RC19 Digest

Special Message from RC19 President

Dear RC19 Members:

I have some important news to share with you regarding future RC19 conferences. Recently, Evelyne Huber and John Stephens, the organizers of our University of North Carolina conference, asked the board whether it could be postponed until 2017, a request that was granted by the board. The exact dates of the North Carolina meeting will be announced in due course. Simultaneously, I am pleased to inform you that the RC19 board approved a proposal by board member Juliana Martínez Franzoni (Universidad de Costa Rica) to organize our 2016 conference in this beautiful country. The San José, Costa Rica meeting is set to take place from August 25-27, 2016. The call for papers for this meeting should appear in the early fall. Meanwhile, program coordinators Bjørn Hvinden and Hildegard Theobald are in the process of approving proposals for the RC19 thematic sessions for the Third ISA Forum, which will take place in Vienna from July 10-14, 2016. Calls for papers will be circulated in the near future. Please note that abstract submission for the ISA Forum will run from April 14 to September 30, 2015 (only submissions on-line via Confex platform will be considered). Overall, I am very excited about all these future activities and I would like to thank the board members as well as the great people involved in organizing such activities for their hard work and support for RC19.

Sincerely,

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Conference Update: RC19 Annual Conference, 26-28 August 2015, Bath

The papers for presentation at the upcoming RC19 Annual Conference at Bath have now been selected, and there is a draft programme available at the conference website: http://www.bath.ac.uk/sps/rc19-conference/programme/event-programme/.

Registration and bookings for university accommodation will open on the conference website by 1 April 2015. (The deadline for registering is 31 July 2015). Please make sure your membership is current before you register (please get in touch with RC19 treasurer Timo Fleckenstein t.fleckenstein@lse.ac.uk if you need to renew your membership).

If you intend to stay in town at one of our suggested hotels, we urge you to book early, as rooms at the special rate will be released up to 8 weeks before the conference date. Late August is high season in Bath.

The conference team looks forward to welcoming RC19 members (also those not presenting a paper!) in Bath 26-28 August 2015 for what will be a superb conference in a World Heritage city.

More information available at: http://www.bath.ac.uk/sps/rc19-conference/

Calls for Papers

ESPAnet doctoral workshop on 'Health Impacts of Social Policy'
25 – 26 September 2015, Stockholm

- Discussing the relevance of national health care as well as the need for cash benefit programs, such as social insurance, social assistance and family benefits
- Target group: PhD students from various disciplines and at different stages in their education (maximum of 20 participants)
- Call for Papers: Submission until 15 May, 2015; up to 600 words

More information: ESPAnet doctoral workshop on 'Health Impacts of Social Policy'.pdf

Australian Social Policy Conference 2015

28 – 30 September 2015, UNSW Australia, Sydney

The Conference presents work from researchers, teachers, students and practitioners of social policy. Papers can report the results of research, discuss conceptual approaches to contemporary social policy, describe work in progress, or raise issues for debate. Discussion will be organised around themes that cover a wide range of social policy topics, including: Poverty, welfare and social inequality; Communities, families and children; Environment and social policy; Disability, rights and care; Human services; Ageing, rights and entitlements; Indigenous peoples; Chinese social policy (special workshop on Monday 28 September); Open strand.

International contributions are particularly encouraged

Please submit an abstract of up to 250 words for consideration, nominating a theme from the list above. Criteria for selection will include academic quality, originality, accessibility, and relevance to current debates in social policy. Where papers are based on empirical research, preference will be given to abstracts showing evidence of research results. We welcome papers presenting all points of view.

We are also inviting proposals for special sessions, including groups of related papers within the contributed paper streams. Please send proposals to aspc@unsw.edu.au

Deadline for submissions: 20 April 2015

To submit an abstract, or for more information, go to www.aspc.unsw.edu.au

The editors of the journal '**Global Social Policy'** (Sage) invite submissions of articles and special issues proposals to be published from 2016 onwards.

Global Social Policy is a fully peer-reviewed journal that advances understandings of social policy, social development, social and health governance, gender and poverty, social welfare, education, employment, and food, and the advantages and disadvantages of globalisation, from transnational and global perspectives. The journal publishes scholarly and policy-oriented articles that address global social policy discourse, and practice as well as transnational flows of capital, people, and policies including the diffusion of ideas.

More information available at: http://gsp.sagepub.com/

We encourage you to get in touch with us to discuss any relevant paper or special issue idea; please contact the editors at gsp@mcmaster.ca.

Allen, Adriana/ Lampis, Andrea/ Swilling, Mark (eds) (2015): Untamed Urbanism, Routledge, 2015, more information: http://www.sponpress.com/books/details/9781138815421/

Calvo, Esteban/ Mair, Christine A./ Sarkisian, Natalia (2014): Individual Troubles, Shared Troubles: The Multiplicative Effect of Individual and Country-level Unemployment on Life Satisfaction in 95 Nations (1981-2009). Social Forces; http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/sf/sou109

Harris, Joseph (2015): 'Developmental capture' of the state: Explaining Thailand's Universal Coverage Policy. In: Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law, 40(1), pp. 165-93. http://jhppl.dukejournals.org/content/early/2014/12/05/03616878-2854689

Hobson, Barbara (ed) (2015): Worklife Balance. The Agency and Capabilities Gap, Oxford University Press, 2015; now coming out in paper back; as an RC 19 member you are entitled to a 30% discount with the code: The price with the discount is 21 Pounds.

> About the book: How do institutional settings influence the sense of entitlement to make claims for worklife balance? Which institutional contexts promote or weaken thepotentialities for workife balance and quality of life? What are the gendered dimensions in capabilities for worklife balance? Looking across Eastern and Western European societies and Japan and within work organizations, this book examines the tensions between rising expectations and norms for men and women to become earners and carers and the intensification of work demands alongside the insecurity in jobs and precarious work situations. Inspired by Amartya Sen's capabilities approach, we bring a dynamic framework to worklife balance research that asks not just what individuals do, but their scope of alternatives to make other choices. Whereas worklife balance research has tended to be compartmentalised in different disciplines and domains, the multi-dimensional lens in this book focuses on the individual/household, firm and managerial level, and welfare state policy context and their interactions.
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> Website with table of contents: http://ukcatalogue.oup.com/product/9780199681136.do
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> Check out my blogg, which OUP encourages its authors to write. Add something and keep the dialogue going. http://blog.oup.com/2014/12/worklife-balance-policy-life-choice/

Kamimura, Yasuhiro (2014): Welfare State Development in East Asia: A Cross-Continental Comparison. In: The HYI Working Paper Series, pp.1-20. Full paper: http://www.harvard-yenching.org/features/hyi-working-paper-series-kamimura-yasuhiro

Komp, Kathrin/ Johansson, Stina (eds) (2015): Population ageing from a lifecourse perspective: Critical and international approaches, Policy Press, 2015, more information: http://www.policypress.co.uk/display.asp?ISB=9781447310716&#sthash.G5pwkIJR.dpuf

Kronborg Bak, Carsten & Elm Larsen, Jørgen (2015): Social exclusion or poverty individualisation? An empirical test of two recent and competing poverty theories. In: European Journal of Social Work, 18(1), pp. 17-35.

Kuhlmann, E./ Blank, R.H./ Bourgeault, I.L./ Wendt, C. (eds) (2015): The Palgrave International Handbook of Healthcare Policy and Governance, Basingstoke: Palgrave, 2015, sample chapter available at: http://www.palgrave.com/page/detail/the-palgrave-international-handbook-of-healthcare-policy-and-governance-ellen-kuhlmann/?K=9781137384935; more information: Kuhlmann et al_2015_ Handbook of Healthcare Policy and_Governance

Meagher, Gabrielle/ Goodwin, Susan (eds) (2015): Markets, rights and power in Australian social policy, Sydney: Sydney University Press, 2015, more information: https://sup-estore.sydney.edu.au/jspcart/cart/Product.jsp?nID=971&nCategoryID=1

> About the book: The provision of social services in Australia has changed dramatically in recent decades. Governments have expanded social provision without expanding the public sector by directly subsidising private provision, by contracting private agencies, both non-profit and for-profit, to deliver services, and through a number of other subsidies and vouchers.
> Private actors receive public funds to deliver social services to citizens, raising a range of important questions about financial and democratic accountability: 'who benefits', 'who suffers' and 'who decides'. This book explores these developments through rich case studies of a diverse set of social policy domains. The case studies demonstrate a range of effects of marketisation, including the impact on the experience of consumer engagement with social service systems, on the distribution of social advantage and disadvantage, and on the democratic steering of social policy.

Naples, Nancy A./ Bickmann Mendez, Jennifer (2015): Border Politics: Social Movements, Collective Identities, and Globalization. NY: NYU Press.

Teo, Youyenn (2015): Interrogating the Limits of Welfare Reforms in Singapore. In: Development and Change, 46(1), pp. 95-120.

Teo, Youyenn (2015): Differentiated Deservedness: Governance through Familialist Social Policies in Singapore. In: TRaNS: Trans -Regional and -National Studies of Southeast Asia, 3(1), pp. 73-93.

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