

RC19 Digest – September 2016

RC 19 Announcements

The 2017 RC19 Conference on ‘Dimensions of Inequality: Causes, Consequences, and Policy Responses’ takes place at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, June 22-25, 2017

Theme

Income inequality has been increasing in advanced industrial societies and parts of the Global South. In Latin America, it declined in the first decade and a half of the 21st century, but that decline has slowed and is in danger of being arrested. Income inequality is related to other dimensions of inequality, most notably gender, race, ethnicity, migration status, all of which profoundly affect the life chance of individuals. Through comparisons of regional and country specific experiences we hope to shed light on the causes and consequences of these dimensions of inequality and their interactions. We also hope to identify best practices in policy responses.

In engaging these comparisons, we shall continue the North-South dialogue that was a key theme in the very successful conference in Costa Rica. Beyond this general theme, as in previous RC19 annual conferences, members are also encouraged to submit paper proposals presenting their ongoing social policy research, reflecting the diversity of the scholarship undertaken by RC19 members.

Steps to join us in Chapel Hill

Please, submit a 500-word abstract that outlines the primary research question, theoretical approach, methods, data sources, and analytical significance by **December 15, 2016** to <http://europe.unc.edu/rc19-2017/>.

More information at www.rc19.org and <http://europe.unc.edu/rc19-2017/>

Calls for Papers and Panels:

International scientific workshop “*Baltic States After the crisis? Transformation of Welfare Systems and Social Problems*”, 24-25 of November 2016

Organised by the Vilnius University Department of Social Work.

The aim of the workshop is to discuss welfare system reforms which have been implemented during the recent financial and economic crisis of 2008/2010 and post-crisis period, and major social problems in the three Baltic States (Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania).

The participants are required to present developed original papers in English on the following topics: social policy reforms, poverty, inequality and well-being, migration and ethnic minorities, family policy and gender, social trust and social policy.

More information at <http://www.fsf.vu.lt/naujienos/fakulteto-ivykiai/1595-international-scientific-workshop-baltic-states-after-the-crisis-transformation-of-welfare-systems-and-social-problems-2016-11-24-25>

Deadline for abstract submission: *2nd October 2016*

Notification of acceptance: *15th October 2016*

ESPAnet Conference 2017 “*New Horizons of European Social Policy: Risks Opportunities and Challenger*”, 14th - 16th September 2017

Hosted by the Instituto Superior de Ciências Sociais e Políticas (ISCSP)/Univervidade de Lisboa.

More information available from October 2016 at <https://blogg.hioa.no/espanet/annual-conferences/>.

International Workshop ‘Social Policy, Inequality, and Poverty in post-Socialist Societies’, St. Petersburg, Russia, 12-14 June 2017

Organised by the Comparative Research Programme on Poverty (CROP) at the University of Bergen (Norway), Institute of Economics, Zagreb (Croatia), Centre for Research in Comparative and Global Social Policy (CRCG) at the University of York (UK) and the Norwegian Study Centre in St. Petersburg (Russia)

The workshop will, inter alia, focus on questions such as: What are the developments with regard to poverty rates, and in particular child poverty?, What are the causes and consequences of increasing inequality in these societies? How are they addressed?

We are looking for papers that present case studies or comparative studies of countries among the former Soviet republics and Central, Eastern and South Eastern Europe, or papers that examine the role of international actors in the region. Papers might focus on the Russian Federation, the Baltic States, Central Asia, Central, East and/or South Eastern Europe.

More information at <http://www.crop.org/Viewfile.aspx?id=914>

Deadline for submission of abstracts: *2 October 2016*

The abstract and CV must be sent by email to the following address: crop@uib.no

International conference ‘Quality of Life and Spatial Cohesion: interaction of development and well-being in the local context’, Warsaw, 17-18 November, 2016

The conference announcement and the call for papers are on the conference website:

<https://qualityoflifeandspatialcohesion.wordpress.com/>

Submission deadline: *15 October 2016*

Calls for Applications

Research Associate (Fixed Term)

University of Bath

The Department of Social & Policy Sciences at the University of Bath wishes to appoint a Postdoctoral Research Associate to take the lead on analyses of British and German panel data under the European Research Council-funded project, [NEWFAMSTRAT](#). The aim of NEWFAMSTRAT is to reveal how sources and outcomes of gender economic inequalities predicted by partnership and parenthood at the individual, couple, and employer levels vary among women and among men in Finland, Germany, and the UK. The research is organized around four comparative subprojects, three of which entail coordinated analyses of large-scale panel data and one of which is a coordinated field correspondence study. The postholder will be directly responsible for preparing working hypotheses and appropriate analyses, along with academic and public dissemination for two of the subprojects using the indicated data, as well as carry out collaborative projects with colleagues in other university departments and partner institutions. The postholder will also assist the PI (Prof Lynn Prince Cooke) in overall project management.

More information at <https://www.bath.ac.uk/jobs/Vacancy.aspx?ref=DC4224>

Application deadline: *30 September 2016*

Post-doc (2,5 years) for the project 'Public Attitudes to the Welfare State: Russia and Europe Compared'

Centre for Sociological Research, KU Leuven, Belgium

(Supervisor: Prof Wim van Oorschot)

The post-doc is expected to develop and contribute to analyses of Russian welfare attitudes in comparison with attitudes of people from a selection of European countries, as well as to contribute to the reporting on the findings. The project will deliver two co-authored reports and a number of co-authored journal articles following from that. The project specifically analyses data from the Welfare Attitudes Modules of the European Social Survey, waves 2008 and 2016. The post-doc will work in cooperation with partner institutions in Austria and Switzerland.

More info: <https://icts.kuleuven.be/apps/jobsite/vacatures/53885509>

Application deadline: *15 October 2016*

Publications

Adua, Lazarus and Linda Lobao. (2016): Business Attraction and Redistribution by U.S. Local Governments: To What Extent Is There a Zero-Sum Relationship Between Business and Citizen's Interests? *State and Local Government Review* 47 (4):223-239. DOI:10.1177/0160323X15624743

Koch, Max and Mont, Oksana (eds) (2016): *Sustainability and the Political Economy of Welfare*, London: Routledge (Routledge Studies in Ecological Economics series). <https://www.routledge.com/Sustainability-and-the-Political-Economy-of-Welfare/Koch-Mont/p/book/9781138925281>

Koch, M., Gullberg, AT, Schoyen, M. Hvinden, B. (2016): Sustainable Welfare in the EU: Promoting Synergies in Climate and Social Policies, *Critical Social Policy*, <http://csp.sagepub.com/content/early/2016/06/14/0261018316654614>.

Martinez Franzoni, Juliana and Sanchez-Ancochea, Diego (2016): *The Quest for Universal Social Policy in the South. Actors, Ideas and Architectures*. Cambridge University Press <http://www.cambridge.org/mt/academic/subjects/sociology/political-sociology/quest-universal-social-policy-south-actors-ideas-and-architectures?format=HB>

Noy, Shiri and Koen Voorend. (2016): Social Rights and Migrant Realities: Migration Policy Reform and Migrants' Access to Health Care in Costa Rica, Argentina, and Chile. *Journal of International Migration and Integration* 17(2): 605-629-

Pavolini, E. and Kuhlman, E.(2016): Health workforce development in Europe: a matrix for comparing trajectories of change in the professions. *Health Policy*, 120(3). pp.227-344. DOI: 10.1016/j.healthpol.2016.03.002

Taylor-Gooby, Peter (2016): *The Baby Auction*. The Conrad Press, Canterbury, Kent, UK, 302 pp. ISBN 9781783019618. E-ISBN B01IKW9I3O.

Special Issue of Global Social Policy ‘Principles and Practice of Social Protection’

(edited by Marianne S Ulriksen and Sophie Plagerson) with articles by Thaddeus Meth, Armando Barrientos, Stephen Devereux, Sophie Plagerson and Marianne Ulriksen

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<http://gsp.sagepub.com/content/16/2.toc>

Special Issue of Journal of International and Comparative Social Policy ‘Social Policy and the Transformative Potential of the SDGs’

This special issue has its origins in a workshop convened by the Comparative Research Programme on Poverty (CROP). That workshop, entitled *Global Justice and Poverty in the Transformation of MDGs into SDGs* sought to evaluate the SDGs through the lenses of global justice. At the same time it addressed the effectiveness of the mechanisms of institutional accountability at both national and international level for the realization of the goals and targets in practice. The presentations made at that conference have been revised for this special issue into critical commentaries and opinion pieces as early responses to the SDG developments, in order to provoke further debate among social policy and social development scholars about their adequacy and effectiveness as a framework for increasing global social justice.

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New Research Projects:

[NEWFAMSTRAT](#) is an innovative research project providing the most comprehensive picture to date of how within- and between-gender differences in employment, earnings, and domestic divisions predicted by family status are constructed at the individual, couple, and employer levels in Finland, Germany, and the UK.

Led by Professor Lynn Prince Cooke from the University of Bath's Centre for the Analysis of Social Policy and funded by the European Research Council (2016-2021), researchers will capitalize on recent advances in data availability and statistical approaches, and collect primary data from field correspondence studies of employer hiring in each of the countries. The motivation for the research is that, despite the extraordinary economic gains women have made over the past half century, they remain responsible for most unpaid care work. In turn, women still face employment disadvantages, persistent gender wage gaps, and greater risk of poverty.

For more information visit: <https://newfamstrat.com/>

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