

# Europe – Variations on a Theme



- Germany, Italy, and Spain are the oldest nations of Western Europe today
  - Germany & Italy could lose 13 million by 2050, 9% of 2007 total
  - In Spain today pop 0-4 numbers 42% less than 30-34 - to break even & replace the current generation each woman must have four children
  - Much of Eastern Europe is as or nearly as old – Hajnal's Line
- Working age population in France will decline by 9% by 2050 while the elderly will increase by 70%
  - Elderly more vulnerable to disease and environmental changes
- Overall in Europe there are 35 persons of pension-able age per 100 working age persons today
  - By 2050 there will be 75
  - In Spain and Italy the ratio will be 1:1