

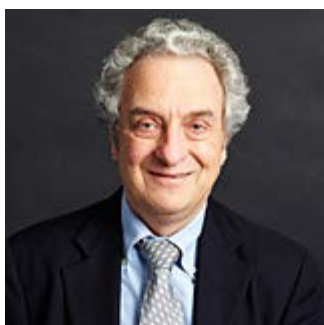
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Centre Director's Message

This last month has seen a dual role for CEPAR. First, in Australia, we presented at the Intergen+10 conference in Canberra. IGR stands for "intergenerational report", a projection of various elements of policy into the future in the face of demographic change. I analysed retirement, pensions, and superannuation while

Post Retirement Income With Group Self Annuitization Allowing for Systematic Longevity Risk

A recent CEPAR Working paper, "Individual post-retirement longevity risk management under systematic mortality risk" by CEPAR researchers Dr Katja Hanewald, Professor John Piggott and Professor Michael Sherris, presents an analysis of an individual's post retirement strategies.

The research shows how, under systematic risk and based on an economic model developed in the paper, life annuities, inflation-indexed annuities, allocated pensions (phased withdrawals) and recently proposed group self-annuitization (GSA) plans can be combined in portfolios that improve on other annuitization approaches which involve only one of these post retirement income products.

The paper conclusions are relevant to Australians who have recently retired or are close to retirement. It is one of a few papers that take into account the effect of systematic mortality improvements.

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Peter McDonald assessed the demographic projections in the IGRs.

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Reconciling the Gap through Indigenous Health Studies

As the nation celebrates National Reconciliation Week, it is worth reflecting on how we can better address one of the biggest issues affecting Indigenous people today – health.

We simply don't have adequate information on Indigenous health, particularly for older people.

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Intergen+10 Conference

CEPAR researchers were among leading economists, demographers, academics, industry representatives and senior public servants to present their analysis of the Intergenerational Reports at a conference attended by more than 150 people.

The Intergen+10 conference, hosted by the Melbourne Institute, was held in Canberra on 11th May to mark the tenth anniversary of the release of the first Intergenerational Report. CEPAR Director, Professor John Piggott, and Deputy Director, Professor Peter McDonald, presented at the conference.

The speakers analysed the strengths and weaknesses of the IGRs and offered a range of recommendations to improve future reports.

Professor McDonald focused on the population and workforce forecasts in the IGRs. He suggested that Treasury had underestimated the future levels of workforce participation of older workers. He told the audience he expected increases to be driven by women, migration and reduced age gaps between married couples.

Professor McDonald also called on Treasury to shorten its population projections in future Intergenerational Reports to a maximum of twenty years because "anything longer is merely a guess".

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National Dementia Research Forum

Dementia. Who gets it?

The National Dementia Research Forum presents a unique opportunity for researchers, policy makers, people with dementia and carers to discuss early detection and risk factors, as well as public and policy maker awareness and understanding.

The Dementia Collaborative Research Centre - Early Diagnosis and Prevention, involving CEPAR Chief Investigator Kaarin Anstey, is hosting the forum in Canberra on 27 and 28 September.

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Staff profile

Vasant Hirani joined CEPAR in February. She is based at the University of Sydney node and is researching the vitamin D status of men participating in the Concord Health and Ageing in Men Project (CHAMP).

Vasant has previously worked at University College London for the Dept. of Epidemiology and Public Health, Division of Population Health. She was born in Lancashire, has varied musical taste, loves spicy food and all things Italian.....

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Upcoming events

6 July 2012, Sydney
[CEPAR Longevity Risk Workshop](#), hosted by PwC

11 July 2012, UNSW, Sydney
[Public Lecture by Professor Ermanno Pitacco](#), looking at life insurance products in a new framework.

12 – 13 July 2012, Sydney
[Australian Colloquium of Superannuation Researchers](#) presented by the CPS Research Group at the UNSW Australian School of Business

17 August, UNSW, Sydney
[CEPAR Honours Workshop](#)

27-28 September 2012, Canberra
[National Dementia Research Forum](#)

19-20 November 2012, Brisbane
[Emerging Researchers in](#)

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Macroeconomic and Welfare Effects of the 2010 Changes to Mandatory Superannuation.

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CEPAR National Honours Workshop

NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN.

CEPAR will host a workshop on Friday 17th August for honours students undertaking research in the field of population ageing.

The workshop will be a great opportunity for honours students to receive valuable feedback on their research. The event will be held at the UNSW Kensington campus. Click [here](#) for full details and the nomination form.

Nominations close Friday 8 June.

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