

2013 RC19 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENTIAL LETTER

Dear Members of Research Committee 19:

It is now 2014 and time to summarise the year that has passed and to look head at coming activities.

We have good reasons to feel comfortable with the way that the Research Committee 19 is developing at large. The Committee is in very good standing in terms of membership and has a well-managed budget. Here special thanks go to Secretary Treasurer Daniel Béland for his excellent work.

In terms of activity, we can also look back at 2013 with satisfaction. The main event in 2013 was the Annual Meeting at the Central European University (CEU) in Budapest. The CEU-team led by Viola Zentai with Viktoria Koszegi and Lilla Jakobs and Julia Szalai from the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, had formulated a stimulating theme for the conference under the heading: ‘Social exclusion and the challenges of inclusion: Social policies addressing intersecting inequalities’ From the Board, Daniel Béland and I were happy to assist their very competent work. The conference attracted a high number of abstract submissions and we ended up with a very ambitious program of plenary and parallel sessions with a lot of interesting papers. We also listened and discussed very stimulating keynotes by Birte Siim and Miroslav Beblavy. I wish to thank them and, first and foremost, the CEU-team for their fantastic work for RC 19 and its members.

2014 will be an interesting year for RC 19. We have an election to the Board coming up soon. Ann Orloff is chairing the Nominating Sub-committee in her capacity as ex-officio president and I know she is looking forward to many good nominations from the membership. Your active participation in this respect is critical.

2014 is also a year of the ISA World Congress in Yokohama. RC19 will indeed have a very impressive program. We were also very lucky to get many paper proposals for our sessions. The negative side was that the session organizers had to turn down many good paper proposals. The opportunity to accept papers as contributed papers could only give some relief here. I wish already now to thank Ito Peng for taking on the responsibility of coordinating our programme in Yokohama. We have very good reasons for looking forward to enjoying an intense and rewarding Congress week in July.

For 2015, I am very happy to announce that Lynn Prince Cook has taken on the responsibility to organise the Annual Meeting at the University of Bath, which of course is an excellent location in all respects. *The meeting will take place on 26-28 August 2015.* More information about the Annual Meeting will come up soon.

In 2012 the RC19, for the first time, participated in the ISA Forum, which was then organised in Buenos Aires during the first days of August. This was a milestone in our work on globalising the research committee and to get good and broad engagement from Latin America. The next Forum will be organised in Vienna in 2016. It will be an important task for the Board to prepare for that, especially to coordinate it with our annual meeting that year and, after that, to take a decision about the 2017 Annual Meeting.

Last but not least: do not forget to inform colleagues about the opportunities associated with a membership and participation in the work of RC19. The more members, the merrier!

Sincerely,

Joakim Palme

President of RC19

NEW BOOK

Max Koch and Martin Fritz (eds.). 2013. *Non-Standard Employment in Europe: Paradigms, Prevalence and Policy Responses*. Palgrave Macmillan.

<http://www.palgrave.com/products/title.aspx?pid=630171>

Description

'Non-standard' employment is becoming more common. Fewer people are working full-time and/or have permanent employment contracts; more are working part-time, have fixed-term contracts or are self-employed. Many scholars have pointed to the negative consequences of this development, including 'precarious' forms of employment and in-work poverty. This volume provides a thorough theoretical and empirical analysis of these processes by understanding the 'destandardization' of employment in Europe and the associated modifications in socio-economic regulation both at national and EU level. The book provides country studies of the UK, Spain, Germany, Poland, Croatia, and the Nordic countries and offers comparative European analyses of part-time and fixed-term employment in relation to in-work poverty, exclusion and anomie. Emphasis is on 'best practice' in the governance of non-standard employment. Is there evidence for a new and socially inclusive European employment standard?

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CONFERENCES

Revisioning Gender: Complex Inequalities and Global Dimensions

June 13-14, Stockholm Ersta Hotel

This year marks 20 years since the historic conference *Crossing Borders; Gender Citizenship and Social Policies*, where 120 researchers from 28 countries met in Saltjöbaden; the launching of the first research school in Gender in Sweden; and the 20th anniversary of Social Politics (OUP).

In 2014 crossing borders encompasses the movement of persons and ideas and the reach of global markets and institutions shaping the revisioning of gender in a post crisis era. The conference addresses the differential impact of the crisis across and within societies and regions, and the forms of exclusion the global crisis has generated considering gender, class, race/ethnicity, age, disability citizenship status, employment status and their intersections. We will be looking through multi-layered lenses to interpret how global processes are reflected in gender and welfare state change – filtered through international, state and local institutions,

social movements, the firm and work organization, and within households – and how they are translated into the capabilities of individuals to make alternative life choices.

Key themes in the conference include:

- Austerity and Equity
- Citizenship and Social Membership
- The Politics of the “New” Welfare State
- Care, Migration and Markets

We feature three plenary panels:

Opening Panel: Complex Inequalities and Global Dimensions

Myra Marx Ferree

Bridget Anderson

Susan Gal

Leslie McCall

Ito Peng

Second Panel: The Widening Gap in Equalities

Jill Rubery

Jane Jenson

Alexandra Mrčela-Kanjuro

Bruno Palier

Shahra Razavi

Shireen Hassim

Closing Panel: Revisioning Gender: Past, Present and Future

Barbara Hobson

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Sonya Michel

Fiona Williams

Deborah Brennan

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Towards Inclusive Employment and Welfare Systems: Challenges for a Social Europe

9-10 October 2014, Berlin

Since the onset of the financial crisis, European integration has come under pressure economically, politically and socially. As a result of rising unemployment and deprivation, divisions have deepened not only between countries but also between well-protected labour market insiders and precariously employed or unemployed labour market outsiders. As a solution to these worrying problems, the European Commission launched a social investment package in 2013 that propagates the more effective provision of employment services (including education, training, life-long learning and other preventive measures) as well as social services (such as housing, healthcare, childcare and care for the elderly) as a means for increasing employment rates while simultaneously reducing poverty, deprivation and eventually public expenditures. In this vein, the social investment agenda can be seen as a continuation of the active inclusion strategy of 2008 but also marks a new turn in European social policy because the goal of social cohesion (which lay at the heart of active inclusion thinking) has at least rhetorically been replaced by a stronger focus on economic performance.

In order to examine current social trends in Europe as well as the impact of social investment or active inclusion oriented policies – where they exist – on the well-being of classic labour market outsiders such as women, single parents, young people, disabled people, or immigrants, six research projects issued under the 7th European Framework programme (COPE, FLOWS, IMPROVE, INSPIRES, LOCALISE and WILCO) invite contributions to the conference “Towards Inclusive Employment and Welfare Systems: Challenges for a Social Europe” to be held in Berlin on 9-10 October 2014. The conference is open to all researchers in the fields of comparative social policy, social inclusion, welfare governance and other areas of research related to the theme of the conference. Some of the main questions that will be addressed during the workshop sessions are:

- Which inequality, poverty and social exclusion trends can currently be observed in Europe, and (how) are they addressed politically at the European, national, or local level?
- Is the integration of policy fields such as income protection, employment, education, and care an empirical reality? If so, what are the effects of policy integration?
- Which governance challenges does the provision of social and employment services hold for the organizations and individuals administering these services in a multi-level context?
- (How) do the discourses of social investment and active inclusion shape the state-citizen relation in theory and practice?

Keynote speakers

Colin Crouch

Bruno Palier

Chiara Saraceno

Submission of abstracts

Prospective participants should send their abstracts via e-mail to the conference organizers and the workshop convenors, indicating for which workshop they would like to apply. All applications should include the title of the proposed paper, the name, affiliation and contact information of the author(s), as well as a short description of the content of the paper (maximum ¾ - 1 page). Graduate students are welcome to apply.

Deadline for applications: 31 March 2014

Successful applicants will be informed by 30 April 2014. The full version of the papers must be submitted on 15 September 2014 at the latest. All papers must be submitted in English and must not exceed 8,000 words all inclusive. Longer submissions can unfortunately not be considered.

Timeline

31 March 2014 Deadline for abstracts

30 April 2014 Notification of acceptance and opening of online registration

15 September 2014 Deadline for paper submissions and closing of online registration

9-11 October 2014 Conference

List of Workshops and Convenors

Workshop 1: Non-Public Actors Håkan Johansson hakan.johansson@soch.lu.se Franca Maino

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Workshop 4: Resilient Labour Markets Menno Fenger fenger@fsw.eu.nl

Workshop 5: Gender Parity & Social Cohesion Per Jensen perh@dps.aau.dk

Workshop 6: Social Policy Paradigms Bea Cantillon bea.cantillon@ua.ac.be Tim Goedemé

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FISS 2014 Conference – Call for Papers

2-4 June 2014 – Sigtuna, Sweden

The 21st International Research Seminar of the Foundation for International Studies on Social Security (FISS) will be devoted to the *challenges for social protection* within a changing economic, social and political context. Trends in globalisation, socioeconomic and demographic transitions, the continuing impact of recent financial crises, and the need for cost containment and increasing budgetary efficiency raise issues for the future of social protection. Questions emerge with regard to the role and objectives of social protection, including which objectives should be primary goals, how should they be achieved and what is the impact of current efforts? How to strike an appropriate balance between solidarity, reciprocity and insurance and what does this imply for the institutional, political and financial architecture of social protection? Which instruments should be used to meet social protection challenges and to achieve its objectives and how can an appropriate balance between income protection, quality and accessibility of care and services and the investment in human capital be achieved?

FISS welcomes papers that address these and other relevant questions. Paper submissions should consist of a title, an abstract (400 words max.) and full contact details of all authors.

Closing date for submissions is 31 January 2014. More information is available at the http://webh01.ua.ac.be/csb/fiss/?page_id=382

Confirmed keynote speakers are:

- John Hills (The London School of Economics and Political Science)
- Brian Nolan (Trinity College Dublin)

The contributed paper selected as best from among those presented at the conference will be awarded the FISS Best Paper Prize of 500 Euros and the paper will be published in The European Journal of Social Security (subject to satisfying the refereeing process).

Peter Saunders & Bea Cantillon

FISS President & Secretary General

Call for Papers—Consumption and Context: Exploring Concepts and Consumption Processes in Varying Socio-cultural Settings

Research Network of Sociology of Consumption

European Sociological Association Midterm conference

Faculty of Arts, University of Porto, O'Porto, 3-6 September 2014

Consumption research is currently placed at the intersection of much debated sub-themes of sociology, such as economic sociology, environmental sociology, social class research, social movements analysis. Moreover, the theoretical frameworks it utilises, heavily build on empirical research that draws on different national contexts, making consumption research one of the hotbeds of comparative sociological inquiries.

Studies in their empirical, often cross-cultural endeavour look, for example, at consumer practices, limits of consumption and problematic habits in different milieus, classes and countries using a wide selection of methodologies and concepts. In these attempts consumption research has been implicitly questioning the influences of institutional frameworks and national cultural repertoires, by for instance, comparing their varying effects on individuals' habits and practices. This interim meeting takes the opportunity to make this questioning more explicit, by encouraging participants to reflect on the conditions that create the empirical outcomes in different national settings and also inviting to think on the varying explanatory power of conceptual tools in such contexts. What implications do conceptualisations and approaches have on comparisons and how does methodology shape results in different environments? How do the conceptual tools, frequently used in consumer research, work under various settings? In what ways the similarities and differences observed can refine the theoretical frameworks used? How do the institutional frameworks and national repertoires influence the consumer behaviour on the micro-level? The meeting furthermore wants to sharpen our analytical toolbox also in the context of growing cultural diversities inside countries.

We are happy to announce that the midterm conference of the Research Network of Sociology of Consumption of the European Sociological Association will be held in Porto in 2014. For details, please see the conference website at: <http://esa-consumption.eventqualia.net/en/2014/home/>

We invite papers that address various aspects of the sociology of consumption. Deadlines: We expect abstracts of 250 words by February 15, 2014. Abstracts should be sent via the submission form on the conference website. Please include in the abstract information about the theoretical framework of the research, the methodology employed, and the contribution of

the paper. Letter of acceptance and preliminary programme will be sent to participants by March 15th, 2014. Registration and payment of conference fee should be made by July 1, 2014.

Conference fee, registration

The conference fee is 85 € is for the members of the Research Network of Sociology of Consumption (RN5) of European Sociological Association. If you are not a member of the network the fee is 105 €. Please check your RN membership on the ESA website and renew it, if needed, or become a new member by paying the network membership fee. The conference fee should be paid by July 1st 2014 to the conference account at the University of Porto. The details will be specified soon. The fee includes conference documents and catering during the two and half days (evening entertainment and dinners are not included).

Conference: The Welfare State in Portugal in the Age of Austerity

Lisbon, 9-10 May 2014

What is the role of the Welfare State in a time of economic crisis, fiscal austerity and social problems? This conference, called "The Welfare State in Portugal in the Age of Austerity", is organized by the University of Lisbon, and it aims to stimulate academic discussion on the present and future of the welfare state in Portugal. It is expected to be a meeting of academics, who are dedicated to the study of social policy across of spectrum of different scientific disciplines.

It will promote interdisciplinary academic discussion on the transformation of the welfare state in Portugal, in a time of financial austerity, economic crisis and rising social risks.

We encourage teachers, students and researchers who have been studying these topics to participate. Are specially welcome contributions from different scientific areas, making use of

diverse sources and addressing these topics from a range of methodological and comparative perspectives.

Please follow this link to our website if you want to know more about the conference:

<https://aquila.iseg.utl.pt/aquila/instituicao/ISEG/docentes-e-investigacao/conference-theme>

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Social policy and regimes of social welfare in Africa

International Workshop, University of Fribourg, 12 September 2014

This workshop is organized by Daniel Künzler and Michael Nollert at the Division of Sociology, Social Policy and Social Work at the University of Fribourg on behalf of the Swiss Society for African Studies and the Swiss Sociological Association (Research Committee Economic Sociology).

There is a vast amount of scientific literature on social welfare in developed countries. In addition to research on individual strategies (micro level) and collective actors in specific policy fields (meso level), there is substantial research on welfare states (macro level). However, social welfare is not only provided by states but also by markets, households and non-governmental organizations. The description and analysis of these welfare mixes is frequently based on typologies, the most well-known being the differentiation between social democratic, conservative and liberal welfare regimes (Esping-Andersen 1990, 1999). Research not only focuses on different social policies, welfare mixes and their outcomes such as reduction of poverty or inequality, but also on path-dependent developments and the variance of welfare regimes.

For other contexts, especially in the Global South where social policy is less pervasive, these concepts proved inspiring, but not directly transferable. In recent years, researchers increasingly began to empirically research other contexts and develop theoretical concepts for them. To underline the different position of states in the welfare mixes, typologies of welfare regimes were developed. Examples include the liberal-informal welfare state in Latin America, the productivist welfare regime and the emerging productivist welfare states, both in East Asia (Wood and Gough 2006). In this perspective, African countries are examples of the residual category, the insecurity regimes.

The Fribourg workshop seeks to provide a more nuanced and contextualized picture of the welfare mix in African countries based on the most recent typologies. Key note speakers will not only focus on these typologies, but also on (pre-)colonial legacies and its relations to welfare mixes. Additionally, two forums will host paper presentations that focus on social policy and regimes of social welfare in Africa. The organizers especially invite papers that use macro level

conceptual frameworks to analyze cases of welfare mixes and explain their emergence or their outcomes. Additionally, papers can focus on regional and global influences on the welfare mix (e.g., processes of pressure and/or learning from international organizations or regional integration). The organizers furthermore look for paper proposals that further our conceptual and methodological understanding of regimes of social welfare in Africa. Comparative papers are strongly encouraged.

Call for papers: Paper proposals of approx. 200 words should be submitted to the contact address before January 14, 2014, and additionally include name and institutional affiliation of the author(s). The organizers will support travel and accommodation for invited presenters.

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Workshop “Social policy and regimes of social welfare in Africa”

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Symposium – Understanding and Eradicating Poverty in South Asia: Lessons and Options

South Asia Studies Centre

University of Rajasthan, Jaipur

To Commemorate the 21st International Day for Eradication of Poverty

October 17, 2013

Summary of outcome

South Asian countries are aspiring for the foolproof security, faster economic growth and sustainable development. Poverty eradication is the precondition in fulfilling this aspiration of these countries. Though much has been done in this regard but more needs to be done for which we should dedicate and pledge our efforts for poverty eradication through innovative ideas, sharpening our tools of research, invent new methods of research and redesign our programmes, schemes and strategies.

The SASC as a pioneering research institution has a social and ethical mandate to make innovative contributions for the well-being, security and prosperity of the one-and-a-half billion people of this region and promote cordial inter-state relations by generating scientific research inputs for the realm of policy-planning. The symposium, has, therefore, been organized to intensively deliberate and discuss about poverty, prepare a roadmap for both research and innovation alongwith policy recommendations and legislative reforms for the eradication of poverty.

The global community, national governments, civil society organizations and poor people together are architects of the prosperous, peaceful, stable and harmonious society which is being threatened by the menace of pervasive poverty and, thus, in consonance with the UN Panel on the Post- 2015 Development Agenda wherein Ending Poverty as the first and foremost

developmental goal is to be realized by 2030. South Asian countries, therefore, must aspire to have a poverty free region by 2030 in consonance with global development goals. The following suggestions emerged from the day long deliberations:

- The Symposium acknowledged that global community, national governments, civil society organizations and poor people together are architects of a poverty free South Asia. It was recognized that the mission of foolproof security and sustainable development can be fulfilled and the goal of harmonious society can be realized after ensuring the eradication of poverty in all its facets.
- It identified that the stubborn social institutions, impaired political institutions, political expediency of leadership, bureaucratic inefficiency, and immobilized poor people are the main constraints in a proper understanding and effective eradication of poverty and thus, the past policy measures, legislative enactments and voluntary efforts have been proved inadequate for sustained poverty eradication.
- It underlined that poverty has often been defined as a socio-economic condition with grave dehumanizing consequences and, thus, a multi-dimensional approach has been adopted in understanding the multi-faceted landscape of the poverty situation.
- It further highlighted the wide gap between the poverty situation as conceptualized by scholars, perceived by the politico-bureaucratic elite and the actual poverty situation. There is an inadequate understanding and an insufficient policy or legislative measures for poverty eradication. It has, therefore, emphasized that the need of sharpening tools and inventing methods of poverty research while using the existing ones for conceptualizing and theorizing actual poverty situation is of paramount concern.

- It emphasized the need for redefining poverty and reinterpreting/ revalidating the various components of the poverty situation. It is scientifically correct that we should narrow down our focus on poverty studies in order to widen our vision. It will definitely broaden our vision for the society.
- The symposium explained that humanitarian assistance and support in the form of serving the basic needs of the poor people in itself is not poverty eradication but it has a strategic role to play in the long process of poverty eradication which is not a onetime act but a long sustained process of preventing people to fall back in the poverty trap. Thus, it is also a preventive process.
- There must be greater mobilization of the poor people to play a larger role in the identity politics while taking into consideration ideological issues and indigenous technology as democratic setup demands in the South Asian countries.
- It recognized that neither poverty research is only a domain of social sciences nor poverty eradication is only a domain of politico-bureaucratic leadership or civil society. The capacity of all must be enhanced and all the available resources must be harnessed for a poverty free South Asia by 2030.
- The Symposium recommends that both creative and scientific disciplines must come together in an interdisciplinary forum/institution in order to prepare meaningful inputs for poverty eradication policy and legislation.
- It also recommends that poverty eradication programmes, schemes legislations, and strategies must focussed, not only on restoration of certain facilities, rights and opportunities to the poor but the poor must be enabled to afford them and sustain themselves in the poverty free society.

- It resolved that poverty studies must be recognized as an integral component of higher education system in order to sensitize the academic community in particular and general public at large for poverty eradication.

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RECENT ARTICLES BY RC19 MEMBERS

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Kathrin Komp, Kees van Kersbergen, Theo van Tilburg. 2013. "Policies for Older Volunteers: A Study of Germany and Italy, 1990–2008," *Journal of Aging Studies* 27: 443-455.

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Let RC19 members know about forthcoming conferences, recent publications, and employment opportunities! Send me your submissions and I will include them in the next RC19 Digest:

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