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Centre Director's Message

The release of the 2011 Census data last week was further confirmation of what we already know – Australia's population is ageing. We are all getting older, and most of us are living longer.

What is needed in response is a campaign for change to meet the needs of an ageing society. One of the most important changes needed is creating opportunities for

Join us to hear from leading Italian actuary on life insurance products

CEPAR would like to invite you to attend a presentation by Professor Ermanno Pitacco, Faculty of Economics, University of Trieste. CEPAR is hosting a reception for Professor Pitacco who will present on the variety of insurance products designed as packages. He will explore the wide range of "guarantees" and discuss the risks borne by the insurance companies and pension funds. Professor Pitacco will discuss appropriate modelling tools needed for pricing and reserving, examining the progressive shift from expected present values, and their prominent role in life insurance calculations to more modern and complex approaches.

The event is being held on Wednesday 11th July from 3.30-4.30pm followed by a cocktail reception. Australian School of Business Lounge, Level 6, West Wing, UNSW.

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older workers.

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CEPAR analysis of census data: Women are living longer, and on less

The release of last week's census data shows Australia's population is ageing, more of us require care and much of it is being provided by family members.

CEPAR Senior Research Fellow, Rafal Chomik, analysed the data in relation to the quality of retirement and looked at what census data has revealed about the changing role of women in society.

His article was published today in The Conversation.

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Reducing risk of dementia

CEPAR Chief Investigator, Kaarin Anstey, (also Director at the Centre for Research on Ageing, Health and Wellbeing and the Dementia Collaborative Research Centre Early Diagnosis and Prevention at ANU) today delivered the 2012 Sax Oration in Canberra.

Each year, the ACT branch of the Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA) provides a public lecture, known as the Sax Oration, on a topic of public health interest to the ACT in honour of the late Dr Sidney Sax. Dr Sax was one of Australia's pioneers in public health. This year, the branch will be discussing aged care and dementia.

Professor Anstey's address, "Brain training, fish oils, social engagement or medications? What is the evidence for population-based approaches to dementia prevention?", presented evidence for lifestyle changes that can be made to reduce the risk of dementia. These focus on diet, physical activity and managing cardiovascular risk factors. Evidence now suggests that mid-life is a time when these risk factors are important and that population approaches to healthy ageing need to start younger than previously thought.

Applied longitudinal data analysis workshop

This month, CEPAR, in cooperation with the Centre for Research in Ageing, Health and Wellbeing (CRAHW) at ANU, sponsored a one-week early career workshop on Applied Longitudinal Data Analysis presented by Dr Nilam Ram and Mr Lawrence Lo of Pennsylvania State University.

The workshop was held at the ANU in Canberra and was attended by 30 researchers from around the country with varying research interests from population ageing and biomarkers of dementia, to care placement and workforce demographics.

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Staff profile

Rafal Chomik joined CEPAR in April 2012 as a Senior Research Fellow, based at UNSW. His background is in local economic regeneration and business consulting. Raf's appointment will strengthen CEPAR's ability to influence the social policy agenda.

He was born in Poland, loves Italy and his favourite film is Fight Club.

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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, UNSW, Sydney
[Australian Colloquium of Superannuation Researchers](#)

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

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

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

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Read this CEPAR paper published in the [European Economic Review](#).

Authors Lorretti Dobrescu, Laurence Kotlikoff and Alberto Motta investigated the reasons for the dramatic decline in savings rates among developed countries.

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