Additional Earnings within the Flexi Pension, According to § 34 Section 3f Social Code Book Six**

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With the revision of the Additional Earnings Law through the Law on Flexi Pensions, the transition from employment life to retirement life created a paradigm shift with the offsetting of income. On the foundation of a prognosis, the to be expected yearly additional earnings will be reviewed in the following year using the actual earned additional income. In order to facilitate this procedure, the section pertaining to additional earnings, § 34 Section 3f Social Code Book Six was modified, and an additional provision was added, which allows the repeal of prior decisions pertaining to the offset of additional earnings. The article aims to have a closer look at this additional provision and its effects.

## **Trans Border Aspects of Social Security for Caregivers**

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The long-term care insurance as a part of the social security system is tightly woven into the European laws. This implies that persons which act as caregivers outside of Germany, but within the European Union, can be insured mandatorily, if all other regulations are fulfilled. One mandatory regulation has to be fulfilled, which is that the care receiver is a recipient of care benefits from Germany. This also applies if the care receiver lives in Germany but the caregiver resides outside of Germany. The laws that govern the granting of child bearing periods can not be used for this.