

Dear colleague,

We are happy to invite you to our next international seminar, jointly organised by the European Centre and the Institute for Advanced Studies, Vienna.

“Portability of Pension, Health, and other Social Benefits: Facts, Concepts, Issues”  
By Prof. Dr. Robert Holzmann (Marseille Center for Mediterranean Integration – MCMI – the World Bank)

On Tuesday, 29 June 2010, starting at 14:00, in the seminar room of the European Centre (2nd floor), Berggasse 17, 1090 Vienna

Highlights of the Seminar:

Portability of social benefits across professions and countries is an increasing concern for individuals and policy makers. Lacking or incomplete transfers of acquired social rights are feared to negatively impact individual labour market decisions with consequences for social and economic outcomes. The presentation will provide a fresh and provocative look on the international perspective of the topic that has so far been dominated by social policy lawyers working within the framework of bilateral agreements; the input by economists has been very limited. It offers a conceptual framework for portability analysis that suggests separating the risk pooling, (implicit or actual) pre-funding and redistributive elements in the benefit design and explores the proposed alternative approach to pensions and health care benefits.

The seminar is by invitation only, and there are a limited number of places available for those who register at:

[http://www.euro.centre.org/conferences/international\\_seminar/anmeld.php](http://www.euro.centre.org/conferences/international_seminar/anmeld.php)

We also kindly request you to forward the email to your colleagues, who may be interested in the seminar. Please let us know if you have any further questions.

We are looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday, 29 June 2010, at 14:00.

Best regards,

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