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A Study on the Interplay of Individual and Economic Influences on Health in Old Age

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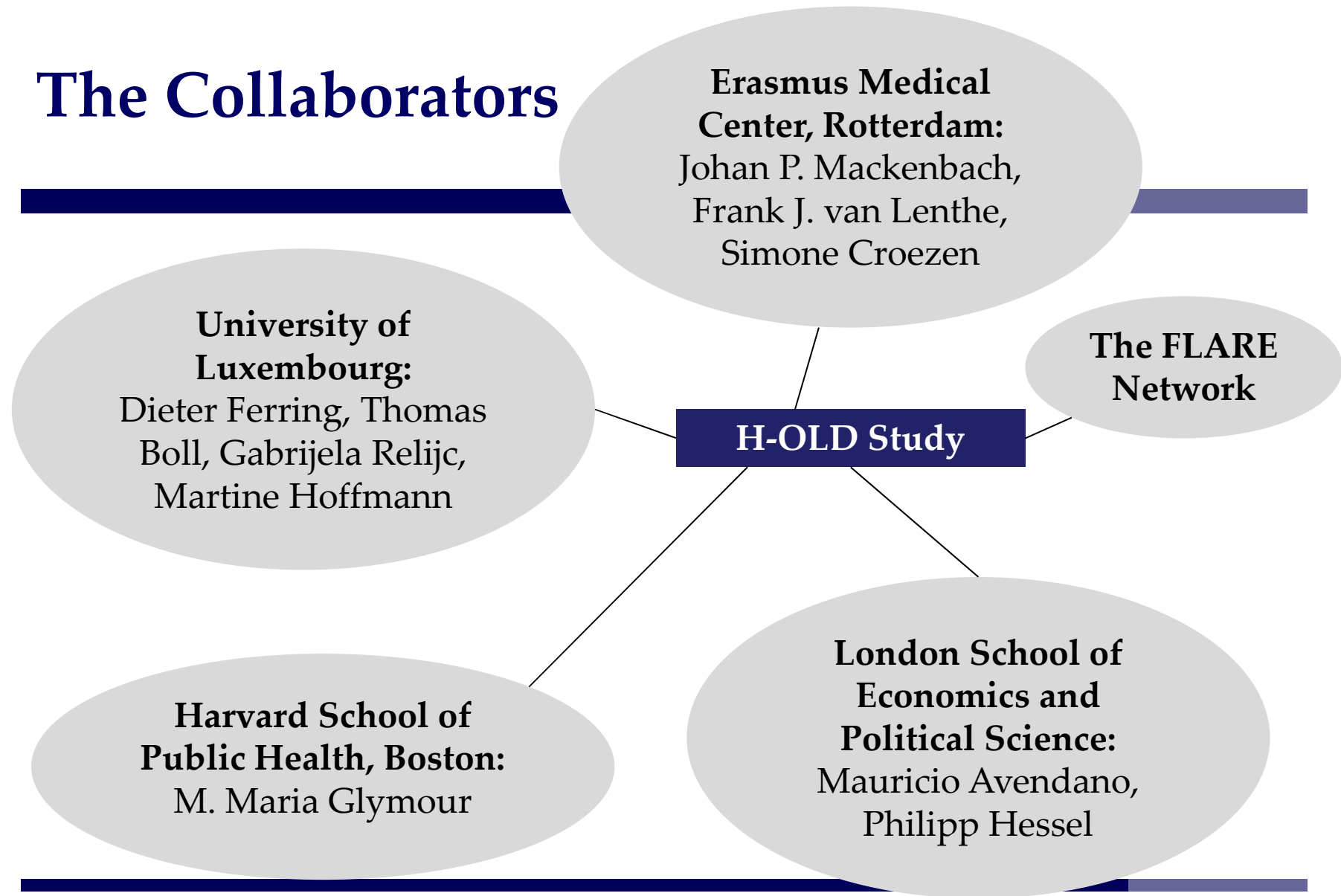


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The Fellowship

- Psychology meets Epidemiology...
- Home institution: University of Luxembourg
- One-year research stay abroad: Department of Public Health, Erasmus Medical Center, Rotterdam
- Establishing network of collaborators

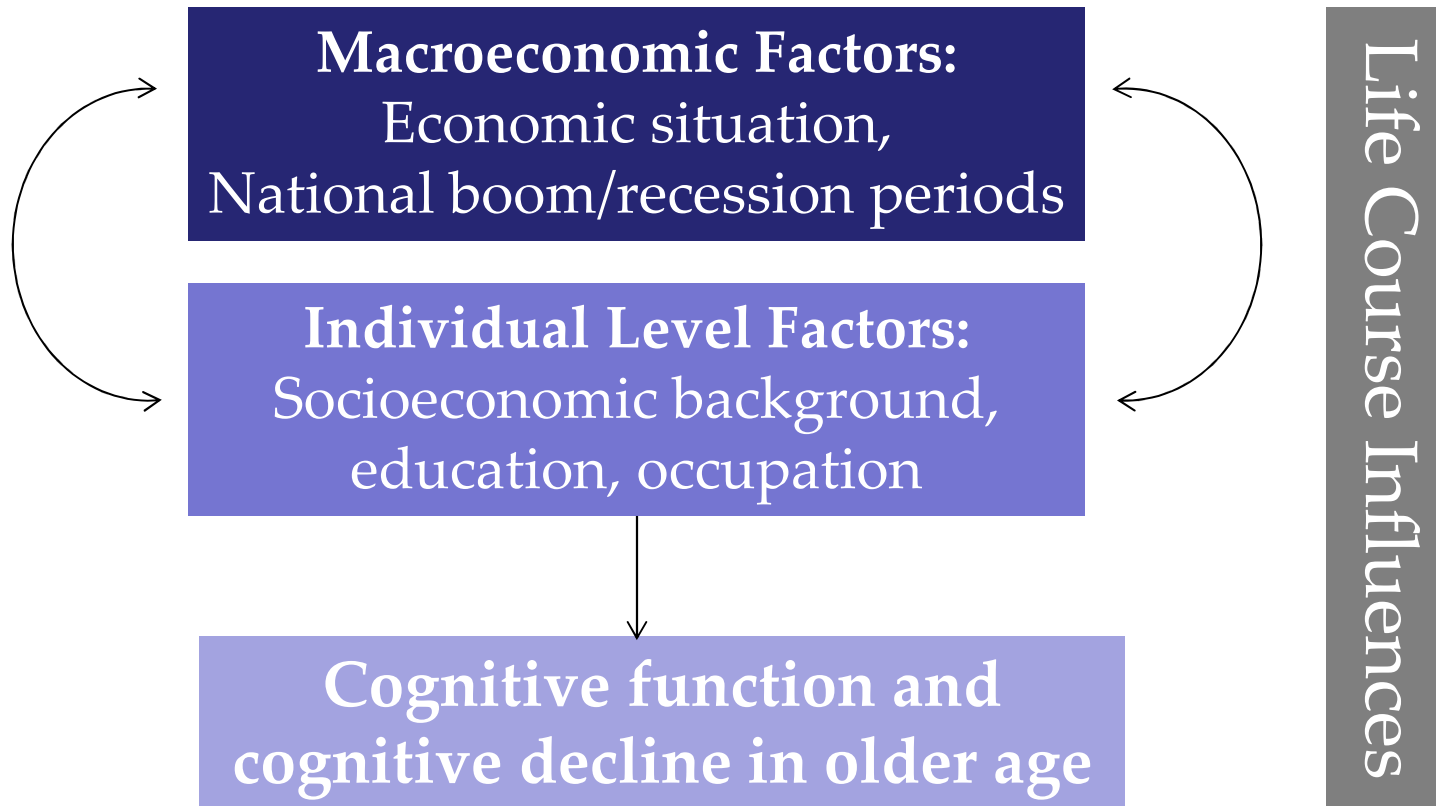
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The Research

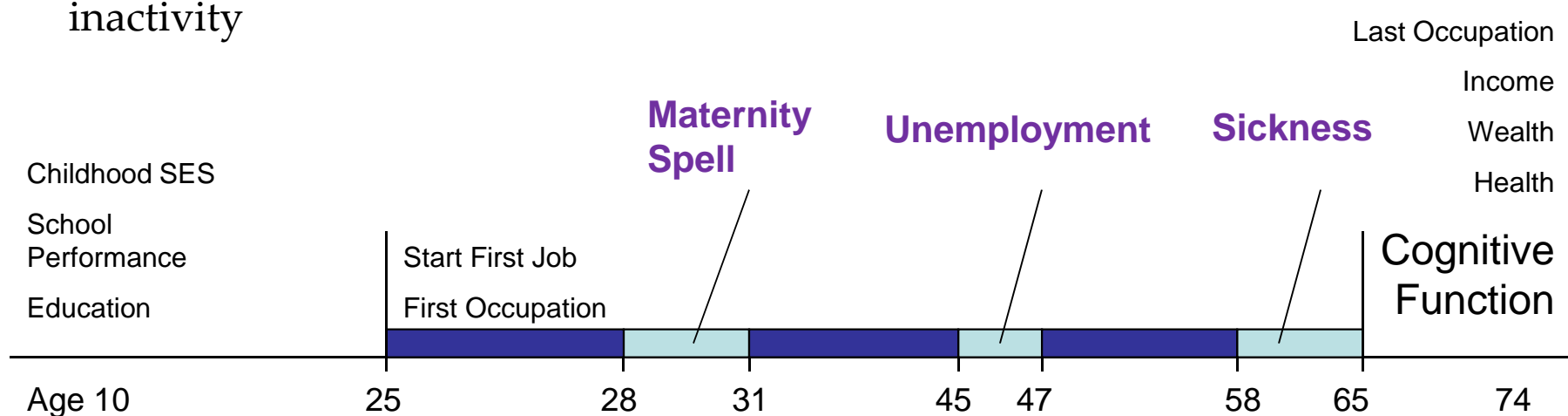
- Using SHARE and SHARELIFE - a unique European dataset with information on health, social relationships, economic situation, and complete (work) histories of a population-representative sample of Europeans 50+
- Bringing together the psychological and (macro)economic perspective on health in old age

Major Topic



First Paper on Individual Level Influences Over the Life Course – The Life History Calendar

... using SHARELIFE work histories to identify periods of economic inactivity



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- **Homemaker**
- **Training**

First Paper on Individual Level Influences Over the Life Course on Cognitive Function

- Labor market involvement associations with later-life cognitive function: investigating different forms of employment gaps on cognitive function and cognitive decline
 - Sickness
 - Unemployment
 - Training ↗
 - Maternity spells ↗

Second Paper on Macroeconomic Influences

- National boom and recession periods during working ages and later-life cognitive function
 - Boom periods ↗
 - Recession periods ↘

Thank you! – Questions?



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