



## HRS Data Collaboration Update

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The Schaeffer Center has new neighbors and data collaborators! Dr. Jinkook Lee's research group from USC Davis School of Gerontology has recently moved to the Center for Economic & Social Research (CESR), also located in the new VPD building. Dr. Lee's group, [The Program on Global Aging, Health, & Policy](#), is harmonizing data across the international versions of the [Health and Retirement Survey \(HRS\)](#), including the US (HRS), Mexico (MHAS), England (ELSA), Korea (KLoSA), Indonesia (IFLS), Japan (JSTAR), Ireland (TILDA), China (CHARLS), India (LASI), and a number of European countries (SHARE).

At Schaeffer, HRS data plays a key role in research and in modeling the US future elderly population through the Roybal Center for Health Policy Simulation's Future Elderly Model (FEM). Part of the expansion of this model development has been to work with partners developing FEM-like models for Europe, Mexico, and Japan.

The Schaeffer Center held a workshop in January that brought together the various international FEM development groups. Members of Dr. Lee's group participated in the meeting and provided insight into future HRS harmonization developments. They also were able to collect valuable feedback from researchers who use their data. The SHARE data was harmonized so well that the European FEM team was able to use the SHARE data with the HRS-based Schaeffer code, saving them months of data development.

The Schaeffer Center is looking forward to the collaboration that will result from the close proximity to these researchers!