

## **RC19 Digest –March 2017**

### *RC19 Announcements*

#### **Chapel Hill Conference**

This year's RC19 conference will take place from June 22-24 at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. It will begin with a plenary on US Immigration Policy and a reception on Thursday evening and end with another plenary on Healthcare in the US on Saturday evening. More information is available at <http://europe.unc.edu/rc19-2017/>

### *Calls for Proposal and Papers:*

#### **Annual Conference of the European Group for Public Administration (EGPA)**

30 August – 1 September 2017, Milan, Italy

Permanent Study Group XX Welfare State Governance & Professionalism

“Welfare issues at the crossroads of public and private, formal and informal, professions and management”

The study group invites papers with (new) theoretical or empirical — especially comparative — insights on these developments and concepts. Possible examples for empirical research are the shifting welfare mixes between public and private provision and financing in many public fields such as healthcare, elderly care, labour market services, social housing, services for disabled people, childcare, integration of migrants. But also implications for professional work and new forms of professionalism, in which needs, clients and innovations in service delivery and management clash of come together. Papers can address these issues from different perspectives:

- Cooperation/collaboration between public and private actors and effects
- Conflicts or trade-offs between different forms of provision
- Impacts of too much corporatization and the lack of cooperation
- Policies promoting cross-sectoral coordination
- Bottom-up evidence of integration 'on the ground'
- Changing professional behaviors and the reconfiguration of professional work
- Interprofessional and/or multi-disciplinary cooperation
- Coping with governance and service complexities, e.g. by (hybrid) professionals
- Etc.

Deadline for paper proposal submission: **10<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

Please submit your paper proposal (of max. 400 words) via the EGPA annual conference 2017 website (<http://egpa-conference2017.org>).

Read the complete call [here](#)

**IV Seminario latinoamericano sobre desigualdad y políticas socio-laborales en perspectiva comparada: "(Des)estructuración del bienestar en el contexto de nuevos escenarios políticos en la región"**

30th August - 1st September 2017, Quito, Ecuador

Main themes:

1. Social and economic policy and conflict dynamics
2. Welfare spheres: care responsibility and feminization
3. Informal markets, associative and self-management work modalities and innovation in welfare provision
4. Exclusion and stigmatization modes produced by social policies

Deadline for abstract submission: **15th April 2017**

More information [here](#)

**Call for Chapters- *Social Policy in Southern Europe: A comparative Introduction***

Academics and researchers in the field of social policy are invited to submit abstracts proposing chapters for inclusion in the forthcoming book *Social Policy in Southern Europe: A Comparative Introduction*, edited by sociologists Michael Briguglio and Maria Brown. The project is currently at proposal stage for publication by internationally renowned publisher to be communicated at a later stage. The proposed volume will offer a concise comparative analysis of social policy in the Southern European region. It will draw on classic and contemporary theories of social policy, as well as political, social and economic contexts and processes, to illuminate contemporary social policies in Southern Europe. The proposed volume is intended to appeal to a wide international audience comprising undergraduate and postgraduate students, academics, researchers and policy-makers.

Interested authors are invited to submit abstracts to propose chapters that discuss how the following themes are being addressed in specific Southern European countries: poverty, social exclusion, gender norms, risks, social investment, welfare regime forms, employment, governance, social movements, diversity and sustainability. Proposed chapters should deploy a critical comparative approach that focuses on specific countries in Southern Europe whilst comparing regional commonalities and differences.

Chapter abstracts are to be submitted to [michael.briguglio@um.edu.mt](mailto:michael.briguglio@um.edu.mt) by **15th April 2017**, clearly indicating: Name and surname of author/s, institutional affiliation, proposed chapter title, country being discussed, themes addressed, abstract (300 words) describing content and scope, chapter sub-headings. The actual chapters will be c.2000-3000 words long. (Notification of acceptance or otherwise: 15th September 2017, Chapter drafts: 15th April 2018).

**Call for papers for issue nr.6 of *Estado y Comunes: "(Des)estructuración de los regímenes de bienestar en América Latina y el Caribe: desaceleración económica y retorno del neoliberalismo"*.**

Main theme: "(De)construction of welfare States in Latin America and the Caribbean: economic deceleration and the return to neoliberalism"

Abstract submission through [estadoycomun.es/iaen.edu.ec/](http://estadoycomun.es/iaen.edu.ec/)

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Deadline for abstract submission: **2nd July 2017** (Publication: January 2018)

Read the complete call [here](#), more information in [www.iaen.edu.ec](http://www.iaen.edu.ec)

### Summer schools:

#### **Berlin Summer School in Social Sciences 2017: *Linking Theory and Empirical Research***

Berlin, July 16 -- 27, 2017

The "*Berlin Summer School in Social Sciences – Linking Theory and Empirical Research*" seeks to promote young researchers by strengthening their methodological understanding in linking theory and empirical research. The two-week program creates an excellent basis for the development of their current research designs.

The program is characterized by a varied format comprising lectures, workshops, seminars, and one to-one consultations. During the summer school, participants will also have the opportunity to present and discuss their own work extensively. Participants will be provided with hands-on advice for their research designs.

The international summer school is open to 50 PhD candidates, advanced master students, and young postdocs. The call for applications is currently open. Applications can be submitted online via the application form on the summer school webpage until **March 31, 2017**. (The decisions of the selection committee will be announced to the applicants in April.)

Read the complete call [here](#). For more information, please visit [www.berlinsummerschool.de](http://www.berlinsummerschool.de). If you have any further questions, please contact the organizing team at [summerschool.bgss@huberlin.de](mailto:summerschool.bgss@huberlin.de)

**Second PROMEBI Summer School: *Social Research on Employment and Welfare Interactions***

University of Oviedo (Spain), September 4-8, 2017

The main goal of this Summer School is to make participants familiar with recent and high quality research developments in the field of employment and welfare interactions. The school offers lectures with discussions by renowned international scholars, with prior reading assignments. The participants will be also required to present and discuss their research project (e.g. postgraduate research proposal, in-progress or finished paper).

The PROMEBI Summer School is mainly targeted at Master and PhD students with a social science background and specific research interest in the field. Participants will be granted a diploma after completing the school. ECTS recognition by the University of Oviedo is expected.

Applicants must send a CV to [promebi@uniovi.es](mailto:promebi@uniovi.es), together with a short outline of the project/paper they would like to present in the school (up to 500 words on rationale for the topic, analytical framework, and research strategy/methods used). They will be selected on the basis of their general fit to the school topic and the quality of their project/paper

Application period: **1<sup>st</sup> April- 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017** (Notification of acceptance: 31<sup>st</sup> May)

More information [here](#)

*Job announcements:*

**Three open positions as research assistant at the University of Siegen, Germany**

The Institute of Social Sciences at the University of Siegen invites applications in the junior research group “***Medicalization and psychologization of social problems: challenges and opportunities for social policy (MEPYSO)***” funded by the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (BMAS) (subject to the final approval)

The research project analyzes the role of medical and psychological explanations for poverty, unemployment, and child development in the academic, media and political discourse. Furthermore, it investigates the opportunities and risks of these explanations for social policy. You work in an interdisciplinary, dynamic team in a research project with high scientific potential and relevance for policy and practice. We offer excellent advising for doctoral research, opportunities for training and funding for presenting at national and international conferences.

More information: 1. Position: (See detailed call [here](#)), 2. Position: (See detailed call [here](#)), 3. Position: (See detailed call [here](#))

**Horizon Postdoctoral Fellowship at Concordia University:**

**The Politics of Social Gerontology in Asian Post-Industrialized Societies**

*Fellowship amount:* \$47,500 per year (plus benefits)

*Duration:* 2 years starting no later than July 1, 2017

The Concordia University Research Chair (CURC) in Aging and Public Policy offers a two-year postdoctoral position in a stimulating multidisciplinary environment. The postdoctoral fellow will join a research team studying the institutional and political factors facilitating (or hindering) the development of innovative social policies that improve the autonomy of older individuals in twenty post-industrial countries. This project also involves field work in five countries (Canada, USA, Sweden, France and Japan/Korea). The postdoctoral fellow will complement the expertise of other team members and will contribute primarily to developing the South Korean (or Japanese) component of this research project led by chairholder Professor Patrik Marier. In addition, the fellow is expected to participate in other phases of this research project including: a) the creation of an innovative social gerontological policy index; b) the comparative analysis across countries.

Application deadline: **open until the position is filled but no later than April 1, 2017**

More information [here](#)

**Teaching Fellow (Fixed Term) In Social & Policy Sciences- University of Bath**

The Department of Social and Policy Sciences at the University of Bath seeks to recruit a Teaching Fellow in Social Policy (full time, fixed-term) who will be responsible for delivering high-quality teaching at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. This is an opportunity to join a highly successful and ambitious team of social policy scholars in a University which is globally renowned for the quality of its learning and teaching.

At the undergraduate level, there are overlaps in our social policy and sociology programmes. The Teaching Fellow will be expected to teach two introductory units on social policy and then teach on other units relevant to both programmes. We will explore teaching options further at the interview stage.

We are looking for enthusiastic and committed university level teachers who meet the essential criteria outlined in the job description. Candidates are encouraged to visit the department's website <http://www.bath.ac.uk/sps> to find out more about our priorities and strengths in social policy and sociology, as well as the work of the other academic groups in the department.

The proposed start date is 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017.

Closing Date: **13th April 2017**

More information about the job [here](#)

The Research Training Group "World Politics: The emergence of political arenas and modes of observation in world society" invites applications for **ten doctoral positions and one postdoctoral position**

(fixed-term, starting October 1, 2017, E13 TV-L. Bielefeld University)

We are looking for highly motivated researchers with doctoral and post-doctoral research projects that fit in the Research Training Group (RTG). The RTG invites original proposals from the fields of Political Science/International Relations, History, Sociology, and Legal Studies that contribute to its research programme.

An inter-disciplinary orientation of research projects is encouraged, particularly for the post-doctoral position. The RTG's working language is English. Successful candidates are expected to complete their doctoral dissertations within three years (five years for the post-doctoral research project). The RTG offers an intensive research environment. In addition to employment, it offers limited support for organizing workshops, conference travel, and research stays abroad. There are also limited opportunities for some post-doc funding after completing the doctoral dissertation within three years.

Further information on application procedure can be found [here](#)

Applications -in English- must be submitted online by **15 April 2017**.

Recent publications:

Berten, John/ Leisering, Lutz (2017): Social policy by numbers. How international organisations construct global policy proposals. *International Journal of Social Welfare* 26 (Early View) <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/ijsw.12246/abstract>

Blaikie, Norman & Priest Jan (2016): *Social Research: paradigms in action*. Polity.

Garritzmann, J., Häusermann, S., Palier, B., Zollinger, C. (March 2017): WoPSI- The World Politics of Social Investment: An international research project to explain variance in social investment agendas and social investment reforms across countries and world regions, [LIEPP Working Paper n°64](#).

Klimczuk, Andrzej (2017): *Economic Foundations for Creative Ageing Policy, Volume II: Putting Theory into Practice*. Palgrave Macmillan US.

Liu, Tao/ Leisering, Lutz (2017): Protecting injured workers. How global ideas of industrial accident insurance travelled to China. *Journal of Chinese Governance* 2 (1), 106-123.

Free access: <http://www.tandfonline.com/eprint/jcmIf36k2sXJeXzd7Tyn/full>

Maron, Asa/ Shalev, Michael (eds) (2017): Neoliberalism as a State Project: Changing the Political Economy of Israel. Oxford University Press.

Reibling, N., Beckfield, J., Huijts, T., Schmidt-Catran, A., Thomson, K. & C. Wendt (2017): Depressed During the Depression: Has the Economic Crisis Affected Mental Health Inequalities in Europe? Findings from the European Social Survey (2014) Special Module on the Determinants of Health. *European Journal of Public Health* 27(suppl\_1): 47-54.