



**Chair of Economic Sciences
Poznań University of Technology**

**FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE:
“PENSION REFORMS
IN POST-SOCIALIST AND OTHER
COUNTRIES –COMPARISON AND EVALUATION”
in Poznań (POLAND)**

on

September 12, 2013

The idea and purpose behind the conference

The aim of the conference is to attempt to pre-assess the results of pension reforms that have been introduced since the early 90s in the post-socialist countries and to confront them with the reforms of the pension security systems in other countries around the world. Has this kind of an experiment involving the introduction of the capital segment into public pension system, as called for in the famous World Bank report, "Averting the Old-Age Crisis" of 1994, been successful, or on the contrary - does the observed in recent years limiting or complete liquidation of the founded part of pension system mean that the idea of diversification of sources of retirement income and risk diversification between the financial market and the labor market have failed? What have been the problems with implementation of pension reforms? What impact on public finances have the high transformation costs from the pay-as-you-go system to a multi pillar system founded with a partner had? What lessons can be learned from pension reforms in the socialist countries and pension reforms responding to similar challenges in other countries? In what direction are the presently initiated pension reforms heading and is this the right way?

Here are just some of the questions that we would like to address among the researchers of pension systems and reforms from various countries.

The presence of keynote speakers among the internationally renowned specialists provides a good starting point to an interesting debate in which each participant will have the opportunity to present the results of their research and their views and confront their point of view against researchers from other countries.

Keynotes speakers (for morning programme):

1. **Prof. Elaine Fulz**, JFM Research Associates, Philadelphia, USA
2. **Prof. John Turner**, Director of Pension Policy Center , Washington, USA
3. **Prof. Jaroslav Vostatek**, University of Finance and Administration, Prague –
4. **Doc. Ján Šebo**, Faculty of Economics, Matej Bel University, Banska Bystrica, Slovakia
5. **Prof. Maciej Żukowski**, Poznań University of Economics
6. **Andrzej Sołdek**, President of Management Board of PZU Pensions Society

Programme:

We invite contributors on all aspects of the social sciences related to aging, retirement, governance, social politics and growth. Topics of interest include, but are not limited, to:

1. General evaluation of pension reforms implemented in post-socialist countries.
2. Central and Eastern European experiences with the World Bank approach to pension reforms presented in 1994.
3. The problem of transition costs from one-pillar PAYG pension systems to multi pillar systems with funded part.
4. Poverty in the old age.
5. Political risk in pension reforms.
6. Pension fund investment governance.
7. Investment risk management in accumulation and pay-out phase of pension system.
8. Institutional and cultural aspects of pension reforms.
9. Pensions' literacy and behavior in post-socialist countries.
10. Evaluation of obligatory and voluntary pension funds in post-socialist countries.
11. Is NDC pension system a good solution for post-socialist countries?
12. Extension of pensionable age – reasons, consequences.
13. The role of foreign financial institutions in pension systems of post-socialist countries.
14. Prospects of pension reforms.

When and where:

Date: **September 12, 2013**

Conference venue:

Conference and Lectures Center, Piotrowo Street 2, Poznań, Poland

Current full programme will be available at <http://kne.put.poznan.pl>

Publication: the papers prepared for the conference will be published in English as monograph in Publishing House of Poznan University of Technology after the conference. Second monograph for the conference will be published in Polish.

Social events: In the evening of the first day of the Conference, at 8.00 p.m., participants are invited to take part in a Gala Dinner in one of the restaurants at the Old Town Market in Poznań. Details will be announced during the Conference.

On September 13 (voluntary) – guided excursion in Poznan and Wielkopolska Region (from 10.00 till 18.00 p.m.)

Hotel: Hotel Ibis Poznań – Kazimierza Wielkiego Str. 23, 61-863 Poznań – Poland, Tel. +48 (0) 61 858 4400, fax: +48 (0) 61 858 4444, e-mail: H3110@accor.com, www.ibishotel.com. The hotel is situated close to the conference venue (on the other side of Warta River, opposite the University campus). Other accommodation possibilities will be presented on the web site of the conference (under construction).

Registration: per e-mail: marek.szczepanski@put.poznan.pl.

Registration and abstracts (not more than 300 words): till March 15

Full papers (for those, who want to participate in English monograph): till May 30, 2013 (till 24 000 letters).

Entrance fee* :250 EUR or 990 PLN.

*keynote speakers are exempted.

Looking forward to meet you at our conference!

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