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‘Reshaping Pensions: Policy-Making, Behavioral
Science, and Technology’

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Agenda and Speakers' Biographies

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09.30 CET – 09.40 CET

Opening Remarks

- Dr. Seda Peksevim, Founder and Managing Director, Pensión Research & Consulting

09.40 CET – 10.00 CET

Keynote Speech -1

- Bo Könberg, Former Minister for Social Insurance and Health in Sweden
 - “The First NDC-System’

10.00 CET – 11.00 CET

Pensions, Longevity, and Behavioral Science: Selected Topics from Academia

- Prof. David Blake, Professor of Finance, Bayes Business School
 - “Covid-19 Mortality: Proportionality Hypothesis”
- Dr. Thomas Post, Associate Professor of Finance, Maastricht University
 - “Fresh Evidence from the Field on Nudges to Boost Retirement Savings”
- Dr. Johannes Hagen, Associate Professor of Economics, Jönköping International Business School
 - “Behavioral Drivers of Pension Withdrawals”

11.00 CET – 11.20 CET

Networking Break

11.20 CET – 12.20 CET

Pension Systems in Selected Emerging Market Countries: Montenegro, Turkey, and Poland

- Željko Drinčić, President, Capital Market Authority
 - “Pension System in Montenegro—Current Structure and Recent Developments”
- Hicran Aktaş Coşar, Deputy General Manager, Pension Monitoring Center
 - “Reshaping Pension Perceptions and Experiences: Insights from Turkish Participants and the BESMobil UX Journey”
- Marta Paleczna, Strategy & Communications Advisor, PFR Portal PPK
 - “Employee Capital Plans (PPK) —A Scalable Answer to Poland’s Pension Gap”

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12.20 CET – 12.40 CET	Expert Talk <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pedro Costa Felix, Partner, Capital Strategies Partners<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ “Bridging Asset Managers and Pension Funds for the Next Decade”
12.40 CET – 13.40 CET	Panel Discussion: ESG Investments in Pension Plans <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Ata Can Bertay, Assistant Professor of Finance, Sabancı University• Diego Valero, CEO, Novaster• Maurits Van Joolingen, Managing Director, Ortec Finance• Jenny Gustafsson, Executive Director, Swedish National Pension Funds
13.40 CET – 14.00 CET	Networking Break
14.00 CET – 14.30 CET	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dino Cataldo Dell'Accio, Chief Information Officer, United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ “Assurance on the Use of Artificial Intelligence and Data Privacy in Pension Operations: The Experience of the UN Pension Fund in Complying with International ISO Standards”
14.30 CET – 15.00 CET	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roberto Carcache Flores, Risk Manager, VITALIS<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ “Emerging Risks in Pension Fund Management”
15.00 CET – 15.40 CET	Keynote Speech -2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prof. Peter Diamond, 2010 Nobel Prize Winner in Economics and Emeritus Professor at MIT<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ “Better Pension Design”
15.40 CET – 16.00 CET	Networking Break
16.00 CET – 16.20 CET	Expert Talk <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Guy Opperman, Senior Adviser, Smart<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ “Why Great DC, Decumulation and a Mid-Life Assessment Will Solve Everything in the Brave New World”

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16.20 CET – 17.20 CET

Panel Discussion: Long-Term Investments in Pension Savings

- Dr. Burçin Kısacıkoglu, Assistant Professor of Economics, Bilkent University
- Sophia Omar, Programme Manager, Impact Investing Institute
- William Price, CEO, D3P Global Consulting
- Dr. David Blanchett, Managing Director, PGIM

17.20 CET – 17.40 CET

Expert Talk

- Dr. Genevieve Hayman, Senior Research Affiliate, CFA
 - “Investors of the Future: What Pension Systems Need to Know Now”

17.40 CET – 17.50 CET

Closing Remarks

- Dr. Seda Peksevim, Founder and Managing Director, Pensión Research & Consulting



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Prof. Peter Diamond, 2010 Nobel Prize Winner in Economics and Emeritus Professor at MIT



Peter Diamond is an Institute Professor Emeritus at MIT, where he taught from 1966 to 2011. He first consulted to Congress about Social Security reform in 1974. He has analyzed pension systems in many countries. He has been President of the American Economic Association, of the Econometric Society, and of the National Academy of Social Insurance. He was one of the three winners of the 2010 Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel for analysis of markets with search frictions.

Bo Könberg, Former Minister for Social Insurance and Health in Sweden



As one of the architects of Sweden's 1994 pension reform, Bo Könberg played a key role in introducing the world's first Notional Defined Contribution (NDC) system decided by a Parliament. He has an extensive career spanning from policymaking to governance—including serving as an MP (1995–2005), Governor of Södermanland (2006–2012), and Chairman of the Swedish Pension Authority (2010–2015).

Prof. David Blake, Professor of Finance, Bayes Business School



Professor David Blake is Director of the Pensions Institute at Bayes Business School. He is also: co-designer of the PensionMetrics life-cycle financial planning software and co-inventor of the Cairns-Blake-Dowd stochastic mortality model. In 2014, he was appointed Chair of the Independent Review of Retirement Income. He has previously consulted with the Office for National Statistics, the National Audit Office, the FCA, the Department for Work & Pensions, HM Revenue & Customs, HM Treasury, the BoE, the OECD, the IMF and the World Bank.

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**Dr. Thomas Post, Associate Professor of Finance,
Maastricht University**



Thomas Post is Associate Professor of Finance at Maastricht University and affiliated with Netspar. He received his PhD from Humboldt University Berlin. He held visiting positions at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and the University of New South Wales, and worked for KPMG. In his research and teaching he looks at (1) understanding the psychological motivations that drive households' financial decisions and (2) developing nudges and interventions to change financial behaviors for the better.

**Dr. Johannes Hagen, Associate Professor of Economics,
Jönköping International Business School**



Johannes Hagen is an Associate Professor of Economics at Jönköping International Business School. His research focuses on the intersection of public economics, health economics, and behavioral economics, with a particular emphasis on retirement and pensions. He is a leading expert on the Swedish pension system and plays an active role in the national pension policy debate.

Željko Drinčić, President, Capital Market Authority



Željko Drinčić was elected to the position of President of the Capital Market Authority on December 29, 2022. Gained rich experience working in Montenegro Stock Exchange (2002-2005), Onyx broker Budva (2005- 2011) and Universal Capital Bank AD Podgorica (2011-2022). Until election to position of President of the Capital Market Authority he performed duties of Senior Manager of the Investment Banking and Financial Markets Department of Universal Capital Bank. During the previous years, he specialized in Estonia, Slovenia, UK and Luxembourg.

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**Hicran Aktaş Coşar, Deputy General Manager,
Pension Monitoring Center**



After graduating from METU and almost five years career in banking sector, Hicran started to work in Pension Monitoring Center (PMC), the institution founded for the monitoring of the private pension system in Türkiye. She has acted as the manager of different functions within PMC throughout all these years and she is now responsible for Strategy, Digital Products and System Design. Since the beginning of the system, Hicran has been actively involved in and witnessed the important milestones of the private pension- BES in Türkiye, mostly worked in strategy setting, system desing and regulatory formulation.

**Marta Paleczna, Strategy & Communications Advisor,
PFR PORTAL PPK**



Marta Paleczna is a pension communications expert and Strategy & Communications Advisor at PFR Portal PPK – the Polish public institution responsible for promoting and educating about the national workplace pension scheme (Pracownicze Plany Kapitałowe, PPK). She plays a key role in designing and implementing strategic outreach and educational activities aimed at employers, employees, and institutional stakeholders. She combines extensive knowledge of the Polish retirement savings market with a strong understanding of international workplace pension models.


**Dr. Ata Can Bertay, Assistant Professor of Finance,
Sabancı University**



Dr. Ata Can Bertay is the Director of the Sabancı University Corporate Governance Forum and a faculty member at Sabancı Business School. Previously, he served as an Research Economist at the World Bank's Development Economics Research Group (DECRG), contributing to the Global Financial Development Report (GFDR), the World Bank's flagship publication on financial development. Dr. Bertay's research interests include banking, financial economics, corporate governance, and macro-finance.


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**Maurits Van Joolingen, Managing Director,
Ortec Finance**

A circular portrait of Maurits Van Joolingen, a man with short brown hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and patterned tie, smiling against a cityscape background.


As Managing Director of the Climate Scenarios & Sustainability team, Maurits is responsible for the development and expansion of ClimateMAPS, Ortec Finance's top-down climate scenario analysis solution, developed in exclusive partnership with Cambridge Econometrics to support the risk management needs of financial institutions. Maurits has partnered with large institutional investors around the world, supporting them with their risk modelling and development of investment policies and strategy using Ortec Finance's asset liability management and performance measurement technologies.

Diego Valero, CEO, Novaster

A circular portrait of Diego Valero, a man with grey hair and a beard, wearing a dark suit and white shirt, looking directly at the camera.

Diego Valero is co-founder and president of Novaster and was founder of BeWay. He was President of OCOPEN (Organization of Pension Consultants of Spain) and Vice President of Spainsif (the Spanish Forum for Socially Responsible Investment). He has been Chairman of the Scientific Committee of LIFE Colloquium 2017. He is Academic Adviser of the IPE Scholarship Fund. He has been repeatedly summoned by the Parliamentary Commission of the Toledo Pact in Spain, and other parliamentary pension commissions in Latin America. He is the only Spanish member of the American Academy of Social Security.

**Jenny Gustafsson, Executive Director,
Swedish National Pension Funds**

A circular portrait of Jenny Gustafsson, a woman with blonde hair, wearing a white blazer, with her arms crossed, against a blurred indoor background.

Jenny Gustafsson is Executive Director of the Council on Ethics for the Swedish National Pensions Funds, where she leads efforts to advance responsible investments and long-term sustainability. She has spent well over a decade integrating ESG into the finance industry, with previous leading roles as Head of Responsible Investments at both AMF and Handelsbanken.

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Dino Cataldo DELL'ACCIO, Chief Information Officer, United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund



Dino is a CIO with significant experience in designing, governing, and assuring Information Systems, Blockchains, Distributed Ledger Technologies, and Digital Identity solutions underpinning United Nations Global Operations and Critical Infrastructures. He is committed to responsible and ethical design, use, and assessment of emerging technologies, to serve the broader goals of the United Nations, organizational integrity, and societal benefit. He is dedicated to compliance with international standards and professional best practices, for governing, managing, auditing, and securing global information systems, protecting data and privacy.

Roberto Carcache Flores, Risk Manager, VITALIS



Roberto Carcache works as a Risk Manager in VITALIS, Today for Tomorrow. He is also an Actuary from the Institute of Portuguese Actuaries (IAP) and is active in various international actuarial working groups. His research interests include emerging risks like AI and climate risk.

Pedro Costa Felix, Partner, Capital Strategies Partners



Pedro brings over 25 years of experience in international capital markets and investment management. He began his career in London with Banco do Brasil, before taking on senior roles at Deutsche Bank and Schroders. Since 2011, he has led Capital Strategies in Lisbon, working across Portugal, Israel, and Brazil—where he spent 15 years before shifting his focus to Portugal and Israel, while also exploring new markets.

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**Guy Opperman, Senior Adviser
SMART**



As the UK's longest serving Pensions Minister, Guy was responsible for the expansion of auto enrolment and master trusts, pioneering CDCs, and changing the structure of the UK pensions system significantly during his time in office. Guy has a rich understanding of the pension challenges faced by governments with ageing populations, and deep knowledge of the technical solutions required to solve these issues. In his current role as Senior Adviser at Smart, the global retirement savings technology platform, Guy is guiding the company's international growth as pension reform advances worldwide.

**Elif Peksevim, Behavioral Researcher
Pensión Research & Consulting**



Elif has completed her MSc in Clinical Psychology at King's College London. She did receive training in cognitive-behavioral approaches and has been involved in projects related to behavioral economics at Koç University, Özyeğin University, and Boğaziçi University. Currently, she is a behavioral researcher at Pensión Research & Consulting. She is also co-founder of PERLA Psychology & Research.

**Dr. Burçin Kısacıkoğlu, Assistant Professor of
Economics, Bilkent University**



Burçin Kısacıkoğlu is an Assistant Professor of Economics at Bilkent University and Research Affiliate of the Centre for Economic Policy Research. He was a research fellow at the Bank for International Settlements and a visiting scholar at the Bank of France. His research focuses on macroeconomics, specializing in monetary economics and macrofinance. He is a recipient of the Science Academy Young Scientist Award and his research has been published in American Economic Review, Journal of International Economics, Economic Policy, and the International Journal of Central Banking.

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Sophia Omar, Programme Manager, Impact Investing Institute

Sophia Omar is a Programme Manager at the Impact Investing Institute, where she leads initiatives to mobilise private capital for social and environmental impact. Her work has a particular focus on supporting charitable foundations, family offices and pension schemes to develop an impact investing practice, and she most recently authored a report on "Evolving your endowment: Driving change through impact investing".

William Price, CEO, D3P Global Consulting

William Price is CEO of D3P Global. He works on regulation, investment, risk and social policy in financial services with a focus on pension and retirement income. Previously he worked for the World Bank, UK Treasury, UK Pension Regulator, and in collaboration with the OECD and International Organization of Pension Supervisors. He works with a range of developed and developing country governments in all regions globally, as well as with international organizations such as the IMF, World Bank, UNDP, UNCDF and Interamerican Development Bank.

Dr. Seda Peksevim, Founder and Managing Director, Pensión Research & Consulting

Dr. Seda Peksevim is a Founder and Managing Director of Pensión Research & Consulting. During her research career, she has been involved in pension-related projects with several institutions and universities, including the OECD, MIT University, and BBVA Spain. In the last five years, her academic and industry studies on pensions have been published in the Investment and Pensions Europe (IPE), Journal of Financial Services Research (JFSR), The Actuary, and HBR Turkey. As of 2021, Seda has been affiliated with the CEPAR at UNSW Sydney and is an external expert in Eurofound.

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**Dr. Genevieve Hayman, Senior Research Affiliate,
CFA Institute**



Genevieve Hayman is a Research Affiliate in Research, Advocacy, and Standards at CFA Institute and a PhD candidate at Georgetown University. Her research areas include pensions and retirement security, complex systems, and cognitive science. She has been published in peer-reviewed journals, including Behavioral and Brain Sciences, and has recently published a framework on index-based investment strategies with Jordan Doyle at CFA Institute.

**Dr. David Blanchett, Managing Director,
PGIM**



David Blanchett, PhD, CFA, CFP®, is Managing Director, Portfolio Manager and Head of Retirement Research for PGIM DC Solutions. In this role, he develops solutions to help improve retirement outcomes for investors with a specific focus on defined contribution plans. He is also responsible for the portfolio management of the PGIM Target Date Funds and the PGIM Retirement Spending Portfolios. He is currently an Adjunct Professor of Wealth Management at The American College of Financial Services and a Research Fellow for the Alliance for Lifetime Income.



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