**NordWel seminar:**

**Key Concepts in the Nordic Welfare State:**

**Can we find a Nordic welfare state language?**

**27 – 28 September 2012**

**Accademia di Danimarca and Villa Lante, Rome**

Both research and public discussion on the Nordic model is characterized by a series of ‘key concepts’, which are seen as typical for the Nordic model or at least are taken as a self-evident point of departure for the discussion on it. These are concepts such as ‘rights’, ‘universalism’, ‘equality’, ‘welfare state’ etc. NordWel’s seminars on Key Concpets in the Nordic Welfare aim to problematize and discuss these fundamental concepts in order to create knowledge on the different understandings of them and to reach a more qualified starting point for research.

In the previous workshops we have focused exclusively on the key concepts of the Nordic welfare states (rights, welfare, welfare state, Nordic/Norden). To a certain degree the notion of something specific Nordic has been implicit in many of our discussions. Now we want to try to make it more explicit: Is it possible to locate a specific Nordic welfare state language? Moving from "concepts" to "language" (as for instance in the work of Michael Freeden on "the Liberal language" or some of Georg Lakoffs more political work on framing) open up for a broader perspective where concepts are clustered and where we can also more explicitly address questions on agency, power and intentions.

**Thursday 27 September**

Venue: Accademia di Danimarca/Det Danske Institut i Rom, Via Omero 18

9.30 Welcome by Pauli Kettunen & Klaus Petersen

9.45-13.00 Papers:

Mirja Österberg: *A Nordic way of discussing social policy? Nordic social policy meetings in the 1930s*

Nanna Kildal: *Norwegian social policy discourses in an international perspective*

Jeppe Nevers & Jussi Kurunmäki: *Nordic Liberalism*

13.00-15.00 Lunch

15.00-17.00 Papers:

Carl Marklund: *Nordic models—American mirrors—Swedish self-portraits? The Nordic Model in North America*

Anne-Marie Mai: *Litterær velfærdsmetaforik*

20.00 Dinner (TBA)

**Friday 28 September**

Venue: Institutum Romanum Finlandiae, Villa Lante, Passeggiata del Gianicolo, 10

9.30-13.00 Papers:

Nils Edling, Jørn Henrik Petersen & Klaus Petersen: *Scandinavian*

*Social Policy Language*

Gudmundur Jønsson: *The changing language of welfare in Iceland. Some preliminary remarks*

Per Haave: *“Welfare State in Norway”*

Pirjo Markkola: *Gendering welfare state languages*

13.00-14.30 Lunch

14.30-16.00 Papers

Michael Kuur Sørensen: *Neoliberalism before Reagan and Thatcher - How Mogens Glistrup Changed the Welfare Discourse in Denmark in the early 1970s*

Klaus Petersen & Urban Lundberg: *Body Snatchers, Desperatoes and the Real McCoy*

16-17.30 Discussion on ”Language of/in the welfare state”

Pauli Kettunen: *Languages of the welfare state*

Jussi Kurunmäki: *Do we see what we want to see? - On subjectivism and other constraints of a conceptual historian*

17.30 Reception in Villa Lante

20.00 Dinner (TBA)

