



CALL FOR CONFERENCE PAPERS

PUBLIC SECTOR ECONOMICS 2022

AGEING AND LONG-TERM CARE

OCTOBER 21, 2022 || ZAGREB, CROATIA

The conference will be held virtually. In case of a favourable epidemiological situation, the organizers will consider an in-person conference.

SUBJECT AND RATIONALE

Population ageing is gradually becoming one of the most important challenges facing governments globally. Many countries are unprepared for its vast social and economic implications. As governments around the world start to grasp that population ageing will put increased financial pressure on old-age support systems, sound research is needed to guide policy development. The long-term care (LTC) sector, which has proven very vulnerable during the COVID-19 pandemic, will be under particularly large strain in the forthcoming years. To discuss these issues among international experts, the Institute of Public Finance and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung are organizing the **Public Sector Economics 2022 Conference – Ageing and Long-Term Care**.

According to the United Nations projections, one in four persons living in Europe and Northern America will be aged 65 or over by 2050. In several countries this share will exceed one third of the population. The increase will be especially rapid among people aged 80 and over, who represent the majority of LTC beneficiaries. Unfortunately, many of them will be in poor health. The number of people living with dementia will also rise. Family and friends have been the most important caregivers to people with LTC needs. But migrations, declining family size and higher participation rates of women in the labour market will reduce the potential supply of informal LTC. Furthermore, many countries are already facing severe shortages of formal LTC workers – nurses and personal carers. Expenditure on LTC has been rising faster than that on general health care, and is projected to increase substantially further. Without public social protection schemes, LTC would not be affordable to many older people with care needs. Alternative financing mechanisms, such as private LTC insurance, have yet to develop sufficiently to fill the existing gap.

The goal of the conference is to analyse the current state of LTC around the world and provide new policy options for tackling challenges that population ageing will bring to LTC. We invite submissions of critical reviews, analytical and policy studies on various aspects of LTC. Researchers from economics, finance, demographics, sociology, political science, government, law and health sciences are encouraged to submit papers.

CONFERENCE OUTLINE

The conference will feature keynotes on ageing and LTC with thoughts on possible directions to improve LTC systems.

Relevant topics include but are not limited to:

- Impact of population ageing and other demographic changes on LTC;

- Attracting and retaining care workers;
- Consequences of COVID-19 on LTC;
- Impact of labour immigration and emigration on LTC;
- Pricing, affordability and equality of access to LTC;
- Informal caregiving and labour market participation;
- Healthy ageing and LTC;
- Effectiveness of social protection for LTC;
- New developments in LTC financing;
- Private vs. public financing of LTC;
- LTC expenditure projections and efficiency;
- Public finance, political economy and intergenerational aspects of LTC reforms;
- Monitoring and improving quality and safety in LTC;
- Relationship between health care and LTC;
- Improving palliative and end-of-life care.

SUBMISSION

Submission of abstracts (200–500 words) for original, previously unpublished papers or preferably finished papers (in English) – including title, keywords, names and affiliations of authors and the corresponding author’s email – by **May 31, 2022** to PSE2022@ijf.hr.

Authors of **accepted papers will be notified** by **June 30, 2022**.

Final papers will be due by **October 7, 2022**. Authors are encouraged to consider submitting their papers to the journal *Public Sector Economics* (see below).

There is no conference fee. For more information about the logistics, please visit the conference website at pse-conference.ijf.hr.

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PUBLICATION

Conference participants are encouraged to submit their papers to *Public Sector Economics*, an academic journal indexed in Scopus, DOAJ, EconLit, RePEc, etc. Published quarterly, *Public Sector Economics* uses a double-blind peer review process, drawing referees from a worldwide pool of experts (see [the list](#)) and follows the highest ethical standards (see [Ethical Guidelines](#)). The journal ensures a quick turnaround of submissions and publication of accepted papers. To facilitate these processes, we kindly request the authors to follow the [formatting instructions](#).