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Newsletter Research Project Future Longevity Inequalities



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Dear all,

We hereby would like to present to you the first newsletter of the research project "Forecasting Longevity Inequalities". The project, with the full title "Forecasting future socio-economic inequalities in longevity: the impact of lifestyle 'epidemics'", was awarded funding by the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) in February last year, and started October last year. Through this bi-annual newsletter, we would like to keep you posted about the progress of the project, preliminary results, and interesting activities.

We hope you will enjoy reading our newsletter.

With kind regards,

Fanny Janssen and the project team

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Introduction to the research project team



Our research project team is, for now, complete and consists of, next to Fanny Janssen, Wanda Van Hemelrijck, Daniel Zazueta, and Eva Kagenaar. Daniel Zazueta and Eva Kagenaar are the two PhD students within the project. Daniel has a background in sociology and demography and started October last year on the project. Eva started in November last year and has a background in global health. Wanda has a background in sociology and European public health and started working as the postdoc on the project in January this year. Wanda mainly focuses on the role of smoking and other drivers on past trends in longevity inequalities, and the

information on the individual team members and their respective roles within the project can be found [here](#).

Future Longevity Inequalities Website

In the meantime, we have also launched a website related to the research project. On our website, general information regarding the project can be found, such as its background and objectives. Furthermore, key collaborations of the project are listed on the website. Lastly, any output, being publications, presentations, and activities, will be posted on the website to keep you informed in between the bi-annual newsletter.



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Activities



In the last couple of months, we have been busy obtaining the necessary data for our research project. Eva and Daniel have both been writing their PhD research proposals (also under the guidance of Anton Kunst who acts as their second promotor), and have started their work on their first PhD articles. Daniel's first PhD article will consist of a detailed study of past trends in socio-economic inequalities in life expectancy and Eva's first will be focusing on the progression of the obesity epidemic by socio-economic group. At the moment, Wanda is analysing the time series data on alcohol-attributable mortality by educational group, whereas Fanny is focusing on modelling the trends in smoking-attributable mortality by educational group. In the upcoming period, we hope to present our first results at various conferences (e.g. at PopFest, the 2021 International Population Conference, and the European Public Health Conference). We will keep you updated on past and upcoming activities, such as conferences, as part of our project through the activities page of our website which can be accessed [here](#).

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