Second Call for Papers

Shifting to Post-Crisis Welfare States in Europe? – Long Term and Short Term Perspectives

International conference

Berlin, June 4 – 5, 2013

Welfare states develop, change and adapt to changing circumstances. Long-term incremental transformations, short-term ruptures and crises have been intertwined in the making and changing of welfare states. Over the last five years welfare states have been hit by a severe financial crisis. Its effects are in various ways related to structural changes associated with globalization, immigration, generational structures, and old and new social risks. The financial crisis has demonstrated international interdependencies and made the problems concerning the democratic legitimacy of national welfare states and European integration visible.

Against this background the conference Shifting to Post-Crisis Welfare States in Europe? – Long Term and Short Term Perspectives brings together distinguished academics from across the world to discuss whether we are going through a tough time – as a phase in the normal development and adaptation of welfare states – or whether we are facing a complete transformation or even a decline of the welfare state as we know it.

Programme

Tuesday June 4, 2013

9:00-11:00 Plenary Session I
Chair: Bjørn Hvinden (NOVA, NO)

9.00-9:30 Opening and welcome by NordForsk
Introduction
Pauli Kettunen (University of Helsinki, FI) and Bjørn Hvinden (NOVA, NO)

9.30-10:00 Is the Current Crisis (Really) a Crisis of the Welfare State?
Chiara Saraceno (Social Science Research Centre Berlin (WZB), DE & Collegio Carlo Alberto, Turin, IT)

10:00-11:00 Comments and Open Discussion

11:30-13:00 Parallel Workshops
a) Perspectives on the Current Crisis – Background, Response and Experience across Europe
Chair: Jochen Clasen (University of Edinburgh, UK) and Ana Guillén, (University of Oviedo, ES).

b) The Relationships between Trust, Legitimacy and the Welfare State
Chairs and commentators: Ellen Immergut (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, DE) and Pauli Kettunen (University of Helsinki, FI)

c) **Poverty and Social Exclusion in Times of Crisis – Historical and Contemporary Impact**
Chairs and commentators: Bea Cantillon (University of Antwerp, BE) and Pirjo Markkola (University of Jyväskylä, FI).

d) **Public Pensions in Hard Times**
Chairs and commentators: Jørgen Goul Andersen (University of Ålborg, DK) and Karl Hinrichs (Bremen University, DE).

14:00-15:30 Parallel Workshops

e) **Immigration and the Welfare State**
Chairs and commentators: Grete Brochmann (University of Oslo, NO) and Wim van Oorschot, (Leuven University, BE).

f) **Changing Demography, Care and Gender Relations**
Chairs and commentators: Birgit Pfau-Effinger (University of Hamburg, DE) and Sonya Michel (University of Maryland, US).

g) **What are we comparing and what should we compare? Challenges of comparative welfare state research**
Chairs and commentators: Jon Kvist (University of Southern Denmark) and Bernhard Ebbinghaus (University of Manheim, DE).

h) **The Politics of Social Policy – Old and New Actors**
Chairs and commentators: Herbert Obinger (Bremen University, DE) and Urban Lundberg (Stockholm University, SE).

16:00-17:00 Plenary Session II
Chair: Stein Kuhnle (Hertie School of Governance, DE/University of Bergen, NO)

16:00-16:30 **The Future of Liberal Welfare States: A Comparative Political Economy Perspective**
Peter Hall (Harvard University, US)

16:30-17:00 Comments and Open Discussion

17:00-18:00 Plenary Session III
Chair: Pauli Kettunen (University of Helsinki, FI)

17:00-17:30 **Gender, Welfare and Ways out of Crises – Historical and Contemporary Experience**
Ann Orloff (Northwestern University, US)

17.30-18:00 Comments and Open Discussion
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9.00-11.00 Parallel Workshops

i) Social Policy Concepts, Classifications and Language
   Chairs and commentators: Klaus Petersen, (University of South Denmark, DK) and Christoph Conrad (University of Geneva, CH)

j) Life Courses, Intergenerational and Gender Relations interacting with Welfare Policies
   Chairs and commentators: Chiara Saraceno (Social Science Research Centre Berlin (WZB), DE & Collegio Carlo Alberto, Turin, IT), and Gunhild Hagestad (Norwegian Social Research, NO).

k) Crises and Restructuring of Labour Markets: Reinforced Dualisation and Exclusion?
   Chairs and commentators: Noel Whiteside (University of Warwick, UK), and Paul Marx (University of Southern Denmark, DK).

l) EU: The Problem or the Solution of the Welfare State in Crisis?
   Chairs and commentators: Caroline de la Porte (University of Southern Denmark, DK) and Jonathan Zeitlin (University of Amsterdam, NL)

11:30-12:45 Plenary Session IV
Chair: Viggo Nordvik (NOVA, NO)

11:30-12:15 Is There a Need for New Perspectives in Welfare Research?
Bruno Palier (Director of Research, CNRS, Sciences Po, FR)
Kimberly Morgan (George Washington University, US)

12:15-12:45 Comments and Open Discussion

13:45-15:30 Plenary Session V
Chair: Viggo Nordvik (NOVA, NO)

13:45-14:15 What Advice can Welfare Research offer for Ways out of the Crisis?
Joakim Palme (University of Uppsala, SE)

14:15-15:15 Panel discussion

15:15-15:30 Concluding Comments
Format and venue
The format of the conference is a combination of plenary keynotes given by some of the most central welfare researchers of today and paper sessions where the work of well-established researchers, post-doctoral researchers and PhD students are discussed. We open up for papers on a variety of topics related to the long- and short-term transformations of welfare states:

- Current crisis and its background, response and experience across Europe
- Relationships between trust, legitimacy and the welfare state
- Poverty and social exclusion in times of crisis
- Public pensions in hard times
- Immigration and the welfare state
- Changing demography, care and gender relations
- Challenges of comparative welfare state research
- The politics of social policy – old and new actors
- Social policy concepts, classifications and language
- Life courses, intergenerational and gender relations interacting with welfare policies
- Crises and restructuring of labour markets
- EU: the problem or the solution of the welfare state in crisis

Venue: The Nordic Embassies, Rauchstr. 1, D-10787 Berlin

Submission of Abstracts
Abstracts are submitted to the coordinator Heidi Haggren (heidi.haggren@helsinki.fi). Abstracts should be about 200 words and sent as a Word or PDF attachment.

Deadline for abstracts is March 1, 2013 (new extended dead-line). Successful applicants will be informed by March 15, 2013.
Deadline for full papers is May 10, 2013.

Participation in the conference is free of charge, including conference dinner, lunches and coffees. A limited number of travel grants will be available.

For further information please visit conference website http://blogs.helsinki.fi/nord-wel/iwec2013/ or contact coordinator Heidi Haggren (heidi.haggren@helsinki.fi).

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