**Changing meanings of (un)employment**

University of Helsinki, 27-28 February 2012

Venue: Forest House (Metsätalo), Unioninkatu 40, room 10

Open seminar on the making and defining of unemployment from a comparative historical perspective.

**PROGRAMME**

**Monday 27 February, 13-17**

13.00 Opening words

13.10 NOEL WHITESIDE (University of Warwick): The Historical Construction and Reconstruction of Unemployment – a Comparison

14.10 Coffee

14.30 NILS EDLING (Stockholm University): Creating National Labour Markets: The Public Labour Exchange 1890--1920”

15.30 MATTI HANNIKAINEN (University of Helsinki): Unemployment and Labour Market Flexibility in the Great Depression. The Case of Construction Workers in Helsinki

**Tuesday 28 February, 9-13**

9.15 MIRJA ÖSTERBERG (University of Helsinki): Arguments by the Finnish Social Democrats concerning unemployment in the 1930s

10.15 Coffee

10.30 SAMI OUTINEN (University of Helsinki/Stockholm University): The Changing Concept of Unemployment in Finland in the Late 20th Century

11.30 PATRICK EMMENEGGER (University of Southern Denmark): The Politics of Job Security Regulations: From Drift to Layering on Job Security

12.30 Closing discussion

The workshop is open for public. However, for coffee please register to Heidi Haggrén, heidi.haggren[at]helsinki.fi, by 23rd February 2012.

**Organiser**: T**he** Nordic Centre of Excellence NordWel (The Nordic Welfare State – Historical Foundations and Future Challenges). The seminar is part of the activities of NordWel’s theme group five The Normative Charges of Work: The Labour Market and the Welfare State”. Www: <http://blogs.helsinki.fi/nord-wel/>

 