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**PROGRAMME**

**Monday 4 June**

9.00-9.15 Opening of the seminar, room 505

Opening by *Pauli Kettunen, Professor of Political History, University of Helsinki*

Welcome by *Jussi Pakkasvirta, Head of the Department of Political and Economic Studies, University of Helsinki*

9.15-10.00 Plenary session, room 505

Introduction by *Stein Kuhnle, Professor of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen*

10.00-10.15 Coffee

10.15-12.15 Group sessions

*Group 1: Labour markets, migration/immigration and social rights, room 404*

*Group 2: Ageing populations as a challenge to social security systems, room 405*

*Group 3: Norms and institutions, room 505*

12.15-13.00 Lunch at the House of Science and Letters

13.00-15.00 Group sessions

*Group 1: Labour markets, migration/immigration and social rights, room 404*

*Group 2: Ageing populations as a challenge to social security systems, room 405*

*Group 3: Norms and institutions, room 505*

15.00-15.15 Coffee

15.15-16.45 Group sessions

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*Group 3: Norms and institutions, room 505*

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18.00 Cruise to Suomenlinna from *Kauppatori*

18.30 Reception at the *Nordic Culture Point*

20.00 Dinner at Restaurant *Walhalla*

**Tuesday 5 June**

9.00-10.30 Group sessions

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10.30-10.45 Coffee

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12.15-13.15 Lunch at the House of Science and Letters

13.15-14.30 Plenary session: summary of working groups, publications plans

14.30-14.45 Coffee

14.45-15.30 General discussion: Future of SNoW network

(15.45-16.45 Meeting of Sino-Nordic steering group: SNoW activities 2012-2013)

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19.00 Dinner at Restaurant *Kappeli*

Greetings from *Liisa Laakso, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Helsinki*

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House of Science and Letters, <http://www.tieteidentalo.fi/>

Suomenlinna, <http://www.suomenlinna.fi/en>

Nordic Culture Point, <http://www.kulturkontaktnord.org/>

Walhalla, <http://www.restaurantwalhalla.com/eng/index.php>

Kappeli, <http://www.kappeli.fi/>

Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel, <http://www.radissonblu.com/plazahotel-helsinki>**Topic 1: Labour markets, migration/immigration and social rights**

Discussions on labour market mobility, migration and immigration are salient and important both in China and the Nordic countries. Even though there are structural differences (for instance domestic migration vs. foreign immigrants) and the systems of social protection and labour market regulation are different, many general problems and questions are similar, including those concerning basic social rights and labour standards for moving populations, the social and economic costs of (im)migration and integration, and the political challenges related to (im)migration issues. What are the challenges? How are they defined, and what kind of public policy solutions are formulated and decided on in this field?

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**Topic 2: Ageing populations as a challenge to social security systems**Both China and the Nordic countries undergo a process of demographic change towards an ageing population, which have implications for both ‘cash’ and ‘care’ aspects of public policies for the elderly. Issues to be discussed can be the problem of combining various pension systems (e.g. distributional effects; labour market behaviour); how the responsibility for the support of elderly citizens can be shared between state and family (and market and civil society); how the costs of rising longevity is shared between pensioners and the state; how pension systems (may) affect elderly people’s participation on the labour market; and issues related to gender: in what way does family status influence the rights and responsibilities of women?

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**Topic 3: Norms and institutions**History teaches us that there are different roads to welfare, and different perspectives across time and space and governments, as to what the scope of the welfare role or responsibility of the state should be. Since the early 1990s there has been much research on different types or ‘models’ of welfare states in the West, which has subsequently given rise to comparisons not only of different types of Western welfare states but of welfare and social security development in different parts of the world, thus concepts of an ‘East Asian welfare model’ or a ‘Confucian’ welfare model’ have been introduced by some researchers to emphasize that historically embedded, fundamental ‘cultural’ norms and values give rise to different kinds of public policies and welfare and social security institutions. Perhaps several ‘welfare models’ can be distinguished between in East Asia, as we can distinguish between different welfare models in Europe. What has been the division of responsibility between citizens, enterprises and the state, and how is this division changing? Which risks are defined as (more or less) social risks? What are the reasons given for specific policies or institutions as to organizing, financing and provision of welfare services or income transfers as responses to defined risks? How are trade-offs between different values made (e.g. trade-off between scope and generosity of social security benefits and incentives for labour market participation, productivity and economic growth). Welfare policies and institutions are based on ideas about needs, merit and rights – or a combination of these criteria, and thus are also expressions of norms, values and social goals - about responsibility, fairness, equality, and adequacy. It would be interesting to develop cross-national comparisons of such aspects of welfare states or social policies.

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