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Susan C. Alberts, Duke University, Durham, USA

Susan C. Alberts' primary research interest is the evolutionary ecology of behavior in large African mammals. Her major focus is a single well-studied population of primates, the baboons of the Amboseli basin in southern Kenya. She uses observational methods and genetic tools to analyze individual variation in behavior and its adaptive significance.



Hilke Brockmann, Jacobs University Bremen, Germany

Hilke Brockmann is a sociologist and demographer by training and a professor of sociology at Jacobs University. Her research deals with the causes and consequences of population aging and of subjective well-being (SWB), often equated with happiness. Happiness has recently emerged as a prominent topic in politics as well as in economics, political science, and sociology. As a sociologist and demographer, she is interested in social groups and social change. One of the major drivers of contemporary societies is population aging. Her research looks into the causes and consequences of the changing age distribution, how modern health technologies and women contribute to it, whether aging creates new innovations and new social inequalities, whether, and if so, to what extent migrants alter greying societies, and how happy people of all groups and classes are across their longer lifetime. In fact, interrogating the happiness of people provides many new and exciting insights.



Emmanuelle Cambois, Institut national d'études démographiques (INED), Paris, France

Emmanuelle Cambois is a senior researcher at the French demographic institute (INED) and member of its research unit "Mortality, Health, and Epidemiology". Her research is in the field of public health and population health measurement, with a specific interest in disparities, more particularly looking at social/gender health and mortality inequalities. Her current research focuses on the disablement process in humans to identify mechanisms and factors leading from chronic diseases to functional limitation and activity restrictions, with national and European data bases, on gender and health differentials and educational gaps in disability across Europe. She is in charge of the health expectancy indicators for France. Emmanuelle Cambois is also involved in various working groups on the measurement of health and disability in population-based surveys and takes part in the effort for the international harmonization of population health information.



James R. Carey, University of California, USA

James R. Carey is Distinguished Professor and former Vice-Chair of the Department of Entomology at the University of California, Davis, with primary research interests in insect demography, mortality dynamics, health span, and aging. He is also a senior scholar at the Center for the Economics and Demography of Aging at UC Berkeley and an instructor in the UC Davis Science and Society Program.



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Kaare Christensen, University of Southern Denmark, Odense

Kaare Christensen is Professor of Epidemiology at the Institute of Public Health, University of Southern Denmark, and Senior Research Scientist at the Terry Sanford Institute, Duke University, North Carolina, USA. He is the Director of the Danish Twin Registry and the Danish Aging Research Centre and has conducted a long series of studies among twins and the oldest-old in order to shed light on the importance of genes and environment in aging and longevity. Furthermore, he has a longstanding interest in sex differences and the relation between early-life events and later-life health outcomes. He is engaged in interdisciplinary aging research combining methods from epidemiology, genetics, and demography.



Pamela Herd, The La Follette School of Public Affairs, University of Wisconsin Madison, USA

Pamela Herd is Professor of Public Affairs and Sociology. Broadly, her work focuses on aging, policy, health, and inequality. She has two streams of research. One stream examines how social policies (i.e., Social Security) affect gender, race, and class inequalities. The second stream focuses on the relationship between social factors and health. She is the Principal Investigator of the Wisconsin Longitudinal Study, a member of the Board of Overseers of the General Social Survey, a member of the Board of Overseers of the Panel Study of Income Dynamics, and a member of the National Academy of Social Insurance. Herd co-authored the book "Market Friendly or Family Friendly? The State and Gender Inequality in Old Age" together with Madonna Harrington Meyer published in 2007. The book is part of the American Sociological Association's Rose Series on Public Policy and was the winner of the Gerontological Society of America's Kalish Publication Award issued by the Behavioral and Social Sciences Section. She is author of numerous articles and chapters that have been published in *Social Forces*, *Gender and Society*, *Journals of Gerontology*, the *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, and *The Gerontologist*, among others.



James Iveniuk, The University of Chicago, USA

James Iveniuk received his BA and MA in anthropology at the University of Toronto before beginning a second Masters at the University of Chicago in Comparative Human Development. He is currently a PhD candidate in the Department of Sociology, where he is specializing in the sociology of aging, health, social environments, and the reciprocal relationships between personality traits and social context. He is also employed as a research assistant at the National Opinion Research Center and is a participant in several separate projects examining neighborhood disorganization and health, marital quality at older ages, and egocentric network analysis.



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Alexei Maklakov, Department of Animal Ecology, Evolutionary Biology Centre, Uppsala University, Sweden

Alexei Maklakov's research interests can be defined as evolutionary biology. More specifically, he is interested in the evolution of life histories and conflicts between the sexes. His study subjects come from many different taxa such as birds, spiders, beetles, fruit flies, roundworms and humans, since his research is generally driven by the research question rather than by the organism as such. The main focus of his current research is the evolutionary theory of ageing, which is a fundamental and, as yet, unresolved issue in biology. He pursues this line of research both on an empirical and theoretical level. He is very interested in i) the evolution of sex differences in lifespan and ageing; ii) the role of extrinsic mortality in the evolution of ageing; and iii) evolution of life-history syndromes.



Anna Oksuzyan, Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock, Germany

Anna Oksuzyan is Head of the Max Planck Research Group (MPRG) "Gender Gaps in Health and Survival" at the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research (MPIDR). She received training as a medical doctor at Yerevan State Medical University (Armenia) and holds a Master Degree in Public Health from the American University of Armenia. She first arrived at the MPIDR in 2003 to participate in the program offered by the International Max Planck Research School for Demography. Following completion of her PhD in Health Sciences: Epidemiology in 2010 at the University of Southern Denmark, she worked as Post-Doctoral Fellow and later as Assistant Professor in the Department of Epidemiology, Biostatistics, and Biodemography at same university. She developed a long-standing interest in the gender differences in health and mortality through her work on this project. Together with her new research group, she will combine her interests in medicine, epidemiology, and demography to investigate the male-female health-survival paradox from an international perspective and to determine the role of biological, demographic, and social factors in driving the paradox. Her current research areas are sex differences in health and survival, aging, and health and mortality in the oldest-old people.



Anika Rasner, DIW Berlin, Germany

Since 2013, Anika Rasner has been the principal investigator of the project "The Gender Pension Gap in Germany: Analyzing Its Evolution and Determinants over the Life-Course" supported by the Hans-Böckler-Foundation. In November 2012, she defended her doctoral thesis in economics at the Technische Universität Berlin. Since December 2010, she has been working as Research Associate at the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin). Preceding the position, she worked as a researcher at the German Federal Pension Insurance and at the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research (Population and Policy Lab). She holds a Master of Public Policy from Duke University, and a Master in Political Science and Sociology from the University of Constance, Germany. Her current research areas are well-being, old-age and retirement, and life-course research.



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Alexander Scheuerlein, Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock, Germany

Alexander Scheuerlein is currently a Research Scientist at the Laboratory of Evolutionary Biodemography. In 2000, he received his PhD at the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München whilst working at the Max Planck Research Unit for Ornithology, Andechs, Germany, and worked as a postdoc with Robert E Ricklefs in St Louis, MO, and Martin Wikelski in Princeton. He is interested in comparative evolutionary biodemography, male-female mortality differences in non-human vertebrates, and how the trade-off between maintenance and reproduction shapes mortality and fertility trajectories.



Eva M. Sierminska, CEPS/INSTEAD Research Institute, Luxembourg

Eva M. Sierminska is a Research Fellow and Head of the Graduate Studies Program at the CEPS/INSTEAD Research Institute in Luxembourg. She received her PhD in Economics from the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD, USA. She then worked as Research Associate at Georgetown University, Washington DC, USA, followed by a position as Research Associate and Wealth Project (LWS) Director for the Luxembourg Income Study-LWS at Luxembourg City, where as Wealth Project Director she coordinated building an international wealth database (LWS) that serves as a building block in international comparative research on wealth. She has been a visiting researcher at the San Francisco Federal Reserve Board, DIW Berlin, IZA and INED in Paris. She is a member of the ECB-run Household Finance and Consumption Network (HFCN) and the OECD Expert Group on Micro-Statistics on Household, Income, Consumption and Wealth. Her current research interests include a broad range of topics in labor and population economics. She has published papers on cross-country and demographic differences in wealth portfolios, on income and wealth distribution, the measurement of inequality and well-being and on methodological issues in cross-country wealth analysis as well as on employment and job market flows. She has also researched into labor-force participation and welfare reciprocity of the elderly and immigrants, and the differential effect of social benefits in an international context. Her current studies focus on differential wealth trajectories and the effect of wealth, risk and other personality traits on labor market outcomes.