## **Cross-Country Comparisons**

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# Aging changes, universal or heterogeneous?

Aging changes can be attributed to

- an inherent process, referred to as the aging process;
- genetic defects;
- disease processes; and
- the environment.

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## Opportunities to study what is universal

#### Household use of polluting cooking fuels and late-life cognitive function: A harmonized analysis of India, Mexico, and China

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#### Fig. 1. Adjusted mean differences in cognitive functioning

Parameter Model: Country	Estimate	s for Poll	uting Co	oking Fu	el Use by		ntry and Model [Estimate & 95% Cl]_
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-0.6	-0.5	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2	-0.1	0	
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Parameter Estimate with 95% Confidence Interval							

# Opportunity to study diverging trends

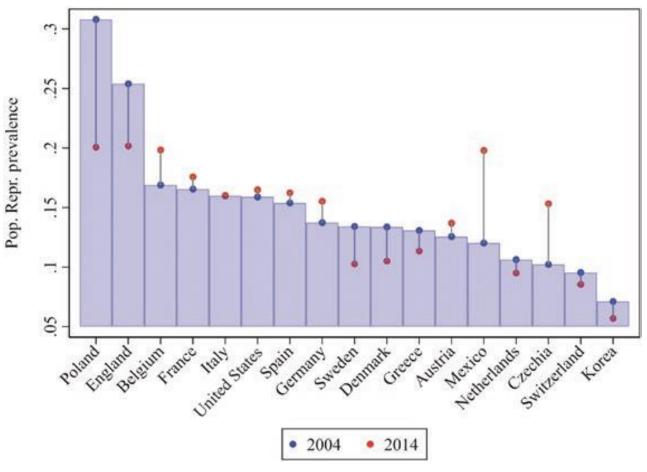
#### Living Longer, With or Without Disability? A Global and Longitudinal Perspective

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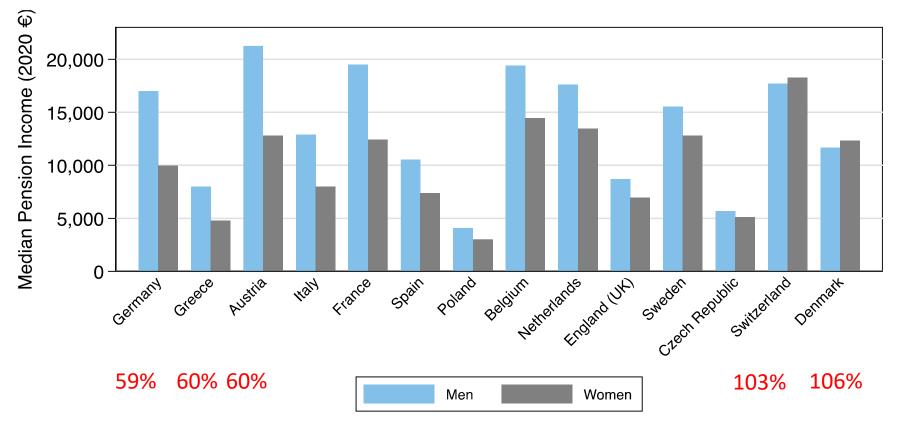
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Population representative disability prevalence rates



### Opportunity to study disparity



Notes: Estimates are conditional on observing individuals at age 70 or older to avoid censoring on pension income level. Income depicted in 2020 euros. Values are computed by first taking the median of non-zero, inflation-adjusted annual after-tax pension income reported by individuals across interviews and then taking the median by sex and country.

Germany Own Old-Age Benefits Plan details 1992-2021

Gesetzliche Rentenversicherung (GRV) is the German compulsorary old age public pension system that provides a defined benefit to workers based on their contribution history. Contributions are converted in points in the year they are paid and those points are converted to an annual benefit based on a pension point value that is updated annually. Since 1992, the main design of the pension system has remained largely the same, but reforms have led to a gradual increase in benefit eligibility ages and the introduction of incentives to delay starting benefits.

Key Dates First law: 1889 Major changes since 1992: 1999, 2001, 2004, 2007

### What explains sexbased differences?

- Work history differences
  - Labor force participation over lifecycle
  - Earnings over lifecycle
- Policy differences
  - Retirement eligibility policies
  - Progressivity of benefits

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