

2007 RC 19 NEWSLETTER

CALL FOR PAPERS

ISA Research Committee on Poverty, Social Welfare and Social Policy, RC19

The Future of Social Citizenship: Politics, Institutions and Outcomes

September 4 - 6, 2008 in Stockholm

Abstract Submissions: January 31, 2008

The Event

In September 2008, from Thursday the 4th to Saturday the 6th, the International Sociological Association's Research Committee on Poverty, Social Welfare and Social Policy (RC19) will hold its annual academic conference in Stockholm co-organized by the Institute for Futures Studies and the Swedish Institute for Social Research (SOFI), Stockholm University. The RC 19 annual conference draws together leading international scholars in the field of comparative welfare state studies and encompasses a range of disciplines including sociology, social policy and political science. As is our practice, RC 19 conference sessions will be a mix of those that reflect the conference theme and those that bring together commonly-themed papers reporting on the ongoing research projects of RC 19 members.

The Theme

The theme of the conference is the Future of Social Citizenship: Politics, Institutions and Outcomes. We hope this will encourage a broad set of papers on the current challenges of a rights based approach to social policy. We wish to build on the global perspectives of the 2007 meeting in Florence and warmly invite papers from both the South and the North. The globalisation of the economy with its deregulation of financial markets has tilted the power in favour of capital with important consequences for the politics of the welfare state. The demographic pressures are as evident as they are different in various parts of the world but share the common feature in the sense that they push for policy reform. The increasing inequalities in many parts of the world is a double challenge for social policy, both in that it points to increased need for policy interventions and in that it indicates policy failure of the existing programs.

RC 19 members are encouraged to submit paper proposals reporting on their ongoing research. Papers do not have to be addressing the theme of the conference. We wish to underline that it is the quality of the papers that will be guiding the acceptance of papers to the conference but that the organisers also will have to make sure that papers can be grouped into sessions where a general discussion of themes can be promoted.

Who is Eligible to Participate?

Members of RC 19 are invited to submit proposals in the form of a detailed abstract of an unpublished paper indicating the leading research question, theoretical approach, research methods, data sources and analytical significance. Preference will be given to paper proposals which make a strong comparative and/or theoretical contribution. Our conference format (see below) allows for in-depth discussion of a limited number of papers; about 60 papers will be accepted for presentation at the conference. As we have a limited number of slots for paper presentations, it is possible that not all meritorious papers will be included in the program. Thus, the RC19 has a tradition of accepting “contributed papers,” which are available via the conference website but which are not presented formally. Authors of both contributed and presented papers may be asked to be discussants. We will also allow for web-publication of the written comments of paper-discussants.

Submission of Abstracts, Papers and Registration

Please submit abstracts of not more than 400 words and register at the conference via www.sofi.su.se/rc19 from December 14 2007 to February 15 2008. (Abstracts (MS Word or Adobe PDF only please) may also be submitted via email to rc19@sofi.su.se).

Proposals are evaluated by the Program Committee, and notification of acceptance or rejection is sent to the authors by March 15, 2007. The decision by the Program Committee is final. Completed papers must be sent in by 1 July, 2007 to be included in the final conference program. We ask that papers be no more than 20-25 pages maximum.

Non-Members

Membership in RC 19 is open to social scientists from all disciplines but only upon payment of a modest membership fee. If you are not already a member, please contact the RC19 Secretary, Daniel Béland (Email: beland007@hotmail.com; Online: <http://www.danielbeland.org>).

Conference Format

The conference will be organised according to “Korpi’s rules” which have made RC19 meetings famous for their intellectual liveliness and seriousness. The rules are named for Walter Korpi, past president of RC19, who instituted a workshop-style meeting format that the membership has found very congenial over the years: a) papers are circulated (and read) in advance; b) at the conference they are first briefly introduced but primarily commented by a discussant; c) the author is only given limited time to react to the discussant's presentation so as to leave more room for a general discussion. Since it is assumed that all papers have been read in advance, we avoid summaries and go straight to the discussion! Thus, accepting a place on the program entails a commitment to complete the paper in time for others to read it and to come prepared to discuss papers. Equally, participants may expect to serve as discussant for another paper, and to open the floor with an incisive and fair assessment of its strengths and weaknesses. Completed papers are due July 1, 2007 and circulated to conference participants via the conference website.

Mentoring Program

The presence of a large number of international experts in social policy creates a special opportunity for junior researchers and graduate students to present their research for discussion. As part of the conference design, we will organize special mentoring sessions to match new researchers with senior scholars working in related areas. PhD candidates are invited to submit

papers for these dedicated sessions but can apply for the regular sessions as well. Doctoral students may choose to submit their contribution to the regular conference sessions or participate in the mentoring program which includes separate sessions for doctoral students in the conference program. The sessions will follow “Korpi’s rules” with mentors acting as discussants. The mentoring program is open for students who have begun the research for their dissertation (i.e. are not still at the stage of planning it) and who will not have submitted it for examination by the time of the conference. The mentoring program is co-ordinated by Sheila Shaver and the SOFI team.

Program Committee

Ana Marta Guillen, University of Oviedo (Spain); Huck-ju Kwon, Sung Kyun Kwan University (Korea); Ann Shola Orloff, Northwestern University (USA); Jimi Adesina, Rhodes University, (South Africa); and the SOFI team.

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DEADLINES

February 15, 2007
Abstract submissions

March 20, 2007
Notification of acceptance by the Program Committee

June 15, 2007
Closing date for registration

July 1, 2007
Submission of completed papers

NEW APPOINTMENTS

From January to April 2008, Secretary-Treasurer **Daniel Béland** will be a Public Policy Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, DC. Until late April, please forward any correspondence to:

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Yanyi K. Djamba has joined Auburn University as the new Director of the Center for Demographic Research and Associate Professor of Sociology. His new address is: Yanyi K. Djamba, Center for Demographic Research, Auburn University, P.O. Box 244023, Montgomery, Alabama 36124-4023, USA; e-mail: ydjamba@aum.edu
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SCHOLARSHIP

Nuffield College, Oxford
Doctoral Studentships in Sociology

Nuffield is an internationally oriented graduate college of the University of Oxford specialising in the social sciences. It is one of the leading centres of sociology in Europe with a special expertise in the development and empirical testing of middle-range theories. Each year Nuffield College admits up to eight graduate students who are pursuing a degree in Sociology and related disciplines (social policy, social and economic history, epidemiology, and social statistics). The small size and specialised nature of the College enable students to work closely with each other and with the Fellows of the College in a stimulating and research-orientated environment. All students receive an office in College, and many also reside in College. As part of its commitment to promote excellence in social science research, the Nuffield Sociology Group offers up to two Doctoral Studentships tenable from October 2008. A Nuffield Doctoral Studentship covers all of the core costs of studying at Oxford: college fees, university fees (at the EU/UK rate), and maintenance. It is currently worth £14,500 per year. It can be held for a maximum of three years and it is open to students starting their postgraduate research in Oxford. Further information about the College or the Nuffield Studentships can be obtained by contacting the current chair of the Sociology Group, Peter Hedström (peter.hedstrom@nuffield.ox.ac.uk). General information about the College can be found on its website at www.nuffield.ox.ac.uk, and information about the Oxford Sociology Department can be found on its website at www.sociology.ox.ac.uk.

NEW BOOKS

Viola Burau, Hildegard Theobald, and Robert H. Blank. 2007. *Governing Home Care: A Cross-National Comparison*. Abingdon: Edward Elgar.

Care of the elderly in their own homes has increasingly come into the focus of contemporary welfare policies and raises important questions about the governance of welfare in general. By taking a comparative and thematic approach, this interesting and timely book offers a comprehensive analysis of the principal issues surrounding the governance of home care. The analysis presented systematically maps out governing arrangements in relation to formal and informal care services, informal care, care workers and users of care across nine countries. The authors explore the ways in which country specific contexts shape governing arrangements and bring together insights from social care and public policy literature, two different yet complementary theoretical perspectives. Combining social care and public policy, *Governing Home Care* will be of great interest to scholars and postgraduate students and researchers of comparative social and public policy, as well as gender studies with particular interest in health policy, welfare state policies, family studies, and the sociology of caring and ageing.

Contents: 1. Introduction to the Governance of Home Care 2. Analysing Home Care Governance: Bringing Together Different Conceptual Perspectives 3. Contexts of Governing Home Care: Ideas and Institutions 4. Governing Formal Care Services: Between Integration and Fragmentation 5. Integrating Informal Care Provision 6. Care Workers: Defining the Boundaries of Occupational Territories 7. Care Users: Between Citizens and Consumers 8. Home Care Governance: Mapping out Convergences and Divergences Bibliography Index

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Bob Deacon and Paul Stubbs (eds.). 2007. *Social Policy and International Interventions in South East Europe*. Abingdon: Edward Elgar.

The book investigates the role of international actors in the making of social policy in South East Europe. Introductory chapters on transnationalism and Europeanisation are followed by a series of nine linked case studies depicting research undertaken within the region. The book charts the variable influence that international actors such as formal organisations, non-governmental organisations, consulting companies and individual transnational policy entrepreneurs, have on key policy issues, including pensions, social protection, labour markets, and health. The authors conclude that welfare settlements are a complex product of historical and institutional legacies, the neo-liberal interventions of the World Bank, the emerging impact of the EU, and the crowded international arena resulting from war and post-war reconstruction agendas.

Contributors include: M. Arandarenko, F. Cocozzelli, B. Deacon, M. Gerovska Mitev, P. Golicin, N. Lendvai, R.A. Maglajlic Holicek, M. Novak, L. Pop, E.K. Rasidagic, K. Rihar Bajuk, D.A. Sotiropoulos, P. Stubbs, B. Yakut-Cakar, A. Ymeraj, S. Zrinscak.

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Henning Jørgensen and Per Kongshøj Madsen (eds.). 2007. *Flexicurity and Beyond: Finding a New Agenda for the European Social Model*. Copenhagen: DJØF Publishing.

For the development of the EU, the Lisbon process and the European Social Model, Flexicurity has become a keyword. How does synergy emerge from a flexible labourmarket that also provides security for the employees? While economic and social progress are often taken as opposites, Flexicurity aims at showing ways of overcoming this impasse. The nature of Flexicurity and its future are discussed in this comprehensive book.

The contributions are from an international conference with leading European scholars, held at the University of Aalborg in October 2006. The ambition of the conference was to stake stock of European Flexicurity research and to discuss the policy guidelines to which it can inspire. This book is of central value for all those interested in the economic and political future of Europe.

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Linda Lobao, Gregory Hooks, and Ann Tickamyer. 2007. *The Sociology of Spatial Inequality*. Albany (NY): State University of New York Press.

This volume examines *who gets what where*– the study of spatial inequality. It showcases recent studies that attend to poverty, prosperity, and power across a range of territorial settings within the United States, addressing spatial inequality as a thematically distinct body of work that spans sociological research traditions. The first set of chapters takes stock of sociology's conceptual treatment of space, place, and inequality, denoting its missing links. The second set details examples of spatial approaches to topics including welfare reform, health and mortality, poverty,

community service provision, and migration, at different geographic scales. The final set of chapters reflects upon sociologists' efforts to build a more coherent field of spatial inequality. Contributors are: scholars bringing in a spatial perspective to political sociology and economic sociology; scholars working from more spatially-oriented fields such as urban sociology, rural sociology, and demography; and geographers.

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Amparo Serrano Pascual and Lars Magnusson (eds.). 2007. *Reshaping Welfare States and Activation regimes in Europe*. Brussels: PIE-Peter Lang.

The activation-based intervention paradigm is being adopted by several European countries resulting in major reforms to the social welfare system. The spread of the activation paradigm has had major repercussions, not only for welfare interventions aimed at combating unemployment, but also for the political regulation of the social question and citizenship. Citizenship is being redefined in contractual terms and greater emphasis is being placed on its economic aspects. Nevertheless, a wide range of policies are labelled with recourse to this interpretative framework and a pluralistic approach to implementation could serve just as well to empower as to weaken workers'/citizens' position in society.

This book analyses the extent of these changes from a cross-cultural perspective. Institutional settings as well as prevailing work values and social representation of social exclusion (activation regimes) have a key role in defining the instruments to be used in national activation strategies to regulate the behaviour of job seekers. In this book, a discussion about the range of social welfare model reforms throughout Europe and a typology of activation regimes is proposed.

Contents: Amparo Serrano Pascual: Reshaping Welfare States: Activation Regimes in Europe - Colin Lindsay: The United Kingdom's 'Work First' Welfare State and Activation Regimes in Europe - Rik van Berkel: Activation in the Netherlands: The Gradual Introduction of a Paradigm Shift - Flemming Larsen/Mikkel Mailand: Danish Activation Policy: The Role of the Normative Foundation, the Institutional Set-up and Other Drivers - Eskil Wadensjö: Activation Policy in Sweden - Jean-Claude Barbier: The French Activation Strategy in a Comparative Perspective - Jorge Aragón/Fernando Rocha/Ana Santana/Jorge Torrents: The Commitment to Be Actively Available for Work and Employment Policy in Spain - Pedro Hespanha: The Activation Trend in Portuguese Social Policy. An Open Process? - Tomás Sirovátka: Activation Policies and Shaping Factors in the Czech Republic - Amparo Serrano Pascual: Activation Regimes in Europe: A Clustering Exercise.

RECENT AND FORTHCOMING ARTICLES

Daniel Béland and Toshimitsu Shinkawa (2007), "Public and Private Policy Change: Pension Reform in Four Countries," *Policy Studies Journal*, 35(3): 349-371.

Daniel Béland and Alex Waddan (2007), "Conservative Ideas and Social Policy in the United States," *Social Policy & Administration*, 41(7): 768-786.

Yuri Kazepov (forthcoming, 2008), "The Subsidiarisation of Social Policies: Actors, Processes and Impacts. Some Reflections on the Italian Case from a European Perspective," *European Societies*, 10(2).