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RC19 DIGEST: CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Please send us news about your publications, job opportunities, and forthcoming conferences: daniel.beland@usask.ca

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Annual Letter from the RC19 President

Dear Colleagues:

I am writing to you as the newly elected president of a Research Committee in very good standing. We have increased the number of paying members from 231 in 2002 to 448 in 2010. Of those, 196 were also ISA members in 2010, compared to only 83 in 2002.

This can only be interpreted as positive indicators of the quality of our activities, and gives me many good reasons to thank my predecessor, Ann Orloff, for her excellent work in her two terms as President of the Committee. In addition to contributing to the general good development of the Committee, I also witnessed (from various positions in the board) how devoted Ann has been to our committee, not least in connection to the Annual Meetings, which during her presidency continued to serve as focal point for our activities: in Toronto, Paris, Chicago, Firenze, Stockholm, and Montreal, as well in Durban and Göteborg, in connection the ISA World Congresses.

As for the future, we have good reasons to be optimistic. We have a very experienced and committed board. Following up on the discussions during the Assembly at the ISA World Congress, we have agreed to continue the work on making our Research Committee truly global, while stressing the importance of creating opportunities to present and discuss ongoing research in the kind of format we have developed over the years. As previously announced, the 2011 Annual Meeting will be held in Seoul on August 25-27, with Huck-ju Kwon as the head of the local organizing committee. The meeting in 2012 will be held in Oslo at a date to be announced later; Björn Hvinden will be the organizer. For 2013, the Board has good hopes that it will be organized in Budapest and we are currently discussing this with Julia Szalai and Viola Zentai at the Central European University. In 2014, the time has come for a new ISA World Congress, this time in Yokohama. Members are invited to present proposals to the Board for the location of coming Annual Meetings. My ambition is to find new ways to strengthen the dialogue between Members and the Board over the coming years.

Happy New Year!

Joakim Palme
President, RC19

RC19 Call for Papers

Annual Meeting of the Research Committee on Poverty, Social Welfare and Social Policy (RC19): Production, Reproduction, and Protection in the Welfare State

25-27 August 2011

Graduate School of Public Administration, Seoul National University, Korea

The organizers of the 2011 RC 19 Meeting in Seoul invite paper and session proposals on issues related to poverty, social welfare, and social policy. Papers and session proposals that address the multi-dimensional nature of social policy are encouraged, but papers dealing with every aspect of social policy are also welcomed.

Abstracts and session proposals should be submitted to the RC 19 Seoul website by 20 February 2011 [<http://plaza3.snu.ac.kr/rc19/>]. Abstracts and session proposals will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee. Once the committee accepts an abstract or a session proposal, the full papers should be submitted by 15 July 2011. (Authors will be notified whether their papers are accepted by 30 April 2011.)

Post-graduates are also encouraged to attend the conference and may choose to submit their abstract to the mentoring and/or regular sessions.

A small amount of travel subsidy will be available to post-graduate students and scholars living in developing countries. Applications for the grants should be submitted by 20 February 2011.

Further information will be available shortly at: <http://plaza3.snu.ac.kr/rc19/>

Key dates

Abstract submission: by 20 February 2011.

Acceptance of abstract: by 30 April 2011

Full paper submission: by 15 July 2011

Call for Papers

5th International Conference on The financial Crisis, Welfare State Challenges and New Forms of Risk Management

Store Restrup Herregaard, March 2. – 4. 2011

Deadline for applications: January 14, 2011

Centre for Comparative Welfare Studies (CCWS), Aalborg University

Aalborg University, Fibigerstræde 1, 9220 Aalborg Ø, tlf. 99408218, mail: ime@epa.aau.dk

The financial crisis, welfare state challenges and new forms of risk management.

The financial crisis has created a new economic environment that poses a threat to the welfare state as well as economic and social progress. Greece and other Southern European countries have been severely affected by the financial crisis, but less affected countries have also been forced to make severe cuts to welfare programmes. In the UK, for instance, the financial crisis has led the new government to set a course which will take public spending below US levels by 2013.

It has been argued that the financial crisis represents a qualitative shift in our understanding of the role of the state and the nature of our welfare system. For instance, the financial crisis has shown that there are close links and spill-over between national economies, particularly in the euro zone. Furthermore, while emphasizing economic growth, the financial crisis has also made the task of securing economic growth more difficult. It has even been argued that the qualitative shift in the nature of our welfare system challenges the existing scientific dogmas and the disciplines of the social sciences. It may be asked whether the crisis is an intellectual and academic crisis.

Whatever the case, the financial crisis has certainly intensified or accelerated existing challenges such as globalisation, individualisation, post-industrialisation, demographic ageing, low fertility, immigration, changes in the life-courses and family structures, public risk perception, and new normative ideals (e.g. neo-liberalism, communitarianism) etc. Most commentators thus support the idea that high levels of debt and long-term problems related to ageing populations create an

inescapable need to deal with challenges to public finances; that individualisation and ethnic diversity call for new and more effective forms of steering; that post-industrialisation calls for the deregulation of labour markets etc. However, new forms of risk management and changes in the welfare architecture will undoubtedly create new outputs and outcomes, as well as a new complex pattern of winners and losers.

The organizers invite all sorts of theoretical, methodological and empirical papers addressing all aspects of welfare state challenges, including themes such as:

- What is the substance of welfare state challenges?
- Has the financial crisis intensified welfare challenges? If so, how?
- How can challenges be measured?
- Have new forms of steering emerged in the face of welfare state challenges?
- How have welfare state challenges restructured welfare programs?
- Who are the new winners and losers?
- Have welfare state challenges fostered new social cleavages?
- Have welfare state challenges fostered new public risk perception?
- Have welfare state challenges challenged the disciplines of the social sciences?

Keynote speakers: Kees van Kersbergen, Bent Sofus Tranøy, Henrik Bang, Wim van Oorschot and Tine Rostgaard Call for papers and research notes:

The conference is aimed at presenting papers, but also at informal exchange of ideas. This is why the conference takes place at an old manor, where informal discussions can continue after the sessions. It means that presenting short research notes will also in principle be possible. However, the number of participants (including key note speakers who participate in the conference) is limited to 40, and paper givers are prioritized.

The conference organizers invites submission of abstracts for papers and research notes (about one page). Please indicate whether you want to present “normal” paper (some 15-20 pages) or “research note” (some 5-10 pages).

Deadline for applications:

January 14, 2011

Send applications to Merete Ejsing-Duun (ime@epa.aau.dk), with cc. to Per H. Jensen (perh@epa.aau.dk)

Information about participation:

Information about acceptance of participation will be sent to applicants by February 1, 2011.

Maximum number of participants: 40

Price: 500 Euro [3.750 DKK] (covers conference fee, accommodation for two nights and all meals for 2½ days; contact conference organizers if you need additional accommodation)

Deadline for papers:

Papers (and research notes) should be submitted as soon as possible and not later than February 20, 2011. Send to Merete Ejsing-Duun (ime@epa.aau.dk)

Papers will be available from the conference homepage at www.ccws.dk (currently being established)

Organizer:

The Conference is organized by Centre for Comparative Welfare Studies (CCWS), Aalborg University. The Conference has been supported by the Obel Foundation. Aalborg University, Fibigerstræde 1, 9220 Aalborg Ø, tlf. 99408218, mail: ime@epa.aau.dk

Store Restrup Herregaard is an old manor situated 12 km SW of Aalborg:
http://www.slotshotel.dk/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=33&Itemid=47

There are about 20 daily flight connections Aalborg-Copenhagen which is the main domestic route, and some direct connections from Aalborg to a number of European cities. Train distance from Copenhagen: about 4½ hours.

Programme:

Wednesday, March 2

10.00-12.00 Arrival and registration

12.00-13.00 Lunch

13.00-13.15 Welcome and introduction / Per H. Jensen

13.15-14.15 Keynote: Kees van Kersbergen: "Did the financial crisis intensify the pressure to reform the welfare state?"

14.20-15.20 Keynote: Bent Sofus Tranøy: "Supply-side bias and rational cheats: Reflections on the status of political economy and neighbouring disciplines in the wake of the great financial crisis"

15.20-15.45 Coffee break

15.45-18.00 Paper presentations in parallel sessions no.1-2

19.00 Dinner

Thursday, March 3

09.00-10.00 Keynote: Henrik Bang: "Complexity, individualisation and culture governance"

10.15-12.00 Paper presentations in parallel sessions no. 3-4

12.00-13.00 Lunch

13.00-15.40 Paper presentations in parallel sessions no. 5-6

15.40-16.00 Coffee break

16.00-17.00 Keynote: Wim van Oorschot: "Feelings of insecurity among European workers in the context of flexicurity policies and the financial crisis"

17.10-18.00 Paper presentations in parallel sessions no. 7-8

19.00 Dinner

Friday, March 4

09.00-10.45 Paper presentation in parallel sessions no. 9-10:

11.00-12.00 Keynote: Tine Rostgaard: "Social care as a response to the demographic challenges: closing the gap or creating new tensions?"

12.00-12.15 Closing the conference / Christian Albrekt Larsen

12.00-13.00 Lunch and departure

Job Opportunity at the University of Kent

Lecturer in Social Science (Quantitative Methods)

Ref	SS0329
Location	Canterbury
Job Type	Academic
Contract Type	Open Ended
Salary Type	Per Annum
Salary (£)	30747 - 43840

*SS0329, School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research (SSPSSR),
Closing date: 3 Jan 2011*

The Role

The post holder will ensure the provision of academic, administrative, and pastoral support for Canterbury students and will contribute to the School's profile through high quality funded research and publication. The successful applicant will be expected to make a strong contribution to the Schools REF return. All areas of social science will be given due consideration in this regard. The emphasis for this post is on the teaching of quantitative approaches at undergraduate and postgraduate level.

Applications are welcome from people who can contribute to any area of teaching relevant to the School but presently there are particular needs in the area of comparative analysis.

The Person

You will hold a first degree or equivalent in a relevant social science area and have experience of high quality research and publication.

Knowledge of current debates and issues in quantitative social science and high quality research skills are also essential to this position.

For full details of the role and person specification, please click on the job description link below.

The Department

The School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research (SSPSSR) is one of the largest departments of its type in the UK. The Faculty of Social Science at Kent includes seven out of the 17 departments in the University, and the School is the largest in the Faculty. The School has a strong research culture and in RAE 2008 the School retained its very high research standing with the largest submission to the Social Policy and Social Work Panel and was rated fourth in the UK. The School currently has over 120 staff spread across the Canterbury, Medway and Brussels campuses. We are home to world experts in specialist areas across the social sciences, and pride ourselves on having one of the most dynamic research and publishing cultures in Europe. With leaders in social policy, sociology, criminology, editors of major international journals and prominent book series, and theoretical innovators working across a range of inter-disciplinary and cross-disciplinary areas, we pride ourselves in being a School that excels in providing career development for all of our staff.

For further information, please visit: www.kent.ac.uk/sspssr

Further Information

Closing date for applications: 3 January 2011

Interviews are expected to be held: during January 2011 - date tbc

Please see the links below to view the full job description and also to apply for this post (please do not send your application directly to the department).

How to apply - for posts of this nature you will be required to fill in the main details section as well as upload your CV, a one page summary (this should include details of experience and other information in support of your application with direct reference to the advertisement and further particulars) and any supporting documents.

Urban Inequality & Social Justice

Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH

As part of a new university strategic focus in Social Justice, the College of Arts and Sciences at Case Western Reserve University invites applications for a tenure-track position. Candidates' research and scholarship should focus on U.S. urban issues with emphases on power and politics, cities and capitalism, inequality, activism, or other social justice-related topics. Specialization and rank are open. Qualified applicants must have a Ph.D. in hand or have met all requirements for a Ph.D. by August 2011. Candidates at the Assistant Professor level should demonstrate promise for research and teaching excellence; Associate Professor candidates should have established a significant professional reputation; candidates for Professor should be internationally recognized for leadership and scholarship in their discipline.

The successful candidate will have a 2/2 teaching load and be located in a department appropriate to their disciplinary training or field of study. The successful candidate will be the second of several new anticipated tenure-track hires over the next several years in the College to support the university-wide Social Justice Institute's commitment to understanding inequality, policy, and social change through research and scholarship and by training social justice leaders. The Institute's work reflects the University's mission to improve people's lives through preeminent research, education, and creative endeavor. The new hire is expected to directly contribute to the Institute and its alliance-based initiatives.

This is an exciting time to join other faculty committed to advancing social justice-related work at CWRU, a Research 1 university. The opportunities and need for research and action on issues of disparity in Cleveland and Northeast Ohio, where the economic recession is exacerbating urban inequalities in employment, education and access to opportunity, have never been greater.

CWRU offers the student quality and class size of a strong liberal arts college, within one of the nation's major research universities.

Applicants are asked to send a letter of application outlining expertise in the field, academic background, and teaching experience; curriculum vitae; a writing sample; and at least three letters of recommendation (sent separately by the recommender) to Marcia Camino (marcia.camino@case.edu) or to Marcia Camino, Office of the Dean, Crawford Hall, 7th Floor, College of Arts and Sciences, 10900 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44106-7068. Applications received by January 14, 2011 will receive full consideration.

For further information on the CWRU Social Justice Institute, see the Institute's website at <http://case.edu/socialjustice/> or contact Dr. Rhonda Y. Williams, Director, Social Justice Institute, at rhonda.williams@case.edu or Dr. Jill E. Korbin, Associate Dean and Chair, Search Committee, at jill.korbin@case.edu.

In employment, as in education, Case Western Reserve University is committed to Equal Opportunity and Diversity. Women, veterans, members of underrepresented minority groups, and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.