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Annual Presidential Letter

Dear Members of RC 19:

It is a new year and this provides us with an opportunity to look both back on the year that has past and to the future. This being said, on a personal level, I have just left the “future” behind me. At least in the sense that I have stepped down as Director of the Institute for Futures Studies to devote my time fully to the Department of Government at Uppsala University. It was nine very stimulating years with the Institute but I feel very comfortable in my new position.

I also feel very comfortable with the way that the Research Committee 19 is developing. The Committee is in very good standing in terms of membership and a well-managed budget. These fundamentals should however not be taken for granted, these days. It is therefore a pleasure to be able to report from the past activities and upcoming events:

The Annual Meeting in Seoul was an important milestone in the development of the Committee. It was in the end very well attended by scholars from Europe and North-America, as well as from the (East Asian) region. The meeting manifested the growing strength of social policy-related research in the region, in all kinds of sessions; plenary, parallel and mentoring. Personally, I found the discussions during the sessions unusually lively and thought provoking. We, the attendants of the meeting, were truly appreciating the kind hospitality and excellent organization provided by Huck-ju Kwon and his team, not to mention the fantastic quality of the Korean food!

The main event in 2012 will be the Annual Meeting in Oslo, August 23-25, which is organized by Bjørn Hvinden, NOVA. Bjørn attended the General Assembly at the Seoul meeting and could benefit from various kinds of feedbacks on that meeting, as well as other suggestions for the organization of the 2012 Annual Meeting. There are a number of good reasons to look forward to the Annual Meetings in general, and to the forthcoming Oslo meeting in particular. For one thing, there will be a pre-conference focused on the Nordic experience, which you can read more about in this newsletter. Thank you Bjørn for making this a most attractive event! Now it is up to us members to come up with equally interesting paper proposals! The deadline for abstract submission is approaching fast so please follow the guidelines below and please submit your abstract now.

The other important activity of 2012 is the ISA Forum in Buenos Aires, during the first days of August. Our RC is organizing a number of sessions, also jointly with other RCs, primarily focused on the Latin American experience. The number of submitted abstracts has been very high. This means that the activities connected to the Forum can become of strategic importance for RC19 in terms of strengthening the Latin American membership, which so far has been relatively modest. I am very happy with the way Daniel Béland and Camila Arza have been coordinating the Committee's session for the Buenos Aires ISA Forum.

And please, do take the opportunity to inform colleagues who have a potential to contribute to, and benefit from, RC 19 activities about the opportunities associated with a membership and participation in our activities and network.

Joakim Palme

President of the Research Committee 19 (ISA)

Call for Papers: 2012 Annual RC 19 Meeting, Oslo, Norway

23-25 August, 2012, Quality Hotel 33, Oslo

(www.choicehotels.no/quality/en/oslo-hotel-quality-no103-en)

“Welfare States Facing Global Turbulence, Ageing and Migration: Rising to the Occasion, Coping or Adjusting Downwards?”

Deadline for abstracts: **1 February 2012**

NOVA – the Norwegian Social Research Institute (www.nova.no) – is delighted to invite you to the 2012 RC19 annual conference in Oslo. The organizers invite theoretical and empirical papers on poverty, social welfare and social policy (www.isa-sociology.org/rc19.htm). The conference's main theme is the impact of global interdependencies, demographic change, migration flows and the ways in which welfare states are responding to these challenges. This thematic profile means that the organizers in particular welcome papers dealing with these issues:

How are welfare states meeting the increasing global economic turbulence? To what extent do the governments' adjustments follow recommendations or requirements of transnational organizations? How do different welfare societies deal with the rising care needs related to ageing and what consequences do these responses have? How does the meeting of care needs reinforce global care-chains and highlight migration's gendered consequences both in sending and receiving

countries? Are perceived challenges created by migration and accommodation to diversity influencing public opinion and the electoral support for migration policies and/or redistributive welfare arrangements?

The final conference of the Nordic Centre of Excellence in Welfare Research 'Reassessing the Nordic Welfare Model' (www.reassess.no) will take place August 21-22 at the same venue as the RC 19 conference. Members of RC 19 are welcome to register for both events. More information about both events will follow.

If you have any questions, please contact the leader of the local organizing committee, Bjørn Hvinden: bjorn.hvinden@nova.no. Until the conference webpage is operative in January, please send abstracts to his e-mail address.

We look forward to seeing you in Oslo!

Bjørn Hvinden

Call for Papers

We invite submissions of abstracts for an edited collection describing actual ethical problems, and the related methodological issues, researchers encounter working with interactional data (interviews, video-audio recordings, ethnographic observation).

Title of the collection:

Ethics in social research: theoretical and methodological issues

Editors: Isabella Paoletti, Adriano Duarte Rodrigues and Isabel Tomás

Interested Publisher in the editorial project: Cambridge Scholars

Ethical issues are part of ordinary practices in conducting research, involving the collection of interactional data in a variety of disciplines. Established codes of practices and ethical committees define acceptable standards of conducts within the professions, but in fact the literature relating to ethics in social science research is relatively marginal.

The edit collection will present an empirical approach to the study of ethical problems in conducting social research. It will describe and discuss critically actual ethical problems, and relevant methodological issues, researchers encounter during all stages of research:

- Access to the field
- data collection (interviews, video-audio recordings, ethnographic observation),
- data storage,
- data analysis
- dissemination of research results

and from a variety of disciplinary perspectives using interactional data:

- anthropology,
- communication studies,
- gerontology,
- law,
- linguistics,
- psychology,
- social work studies,
- sociology

The contribution we seek will document actual ethical problems researchers were confronted with during the conduction of social research, and discuss critically the options that were adopted in the light of relevant literature. For example, in relation to interviews, we could have papers focusing on ethical issues in relation to the process of eliciting life history narratives, during in depth interviewing, in different disciplinary areas. Therefore, the contributions will highlight specific sensitiveness towards particular ethical issues, in different disciplinary and sub-disciplinary domains.

The contributions would also aim at describing in detail the methodological problem and solutions adopted by different authors in relation to specific ethical problems. For example, to guarantee anonymity of informants is a relevant ethical issue. How anonymizing is actually done? Which details of the talk have to be changed? What technical solutions have to be adopted with audio data, video data, transcripts?

In sum, the book will discuss theoretical as well as methodological issues related to ethical problems in conducting social research, using interactional data.

Abstract should be in English, 500 words; Papers should be in English, between 7000-10.000 words.

Authors whose native language is not English are asked to have their article carefully checked by a native speaker.

Authors should refer to the style sheet of Cambridge Scholars that is attached.

Time frame

- Deadline for abstract proposals (500 words): 30th of January 2012
- Communication of acceptance: 28 of February 2012
- Submission of papers: 31st of June 2012

Abstracts should be submitted as e-mail attachments to the 3 editors:

- Isabella Paoletti isap@fcsch.unl
- Adriano Duarte adrodrigues@netcabo.pt
- Isabel Tomas isabelgtomas@fcsch.unl.pt

Academic Position

The Department of Political Science invites applications for a full-time tenure-track position in Comparative Politics at the rank of Assistant Professor, commencing July 1, 2012. The successful candidate must have a program of research which contributes to the study of broad theoretical issues in comparative politics. At the undergraduate level the appointee will be expected to contribute to general political science courses and courses in an area of their expertise. At the graduate level the candidate should be able to contribute to the Masters in Political Science and the PhD program in Comparative Public Policy. The appointee will be expected to carry out an independent research program yielding significant peer-reviewed publications and compete successfully for external funding to support this research program. Further information on the Department of Political Science can be found at: <http://politicalscience.mcmaster.ca/>

Preference will be given to candidates with a completed PhD in Political Science or its equivalent, but candidates who are near completion may also be considered. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be considered first for this position. McMaster University is strongly committed to employment equity within its community, and to recruiting a diverse faculty and staff. The University encourages applications from all qualified candidates, including women, members of visible minorities, Aboriginal persons, members of sexual minorities, and persons with disabilities.

Informal queries can be addressed to the Department Chair, Dr. Robert O'Brien (obrienr@mcmaster.ca) Hard copy applications including a curriculum vitae, a representative sample of academic writing, three letters of reference (sent directly by referees) and teaching dossier including teaching evaluations, outlines for a graduate and an undergraduate level course in comparative politics or comparative public policy should be sent to:

Dr. Robert O'Brien, Chair
Department of Political Science
McMaster University
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Hamilton, ON, L8S 4M4, CANADA

Consideration of applications will begin January 23rd, 2012.

RECWOWE - Reconciling Work and Welfare in Europe

The Research project implemented by the Network of Excellence RECWOWE has come to its end. It was conducted by Denis Bouget as general coordinator (Université de Nantes, MSH Ange Guépin, Nantes) and Bruno Palier, member of RC19 board, as scientific coordinator (CEE-Sciences Po/CNRS) and funded by the European Commission in the 6th framework programme. Its paramount objective was to study relationships between work and welfare. One of the major goals of the RECWOWE network was to foster ground-breaking research on Work and Welfare across Europe and to largely disseminate the outcomes produced. After five years of thorough research, the members of the network have released many major publications. Not least than 25 publications are indeed planned to come out of RECWOWE: in a Palgrave dedicated book series on Work and Welfare in Europe, but also with other publishers such as Oxford University Press, Peter Lang, Policy Press or in Journals as special issues.

The work done within Recwowe has been organized around four main tensions have been identified:

1. Tensions between a call for more flexibility on the labour market and a need for security for citizens;
2. Tensions between work and family life, increased fluidity in family patterns and enhanced flexibility in employment patterns and relationships;
3. Tensions between the number of jobs created and their quality;

4. Tensions induced by the development of "employment-friendly" welfare reforms, i.e. the political tensions created by the difficulties in matching industrial welfare systems to the requirements of creating post-industrial jobs.

More information:

http://www.sciences-po.fr/recherche/news/communiqués/Work-and-Welfare-in-Europe_EN.htm

The main findings of the project have been presented and discussed at the final RECOWE Conference held from 15 to 17 June 2011 in Brussels.

It has been organised around four main common streams:

- Implementing activation
- Transforming social protection
- More jobs, better jobs?
- Can Europe help?

Plenary sessions were also organised around the following topics:

- Tackling the crisis: is 'Europe 2020' enough?
- Changing words of work and welfare. What do we learn from RECOWE activities?
- Liberalisation, dualisation or integration?
- The Agency Gap: capabilities for a worklife balance across welfare regimes and within work organizations

More information: www.recwoweconference.eu

New Journal Article

Noy, Shiri. 2011. "New Contexts, Different Patterns? A Comparative Analysis of Social Spending and Government Health Expenditure in Latin America and the OECD." *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, 52(3): 215-244. <http://cos.sagepub.com/content/52/3/215.short>

New Books

Ana Marta Guillén and Margarita León (eds). 2011. *The Spanish Welfare State in European Context*. Ashgate.

Following the death of Franco, Spain underwent a transition to democracy in the mid-1970s. Although a rapid process of modernization occurred, the Spanish welfare state was seen, until fairly recently, as relatively underdeveloped. However, given the progressive Europeanization and expansion of Spanish social policy, questions arise as to whether the Spanish welfare system should still be considered as peripheral to West European welfare states.

This volume is divided into three sections. The first section deals with broad trends in the evolution of the Spanish welfare state. To begin with, the consolidation path of social protection policies is explored. Attention is also paid to the process of Europeanization. Furthermore, the analysis explores advances in gender equality policies. In the second section, attention is turned to governance issues, such as collective bargaining, the interplay among levels of government, the welfare mix and public support for social policies. The third and final part of the book addresses five main challenges facing the Spanish welfare state in the 21st century, namely, the need to enhance flexicurity; to achieve a better work-family balance; to coordinate immigration policies with existing social protection; to tackle the persistence of high rates of relative poverty; and to face intense population ageing, both in terms of increasing needs for care and the reform of the pension system.

Contents: Introduction; Part I Evolution/Tendencies: The consolidation of the Spanish welfare state (1975–2010), *Gregorio Rodríguez Cabrero*; Europeanisation and Spanish welfare: the case of employment policy, *Luis Moreno* and *Amparo Serrano*; The quest for gender equality, *Margarita León*. Part II Levels of Governance, Social Dialogue, Welfare Mix and Public Debates: Policy concertation, trade unions and the transformation of the Spanish welfare state, *Oscar Molina*; Regional welfare systems and multilevel governance, *Raquel Gallego* and *Joan Subirats*; Assessing the welfare mix: public and private in the realm of social welfare, *Teresa Montagut*; Are Spaniards different? European convergence and regional divergence in the evaluation of the welfare state, *Inés Calzada* and *Eloísa del Pino*. Part III Key Challenges to the Spanish Welfare State: Part-time employment in Spain: a victim of the ‘temporality culture’ and a lagging implementation, *Zyab Ibáñez*; Female employment and policies for balancing work and family life in Spain, *Olga Salido*; Immigration and social policy in Spain.

A new model of migration in Europe, *Miguel Laparra*; Long-term care: the persistence of familialism, *Sebastián Sarasa*; Tackling poverty, *Luis Ayala*; Gradual expansion and reluctant reform of the pension system, *Elisa Chulià*; Conclusions; Index.

Shirley Hsiao-Li Sun. 2002. *Population Policy and Reproduction in Singapore: Making Future Citizens*. London: Routledge (Routledge Contemporary Southeast Asia Series).

This book examines the relationship between population policies and individual reproductive decisions in low-fertility contexts. Drawing on personal interviews and focus groups with more than 200 Singaporeans, it demonstrates that the effectiveness of population policy is a function of competing notions of citizenship, and the gap between seemingly neutral policy incentives and their perceived and experienced disparate effects. The need to take individuals' perceptions of state policies seriously gains greater urgency in the context of potential conflict of interest between the state and citizens regarding human reproduction. Should citizenship status confer rights independent of an individual's economic standing? Who is the idealized citizen and idealized by whom? What is the relationship between a particular conceptualization of citizenship and the nation-state's challenge of confronting the global order? This book answers these questions and offers a significant contribution to the literature on population studies, sociology of reproduction, citizenship and development, public and social policy, East Asian and Southeast Asian studies.

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Jon Kvist, Johan Fritzell, Bjørn Hvinden and Olli Kangas (eds). 2011. *Changing Social Equality: The Nordic Welfare Model in the 21st Century*. Bristol: Policy Press.

The Nordic countries have been able to raise living standards and curb inequalities without compromising economic growth. But with social inequalities on the rise how do they fare when compared to countries with alternative welfare models,

such as the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and Germany? Taking a comparative perspective, this book casts new light on the changing inequalities in Europe. It will be invaluable for students and policy makers interested in European social policy and living conditions.

“This impressive volume by leading Nordic researchers on how their much-vaunted welfare model has coped with recent external and internal pressures is a fascinating read for anyone interested in equality or wellbeing.”

Brian Nolan, Professor of Public Policy, University College Dublin, Ireland

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Income inequality and poverty: do the Nordic countries still constitute a family of their own? ~ *Johan Fritzell, Olof Bäckman and Veli-Matti Ritakallio*;

Does immigration challenge the economic sustainability of the Nordic welfare model? ~ *Christer Gerdes and Eskil Wadensjö*;

Nordic responses to rising inequalities ~ *Jon Kvist, Bjørn Hvinden and Olli Kangas*

Rianne Mahon and Fiona Robinson (eds.). 2011. *Feminist Ethics and Social Policy: Towards a New Global Political Economy of Care*. UBC Press.

As the boundaries between nations become more permeable, women are increasingly on the move, travelling from poor countries to rich ones to work as nannies, nurses, teachers, maids, and sex workers. The struggle to maintain a healthy balance between work, family, and care in Western nations is creating a care deficit in the developing world.

Feminist Ethics and Social Policy links ethics to the social politics of care by revealing the implications of the feminization of migrant labour and the shortcomings of social policy at the national level. Drawing on innovative theories of gender and race, global justice and neocolonialism, and care and masculinity, renowned and emerging scholars trace how recent policy developments are transforming the lives of female care workers in Canada, Sweden, Korea, and Japan and sparking national debates on care. They demonstrate that ethics cannot be separated from practice -- an ethics of care that is both political and critical must be grounded in the concrete activities of real people working in transnational webs of social relations.

This timely volume offers a rare cross-national comparison of care arrangements and national debates on the ethics of care in the context of a globalizing world.

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Conclusion: Integrating the Ethics and Politics of Care / *Rianne Mahon and Fiona Robinson*

Nathalie Morel, Bruno Palier and Joakim Palme (eds). 2011. Towards a Social Investment Welfare State? Ideas, Policies and Challenges. Bristol: Policy Press.

This book questions whether the recently promoted European ‘social investment’ strategy is able to regenerate the welfare state, promote social inclusion, create more and better jobs, and help address the challenges posed by the economic crisis, globalisation, ageing and climate change. To assess the diversity, achievements, shortcomings and potentials of social investment policies, it brings together amongst the best social policy scholars and well-known policy experts, connecting academic and policy debates around the future of the welfare state. Supported by the Nordic Center of Excellence NordWel and the EU funded Network of Excellence RECOWE (Reconciling Work and Welfare).

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Dorian R. Woods. 2012. *Family Policy in Transformation: US and UK Policies*. Palgrave Macmillan.

In the US and UK there has been a transformation in child care, family leave, social assistance, work activation and tax credits in the last twenty years. These policies have been expanded or radically reformed, and this book explores the factors behind these changes. Using detailed case studies Dorian R. Woods finds that ideas and the power to wield them are some of the most crucial factors in the transformation of family policy. Woods' analysis shows that ideology and power are predominant factors in family policy-making because the policies are strongly associated with beliefs about families. The parties and influential women's groups who have close ties to power elites could impact policy change with new ideas at critical moments. Woods argues that governments need to be receptive to prevailing views around families and have to convincingly justify new family policy goals. The book is divided into seven chapters:

- Introduction
- Analyzing Family Policy and Ideas
- Social Assistance for Families or Workers?
- Ideas of Child Care and Employment Support
- Tax Credits: The Ultimate Compromise
- The Transformation of Parental Leave
- Ideas and Catalysts of Change

New Book Series on Work and Welfare in Europe

The RECOWE network created a dedicated book series on Work and Welfare in Europe with the publishing house Palgrave Macmillan. The series editors are: Denis Bouget, Jochen Clasen, Ana M. Guillen Rodriguez, Jane Lewis, and Bruno Palier.

This series publishes books that analyse the tensions that characterize the relationships between labour markets and welfare systems in very diverse national settings across EU member states. These books focus more especially on four tensions that now characterize this centrally important relationship: the tension between the firms' demands for more labour market flexibility and citizens' need for economic security; the tensions between the increased participation in paid work and the importance of family life, the greater fluidity in family relationships, and the greater flexibility in the labour markets; the friction between quantity and quality of the jobs to be created, between job creation and maintaining or improving the quality of employment; and finally the conflicts raised by the need to adapt (industrial) social protection systems to new labour market structures. Beyond the four main tensions mentioned above, the Series is open to any other forms of analysis of the relationship between work and welfare.

The Work and Welfare in Europe Series is committed to becoming one of the leading monograph series on European social policy and is fully open to the post-Recwowians and authors other than Recwowe members.

More information: <http://www.palgrave.com/products/series.aspx?s=RECOWE>

New Books in the Series:

Rik van Berkel, Willibrord de Graaf and Tomas Sirovatka (eds). 2011. *The Governance of Active Welfare States in Europe*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, Work and Welfare in Europe Series.

During the last decade, many European countries introduced extensive reforms of the implementation structures through which income protection and activation programmes for the unemployed are implemented and delivered. These governance reforms include: the creation of markets for the provision of activation and employment services, the promotion of cooperation between benefit and employment agencies, processes of decentralizing policy making authority, the introduction of new public management in the public sector. This book analyses and compares these reforms, exploring a relatively new research area. The book

covers nine European countries: the UK, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Sweden and Finland. It focuses on the reform programmes themselves, and on what is known about their effects. One of the central arguments is that governance structures are not without consequences for the social programmes they implement and deliver.

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Paolo Graziano , Sophie Jacquot and Bruno Palier (eds). 2011. *The EU and the Domestic Politics of Welfare State Reform: Europa, Europae*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, Work and Welfare in Europe Series.

Does European integration influence national social policies? What is the use of EU laws, orientations and guidelines? Based on a systematic comparison of ten national cases, including both old and new member states, representing all families of welfare regimes, this volume explores and specifies the mechanisms through which the EU plays a role in domestic social policy changes. It focuses on where, when and how national actors use the tools and resources offered by the process of European integration to support them in the national welfare reforms they are engaged in. The comprehensive research design and the systematic comparisons provide a unique opportunity to fully grasp the mechanisms of domestic welfare state change within the context of the European Union multilevel political system. This book proposes both a new step within the Europeanization and the welfare state literatures. It confirms the idea that Europe matters in a differential way since EU social policy will be selectively used by domestic political actors in accordance with their political preferences. It provides a clear explanation of why no EU-induced social policy change can occur without an overall support offered by key domestic decision-makers.

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Neil Fraser, Rodolfo Gutierrez and Ramon Pena-Casas. 2011 (eds). *Working Poverty in Europe*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, Work and Welfare in Europe Series.

This is a study of a complex but important concept, working poverty (or in-work poverty), involving individuals both as workers and members of households. It is caused by low pay, but also weak labour force attachment and high needs. The most recently available version of the household survey, EU-SILC, is analyzed to explain factors behind working poverty in different European countries. There has been a growth of jobs in Europe in the last fifteen years, but this has not decreased poverty because of a relative expansion of low quality jobs. Now economic crisis threatens to increase poverty further. But there is quite a diversity of situations within the EU which this book explores. It includes discussion of working poverty in relation to gender, to migration, and policies like tax-credits. Case studies of UK, France, Spain, Sweden and Poland are included and these countries are given special attention in most of the chapters.

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About this issue:

The point of departure for the contributions in this issue is that the reconfiguration of welfare states is driven by structural changes that affect social partners in diverse ways and that play themselves out differently in relevant social policy areas. These changes are often, if not exclusively, perceived as the coming of a post-industrial age. An expanding service economy is likely to provide less stable employment relationships and more inequality in working conditions, on the one hand, but new job opportunities for women and the young, on the other. If the collective representations of workers and employers do not respond to these changes, they are faced with a loss in membership, marginalisation in the political process and ultimately an erosion of public support for the institution of social partnership.

The contributions concentrate on trade unions as they have been particularly challenged by these structural changes and were accused of largely blocking necessary reform in public debates. They have also been put under pressure by an ideological shift that sees a legitimate role for social policy not so much in the correction of markets, above all for reasons of equality, but in the correction of market failures. The problem for trade unions is not the productivist thrust per se, but the implication that redistributive social policy becomes suspect.

This special issue is a complementary endeavour to Colin Crouch's inquiry into the 'snakes and ladders of 21st century trade unionism'. We identify how the snakes and ladders matter, that is how weakening and strengthening conditions are shaping the role of unions in the reconfiguration of welfare states. Crouch identified as weakening conditions, among others, the shift of industrial relations activity to the enterprise level and the collapse of the standard employment relationship, while strengthening may result from the need for social pacts in an integrating Europe and in welfare reforms. One question we had is how even snakes can be turned into ladders if trade unions are able to respond constructively. The contributions cover a wide range of institutions in employment relations, different degrees of welfare state maturity and diverse social policy areas. As diverse as these cases may be, we may discern a pattern against the background of

both an economic and a political role of trade unions and collective rights. Trade unions are not weakened, maintained or strengthened in total but their economic and the political roles evolve in different directions. For instance, while the wage-setting role of collective agreements may decline or become less encompassing, trade unions' involvement in the self-administration of labour market policies may even become more entrenched.

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Most European countries are saying 'farewell to maternalism' and are now implementing policies aimed at helping individuals (especially women) to combine paid work and family responsibilities. In recent years, European institutions have promoted the development of reconciliation policies. Is it possible to consider that national changes in these reconciliation policies have been due to EU actions in this policy field? What is indeed the function of EU policies? How does European integration influence national social policies?

In order to address these questions, this special issue focuses on the relationship between European integration and the development of national welfare state reforms. Recent literature shows that the EU has played an important role in shaping recent welfare state reforms, but the precise ways in which it has done so are still relatively unclear. We aim here at exploring and specifying the political mechanisms through which the EU plays a role in domestic social policy changes. Taking reconciliation policies (i.e. the reconciliation between paid work and private life policies) as an empirical terrain, our comparative research aims to take forward both the Europeanisation and welfare state literatures.

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