

Since its foundation in 2001, the Research Network on Old-Age Provision (Forschungsnetzwerk Alterssicherung, FNA) of the German Federal Pension Insurance has been dedicated to promoting such research and to the continuous development of key research fields in old-age provision. On the occasion of its anniversary, we aim to reflect on more than 25 years of old-age provision research, bring together current perspectives from the various thematic fields, and identify desiderata that have thus far remained insufficiently explored. The planned volume seeks to reflect this interdisciplinary and thematic diversity. We therefore invite theoretical-conceptual and empirical contributions addressing the following topics:

Social Inequality, Retirement Income, and Distribution

- Social inequality, low pensions, and old-age poverty
- Developments and dynamics of the gender pension gap
- Intra- and intergenerational distribution within the pension system
- Effects of atypical employment trajectories on old-age provision
- Wealth, homeownership, and private retirement provision in old age

Labour Market, Employment Trajectories, and Transitions into Retirement

- Labour market developments and their effects on old-age provision
- Flexibilization of retirement transitions
- Health impairments and disability pensions
- Effects of longer working lives
- Migration and old-age provision
- Reconciling caregiving, care work, and employment

Financing, Economics, and Sustainability of Old-Age Security

- Economics of old-age provision — financing, incentives, and distributional effects
- Demographic change and the long-term sustainability of the system
- Effects of inflation, financial crises, and economic crises on pension systems
- Old-age provision in the context of multiple crises (pandemics, energy crisis, climate change)
- Tax policy and old-age provision

Interdependencies within the Social Security System

- Holistic perspectives on the German social security system
- Interactions between pension, health, long-term care, and unemployment insurance
- Relationship between old-age provision and basic income support
- Old-age provision and long-term care in the context of demographic change
- Interfaces between social policy, tax policy, and labour market policy

Politics and Actors in Old-Age Security

- Actors involved in shaping pension policy
- Political decision-making processes and reform dynamics
- Trust in the welfare state

We invite submissions of extended abstracts (maximum 500 words) to Leila Akremi and Jannis Hergesell by **30 June 2026**. Invitations to submit full papers in German or English will be issued no later than **31 July 2026**. Full papers of approximately 8,000 words, prepared in accordance with the journal's standards, must be submitted by **31 January 2027**. An authors' workshop is planned for mid- to late November 2026 in Berlin. Publication of the contributions is scheduled for Special Issue 4/2027 (online publication from November 2027). All submissions will undergo a double-blind peer-review process.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the guest editors.

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