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A Pan-European Perspective on the International Political Economy of Ageing

- Overview of Walker's *Ageing and Society* paper (Vol. 25 pp. 815-839) (2005).
- How might Walker's agenda be realised
- Methodological considerations.

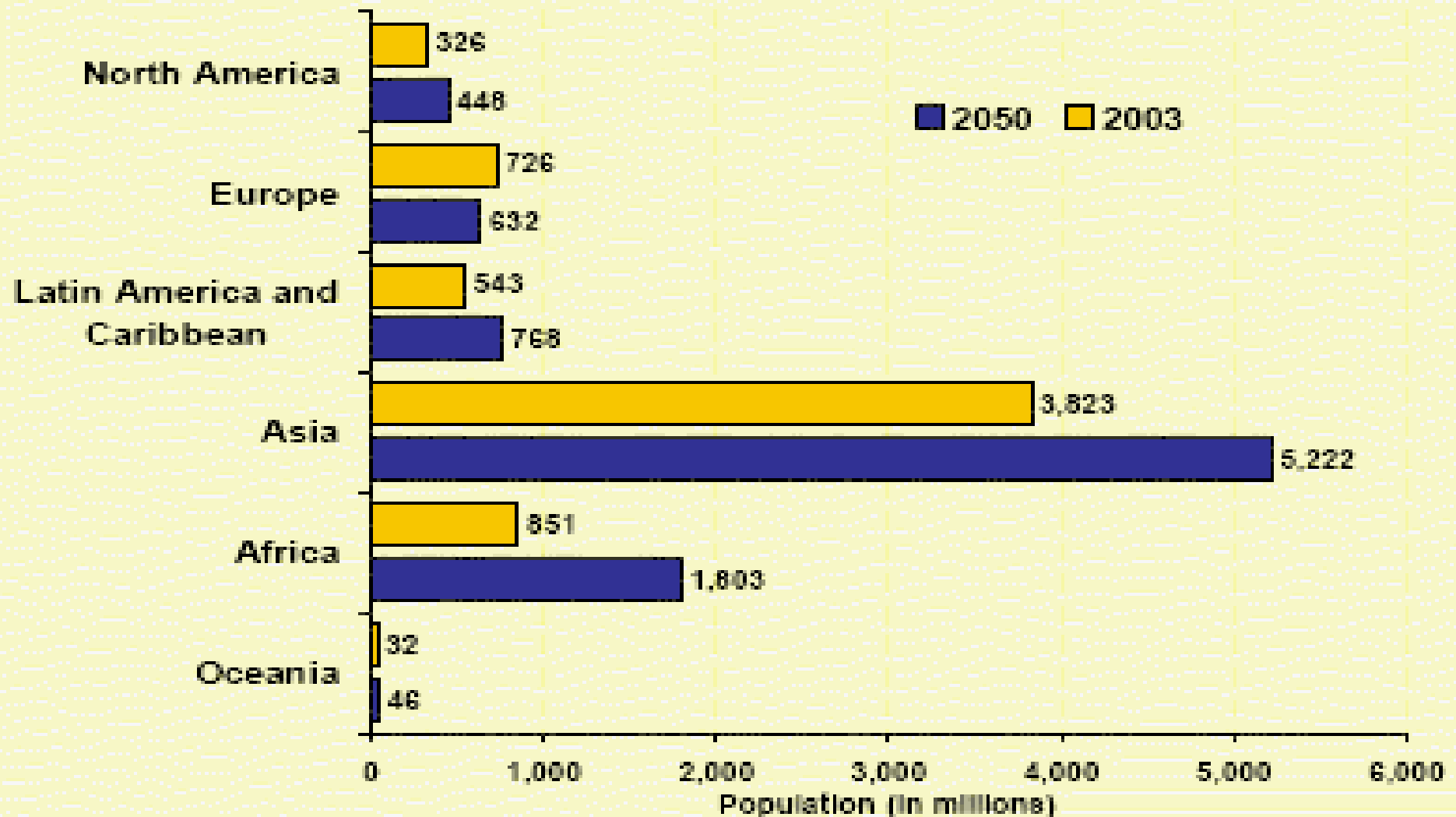
International Political Economy of Ageing

- The development of the Political Economy of Ageing and its critiques
- Globalisation requires his 1981 position to be internationalised.
- What is Globalisation?
- A shift in the nature of power results in a shift of the research focus to the international (e.g. Madrid International Plan and the UN Research Agenda).

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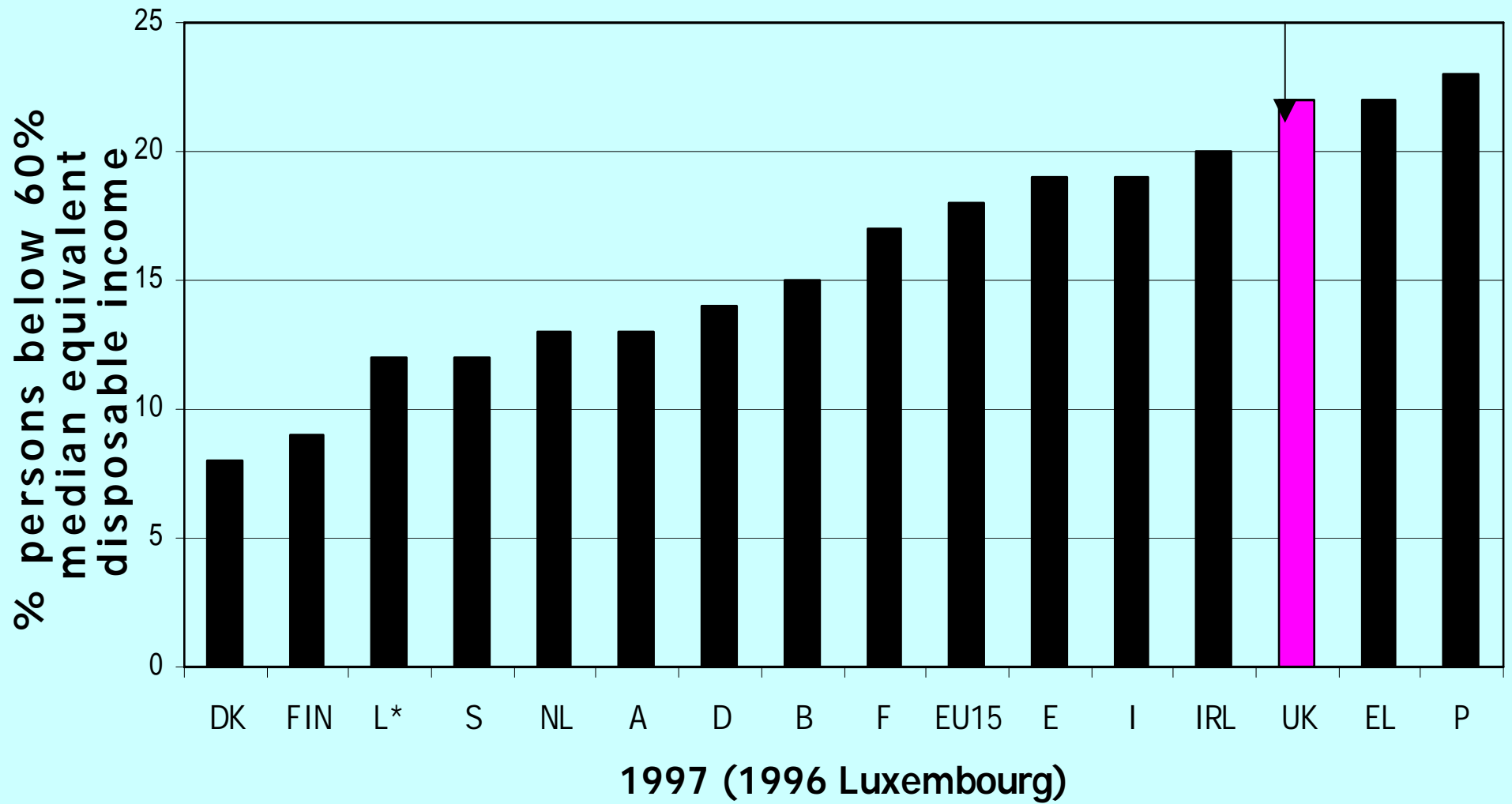
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Continental Populations, 2003 and 2050



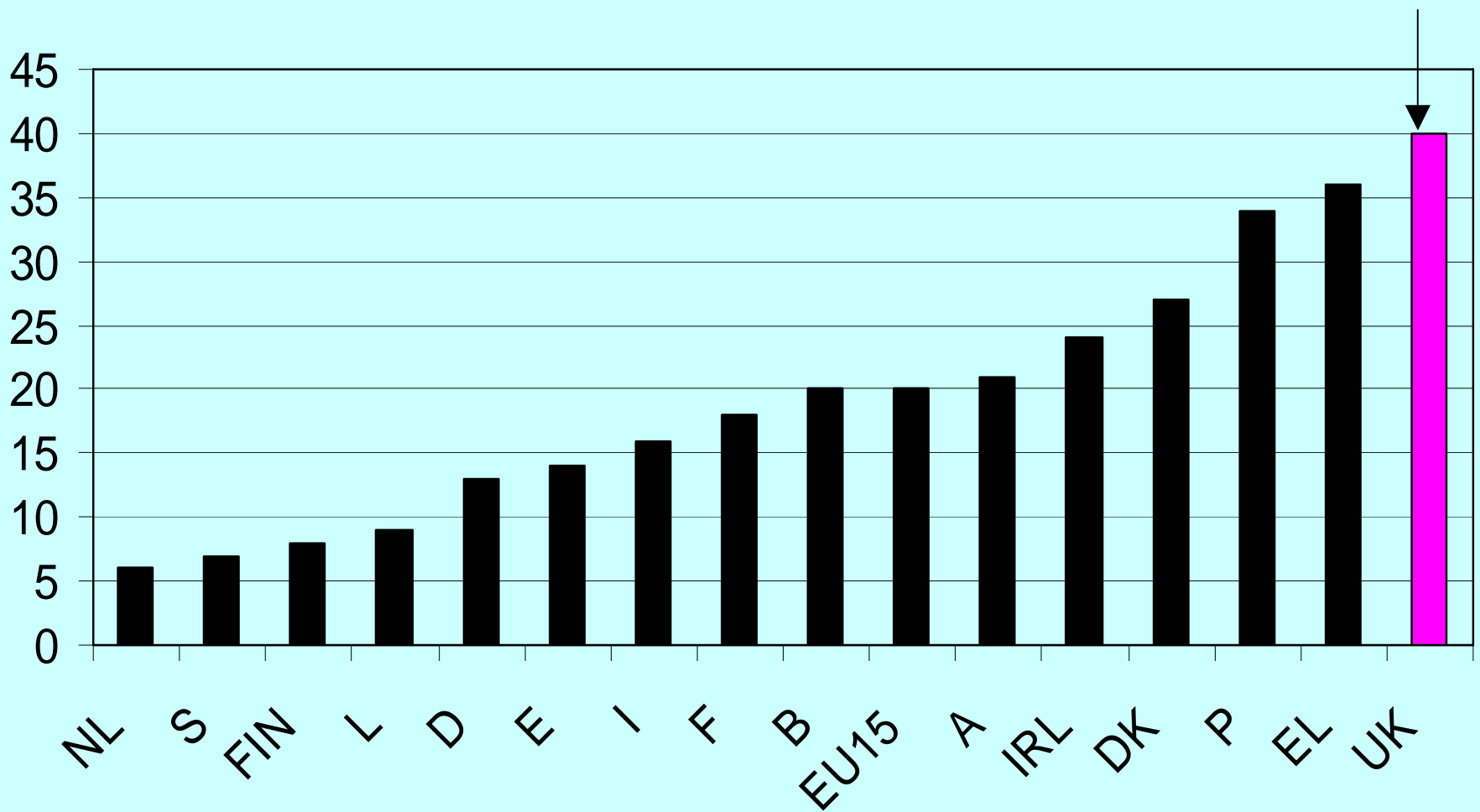
Source: United Nations *World Population Prospects*, 2002.

Risk of Financial Poverty



At risk of financial poverty (population 65+)

% persons below 60 % median
equivalent disposable income



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....a parallel epistemic scientific community that, among other things, contests the dominant global narrative that portrays ageing as a burden and marginalises older people in development.

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- Transnational Corporations
- The nation state
- Supra national regional structures
- United Nations Organisation
- International non Governmental organisations

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□ Main Priorities

1. An explanation for the persistence of poverty
2. An analysis of the interaction between development and population ageing
3. Close investigation of the roles of IGOs.

A research agenda

- The 'Social' is imperative
- International Political Economy of Ageing needed to...
- Understand national and global responses to ageing
- Highlight roles of TNCs
- Critical evaluation of effects of globalisation upon older people
- To counteract the ideology of the 'ageing crisis'
- To combine the human rights and development & ageing agendas

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- Discipline must therefore:
- Create regional and global standards
- Establish alliances between poor south and rich north.
- Make case to all levels of policy making community.

A note on methodology

- Bamba *Journal of European Social Policy*
16(1) pp. 73-80
- Why continue using Three Worlds of Welfare ?
- Emphasis must be upon the 'Social'
- Requires qualitative and quantitative approaches