24th ESPAnet Annual Conference

Conference Programme

Resize? Restructure? The European Social Model under Pressure



26-28 August, 2026

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Conference Theme

Resize? Restructure? The European Social Model under Pressure.

The European Social model is under pressure, both from external sources and from within.

Today's global geo-economic and strategic environment is shaped by commercial tensions, the heightening of (the threat of) military conflicts, the challenges imposed by climate change, and the structural change in economic processes as result of technological innovation and AI.

At the same time, the increased popularity of radical right-wing and populist forces is reshaping the politics of the welfare state, in terms of both the composition of pro-welfare constituencies, and the welfare agendas these parties pursue.

The 24th ESPAnet Annual Conference in Lisbon, 2026, aims to assess how these and other key developments are re-shaping political and policy debates in Europe. What should be the mission and the perimeter of the Welfare State in European societies? Who is deserving of social protection? And how is social protection best delivered?

Conference Venue & General Info

How to get to

Visit our website here

Lisbon School of Economics & Management
Universidade de Lisboa

From the airport to ISEG

By car:



Click to see the route

By public transports:

- Bus 783 / 744 / 722 > Bus 727
- Red Line > Yellow Line > 15 min
- Red Line > Yellow Line > Bus 727



Transports near ISEG

BUS

706 / 727 / 67B
Av. D. Carlos I
1 minute

713 / 773
Rua Borges Carneiro
5 minutes

774 / 22B
Largo Conde Barão
5 minutes

201 / 728 / 732 / 760
Av. 24 de Julho
7 minutes

SUBWAY

Yellow Line
with exit at
Rato Station
15 minutes

TRAM

28
Calçada da Estrela
2 minutes

15 / 18 / 25
Av. 24 de Julho
5 minutes

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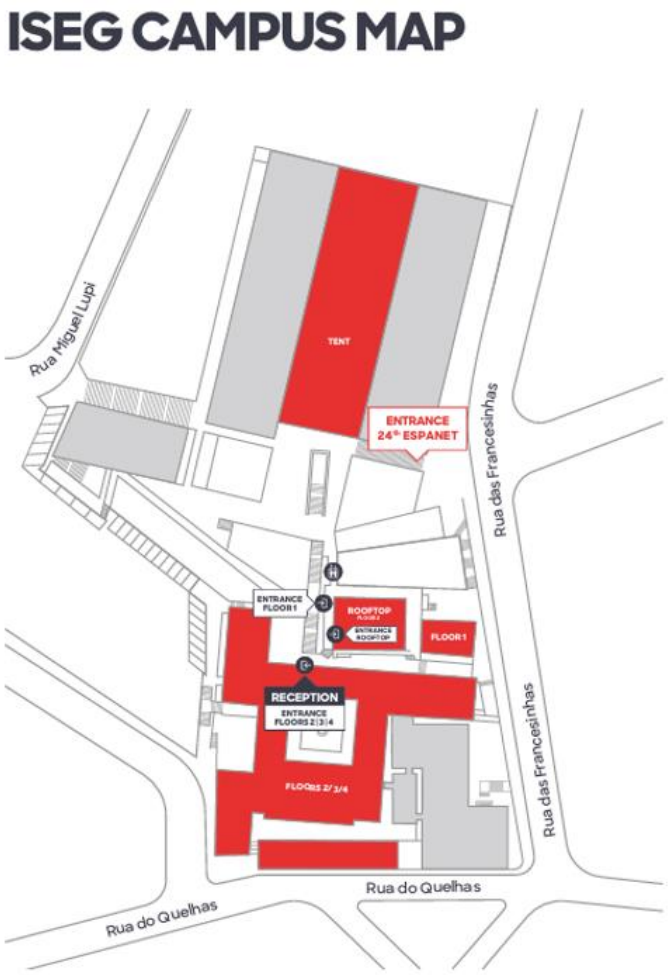
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Santos Station
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Subway & Train Map



Reception Desk

Access to the venue is through the Rua das Francesinhas entrance, located at the junction with Rua dos Industriais.



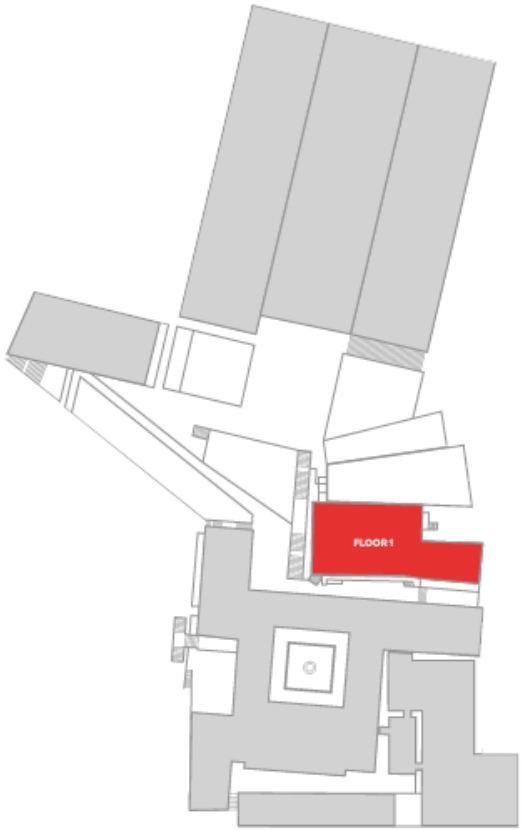
Once on campus, please find the stairs to the Quelhas Bulding, which will be on your left.

The Reception Desk will be located at the top of the stairs, in the **hall of Room 202**, Quelhas Building, Floor 2.

Conference Venue

The 24th ESPAnet Annual Conference will take place at the Quelhas Building of ISEG – Lisbon School of Economics and Management, located in the heart of Lisbon. The Quelhas Building is housed in the former Convent of the Inglesinhas, a remarkable 17th-century convent that combines historic architecture with modern academic facilities. Situated in one of Lisbon's most central areas, it is within walking distance from Lisbon's landmarks and restaurants.

The Quelhas Building is organised into 4 levels, where most of the scientific events will take. Below you can find a detailed mapping of all the rooms allocated to the Conference.



1 FLOOR

QUELHAS BUILDING

FLOOR 1

Auditorium 4
Auditorium 5
Room 101



2 FLOOR

QUELHAS BUILDING

FLOOR 2

Auditorium CGD
Auditorium 2
Auditorium 3
Room 202
Rooftop

3 FLOOR

QUELHAS BUILDING



FLOOR 3

Room STAPLES
Room CTT Correios
Room Santander Totta
Room IAPMEI
Room Delta

Legend
- Lift
- ATM
- Ladies Toilet
- Gentlemen Toilet
- Accessible Toilet
- Stairs
- Water Source
- Exit

4 FLOOR

QUELHAS BUILDING



FLOOR 4

Amphitheatre 1
Novo Banco
Amphitheatre 3
Amphitheatre 4
Salão Nobre

Legend
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- Exit

Social Events & Meals

Welcome Reception & Conference Dinner

The Welcome Reception & the Conference Dinner will take place in the Tent.

Tent



Lunches

Lunches will take place in the locations in the Quelhas Building:

Salão Nobre

Floor 4



Rooftop

Floor 2



Bio Emotions

Floor 2



Book Publishers Exhibitors

Quelhas Building | Floor 2

Palgrave Macmillan

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Quelhas Building | Floor 4

Edward Elgar



Programme Overview

Conference Programme

26th August	**09:00 - 10:30 Registration**	**ROOM 202**
	10:30 - 11:00 Opening Session	**CGD AUD.**
	11:00 - 13:00 Parallel Session I | **'Authors Meet the Critics' Session**	**CGD AUD.**
	13:00 - 14:00 Lunch	
	14:00 - 16:00 Parallel Session II	
	16:00 - 16:30 Coffee Break	
	16:30 - 18:30 Parallel Session III	
	18:30 - 19:30 Welcome Reception	**TENT**
27th August	**09:00 - 11:00** Parallel Session IV	
	11:00 - 11:30 Coffee Break	
	11:30 - 13:00 Plenary Session 1 - Herwig Immervoll, OECD	**TENT**
	13:00 - 14:00 Lunch	
	14:00 - 16:00 Parallel Session V	
	16:00 - 16:30 Coffee Break	
	16:30 - 18:30 Parallel Session VI	
	18:30 - 19:45 'Meet the Editors' Session	**CGD AUD.**
	20:00 - 22:00 Conference Dinner	**TENT**
28th August	**09:00 - 11:00** Parallel Session VII	
	11:00 - 11:30 Coffee Break	
	11:30 - 13:00 Plenary Session 2 - Mara Yerkes, Utrecht University	**TENT**
	13:00 - 13:30 Closing Session	**TENT**
	13:30 - 15:00 Lunch | National/Regional ESPAnet(s) Meetings	

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Stream 1	Welfare States, Demography and Bodies	Aug 27 (IV)	09:00-11:00	AMPHITHEATER 1	4
		Aug 27 (V)	14:00-16:00	AMPHITHEATER 1	4
Stream 2	Time-Related Social Policies in the World of Work and Care	Aug 26 (I)	11:00-13:00	AUDITORIUM 2	2
		Aug 26 (II)	14:00-16:00	AUDITORIUM 2	2
		Aug 26 (III)	16:30-18:30	AUDITORIUM 2	2
		Aug 27 (IV)	09:00-11:00	AUDITORIUM 2	2
Stream 3	Providing Social Security for Older People: Interactions of Different Social Policies, their Drivers and Outcomes	Aug 27 (V)	14:00-16:00	AUDITORIUM 5	1
		Aug 27 (VI)	16:30-18:30	AUDITORIUM 5	1
		Aug 28 (VII)	09:00-11:00	AUDITORIUM 5	1
Stream 4	Disability, Citizenship, and the Future of the Welfare State in Europe	Aug 26 (I)	11:00-13:00	101	1
		Aug 26 (II)	14:00-16:00	101	1
		Aug 26 (III)	16:30-18:30	101	1
		Aug 27 (IV)	09:00-11:00	101	1
Stream 5	The Politics of Education	Aug 27 (V)	14:00-16:00	AUDITORIUM 2	2
		Aug 27 (VI)	16:30-18:30	AUDITORIUM 2	2
		Aug 28 (VII)	09:00-11:00	AUDITORIUM 2	2
Stream 6	The Matthew Effect in Social and Educational Policies and the Intergenerational Transmission of Disadvantages Over the Life Course	Aug 27 (V)	14:00-16:00	AUDITORIUM 4	1
		Aug 27 (VI)	16:30-18:30	AUDITORIUM 4	1
		Aug 28 (VII)	09:00-11:00	AUDITORIUM 4	1
Stream 7	Employment Policies and the Quest for a European Labour Market	Aug 27 (VI)	16:30-18:30	AMPHITHEATER 1	4
		Aug 28 (VII)	09:00-11:00	AMPHITHEATER 1	4
Stream 8	Families in Transition: Rethinking Social Policy Design	Aug 26 (I)	11:00-13:00	AUDITORIUM 4	1
		Aug 26 (II)	14:00-16:00	AUDITORIUM 4	1
		Aug 26 (III)	16:30-18:30	AUDITORIUM 4	1
		Aug 27 (IV)	09:00-11:00	AUDITORIUM 4	1
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Stream	Title	Day	Time	Room	Floor
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		Aug 26 (II)	14:00-16:00	AUDITORIUM 5	1
		Aug 26 (III)	16:30-18:30	AUDITORIUM 5	1
		Aug 27 (IV)	09:00-11:00	AUDITORIUM 5	1
Stream 11	Pensions in the 21st century: Challenges, Policy Feedback and Political Dynamics	Aug 27 (IV)	09:00-11:00	AMPHITHEATER 3	4
		Aug 27 (V)	14:00-16:00	AMPHITHEATER 3	4
Stream 12	Social Policy Context of Life-Course Transitions	Aug 27 (V)	14:00-16:00	101	1
		Aug 27 (VI)	16:30-18:30	101	1
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Stream 13	De-Standardization of Retirement Pathways: Conceptual, Institutional, and Life-Course perspectives	Aug 28 (VII)	09:00-11:00	CTT CORREIOS	3
Stream 14	Welfare States and Migration: Welfare Attitudes and Welfare Access	Aug 27 (V)	14:00-16:00	NOVO BANCO	4
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		Aug 28 (VII)	09:00-11:00	NOVO BANCO	4
Stream 15	Transformative Social Policy in Times of Climate Change	Aug 27 (VI)	16:30-18:30	AMPHITHEATER 3	4
Stream 16	Sustainable Welfare and Eco-Social Policy	Aug 26 (I)	11:00-13:00	NOVO BANCO	4
		Aug 26 (II)	14:00-16:00	NOVO BANCO	4
		Aug 26 (III)	16:30-18:30	NOVO BANCO	4
		Aug 27 (IV)	09:00-11:00	NOVO BANCO	4
Stream 17	Scarring Effects of the Pandemic: Inequality, Poverty, and Social Policy After COVID-19	Aug 26 (III)	16:30-18:30	STAPLES	3
Stream 18	Food Insecurity and Food Assistance: The Need for Social Policy	Aug 27 (IV)	09:00-11:00	STAPLES	3
Stream 19	Reconfiguring Welfare in the Triple Transition: Comparative Perspectives from Europe and East Asia	Aug 26 (I)	11:00-13:00	AMPHITHEATER 4	4
		Aug 26 (II)	14:00-16:00	AMPHITHEATER 4	4
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Stream	Title	Day	Time	Room	Floor
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		Aug 27 (V)	14:00-16:00	AMPHITHEATER 4	4
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		Aug 27 (VI)	16:30-18:30	DELTA	3
Stream 26	Data, AI and Digital Infrastructure. Reshaping the Moral Economy of Welfare States	Aug 26 (I)	11:00-13:00	CTT CORREIOS	3
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		Aug 27 (IV)	09:00-11:00	CTT CORREIOS	3
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		Aug 26 (II)	14:00-16:00	AMPHITHEATER 1	4
		Aug 26 (III)	16:30-18:30	AMPHITHEATER 1	4
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Stream	Title	Day	Time	Room	Floor
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		Aug 26 (III)	16:30-18:30	DELTA	3
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		Aug 27 (V)	14:00-16:00	IAPMEI	3
Stream 35	'Pitch Your Book' Sessions	Aug 27 (I)	14:00-15:00	SANTANDER TOTTA	3
		Aug 27 (II)	15:00-16:00	SANTANDER TOTTA	3

Detailed Programme

Opening Session

26th August, 10:30 - 11:00

CGD AUDITORIUM
Quelhas Building | Floor 2

Speakers

Ive Marx - Espanet Board, Co-Chair
Janine Leschke - Espanet Board, Co-Chair
Helena Jerónimo – Lisbon School of Economics & Management (ISEG), Vice-Chair
Paulo Trigo Pereira – Institute of Public Policy Lisbon (IPP), President

Chair

Amílcar Moreira - Organising Committee

Plenary Session 1

27th August, 11:30 - 13:00 **TENT**

JESP/ESPAnet Doctoral Researcher Prize

As part of Plenary Session, we will be announcing this year's JESP/ESPAnet Doctoral Researcher Prize.

Social Protection and the Green Transition: Evidence, Knowledge Gaps and Policy Challenges

Keynote speaker

Herwig Immervoll, OECD

Chair

Ive Marx, Univ. of Antwerp, ESPAnet Co-Chair

ABSTRACT

I hope to discuss how contemporary welfare states can move beyond merely cushioning structural change to actively shaping a socially robust and politically durable green transition. I will argue, first, that a "just transition" is not only an equity imperative but also a central condition for sustaining public support for ambitious climate policies. Understanding public sentiments, perceived burdens and trust in institutions is therefore integral to the design, sequencing and communication of climate and social policies, rather than a secondary consideration. Second, I will provide evidence to suggest, on the one hand, that average household burdens from existing carbon prices are often overstated in political debate when compared with other shocks such as recent spikes in inflation, but, on the other hand, that disadvantaged households can already face additional carbon-related costs several times higher (as a share of income) than top-income groups. Finally, I will explore why this compensatory potential remains underutilised in current policy practice and what this implies for the future of European social models.

SHORT BIO

Herwig Immervoll is Head of Social Benefits and Green Transition at the OECD. Previously at the World Bank and University of Cambridge, he has led research and policy work on inequality, redistribution, ageing and social protection. His current focus is strengthening accessible, sustainable social policies amid labour market and climate change.

Plenary Session 2

28th August, 11:30 - 13:00 **TENT**

Work-Life Balance: An Invisible Challenge for the European Social Model?

Keynote speaker

Mara Yerkes, Utrecht University

Chair

Janine Leschke, Copenhagen Business School, ESPAnet Co-Chair

ABSTRACT

Work-life balance is a central pillar of the European Social Model. Yet despite far-reaching policy efforts, such as those contained in the European Work-Life Balance Directive, work-life 'balance' remains unequally distributed and experienced within and across countries. These inequalities can't be addressed without going beyond work-life balance - to the core of social policy design, financing and implementation in contemporary welfare states, characterised by decentralization, digitalization and an emphasis on individual responsibility. In my keynote, I will outline how – against this backdrop and the decades-long invisibility of care – the reality of work-life balance for many working parents and carers is a navigational mess. And how having to navigate multiple policy and system landscapes allows social inequalities to persist or even worsen. In short, I will speak about how the social policy infrastructures inherent in contemporary welfare states have helped work-life balance shift from central pillar to an invisible, internal challenge to the European Social Model itself.

SHORT BIO

Mara Yerkes is Full Professor of Comparative Social Policy in relation to Social Inequalities at Utrecht University. Yerkes comparatively researches welfare states and industrial relations at national and local levels and how these relate to inequalities in work, care, communities and families, with a particular focus on intersectional gender inequalities.

'Authors Meet the Critics' Session

26th August, 11:00-13:00

CGD AUDITORIUM
Quelhas Building | Floor 2

Governing the Welfare Commons: On Europe's Social Investment Turn

Oxford University Press, 2026

Anton Hemerijck, European University Institute
David Bokhorst, European University Institute

Discussants

Emanuele Ferragina, Sciences Po, Paris
Jane Gingrich, University of Oxford
Bernard Ebbinghaus, University of Mannheim

Governing the Welfare Commons offers a comprehensive analysis of the policy transformation across Europe's diverse welfare states since 2000. It examines the manner, timing, and extent to which ongoing welfare transformations are moving toward social investment. It is based on ten country case studies, an analysis of welfare performance and a chapter on the facilitating role of the European Union. To explain the shift in welfare policies, the book invokes the notion of the welfare commons as a responsibilising policy feedback force on politicians seeking inter - and intra-generational fairness in times of demographic ageing.

'Pitch Your Book' Session 1

27th August, 10:00 - 11:00 **DELTA**
Quelhas Building | Floor 3

Handbook on Social Policy and Civil Society
Edward Elgar Publishing, 2026

Bent Greve, Roskilde University
Alexandra Lopes, University of Porto
Virginija Poškutė, ISM University of Management and Economics

Benefit Morale: Social Attitudes to the Welfare State in Poland
Routledge, 2026

Łukasz Jurek, Wroclaw University of Economics
Krystyna Gilga, Wroclaw University of Economics
Stanisław Kamiński, Wroclaw University of Economics
Joanna Szczepaniak-Sienniak, Wroclaw University of Economics
Paweł Żuk, Wroclaw University of Economics

Chair

Ive Marx, ESPAnet Co-Chair

This Session brings together the authors/editors of two recent books that offer important insights into contemporary Social Policy debates and developments. Through concise presentations, the speakers will introduce the main themes, arguments, and contributions of their works, highlighting key findings and reflecting on their broader academic and policy relevance. A moderated discussion and audience Q&A will follow the presentations.

‘Pitch Your Book’ Session 2

27th August, 14:30 - 16:00 **DELTA**
Quelhas Building | Floor 3

Beyond the Nordic Welfare State - Extending Social Investments with Interventions

Edward Elgar Publishing, 2026

Pasi Moisio, Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare
Johanna Peltoniemi, Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare
Jani Erola, University of Turku

Trust at the Ground Level of Government: Its Role in the Work of Street-Level Bureaucrats

Sunny Press, 2026

Maayan Davidovitz
Nissim Cohen

Participation in Social Work and Pedagogy Theory, Research and Practice

Peter Lang, 2026

Juliane Noack Napoles, Brandenburgische Technische Universität Cottbus-Senftenberg
Doinita Grosu, Brandenburgische Technische Universität Cottbus-Senftenberg

Chair

Ivana Dobrotić, University of Zagreb

This Session brings together the authors/editors of three recent books that offer important insights into contemporary Social Policy debates and developments. Through concise presentations, the speakers will introduce the main themes, arguments, and contributions of their works, highlighting key findings and reflecting on their broader academic and policy relevance. A moderated discussion and audience Q&A will follow the presentations.

'Meet the Editors' Session

27th August, 18:30 - 19:45

CGD AUDITORIUM
Quelhas Building | Floor 2

Join the Editors of the **Journal of European Social Policy**, the **Journal of Social Policy** and **Social Policy & Administration** for a panel discussion about academic publishing today.

Opening & Closing Remarks

Bent Greve, Social Policy & Administration
Menno Fenger, Social Policy & Administration

Q&A Pannel

Rossella Ciccia, Journal of European Social Policy
Martin Seeleib-Kaiser, Journal of European Social Policy
Volkan Yilmaz, Journal of Social Policy
Elke Heins, Journal of Social Policy
Bent Greve, Social Policy & Administration
Menno Fenger, Social Policy & Administration

Chair

Ive Marx, ESPAnet Board Co-Chair

The Session will discuss the opportunities and challenges facing journals, authors, reviewers, and editors in a rapidly changing environment. We will also reflect on the future of scholarly publishing, the role of AI, and invite questions and discussions from the audience.

The session will also mark the occasion to thank Prof. Bent Greve for his many years of service as Editor-in-Chief of Social Policy & Administration.

Closing Session

28th August, 13:00 - 13:30 **Tent**

Speakers

Ive Marx - Espanet Board, Co-Chair
Janine Leschke - Espanet Board, Co-Chair

Chair

Amílcar Moreira - Organising Committee

Parallel Sessions

26th August

Parallel Session I

11:00-13:00

AUDITORIUM 2, Floor 2 | 26th August 2026, 11:00-13:00

Stream 2 - Time-Related Social Policies in the World of Work and Care

Chairs
Johanna Fischer, University of Bremen, SOCIUM
Miriam Laschinski, University of Bremen, DIFIS
Hyojin Seo, King's College London

Free Time Beyond Work and Care: A Framework and a Research Agenda
Manuel Alvariño 1, Caroline de la Porte 1 (1. Copenhagen Business School)

Rethinking Time Poverty in Japan: Temporal Autonomy, Care, and the Limits of Flexible Labour Policies
Shinji Murakami 1, Kaori Katada 2 (1. Kanazawa University, 2. Hosei University)

Rethinking Welfare through the Lens of Time: Gender inequalities across Work, Care and Discretionary Time in Germany
Theresa Neto Romeira 1 (1. Bielefeld University)

Time-Related Policies, Care responsibilities and Gender Inequalities in Italy
Alessandro Rizzo 1, Monica Esposito 1, Luca Mattei 1 (1. INAPP)

101, Floor 1 | 26th August 2026, 11:00-13:00

Stream 4 - Disability, Citizenship, and the Future of the Welfare State in Europe

Chairs
Alexandre Calado, ISCTE – University Institute of Lisbon, CIES
Edurne García Iriarte, Trinity College Dublin
Gabor Petri, Central European University, Democracy Institute

Beyond Ratification? Uncovering Global Disparities in Disability Rights Implementation, 2011-2025
Justin Powell 1, Marcelo Marques 1 (1. University of Luxembourg)

Rights of Persons with Disabilities: Exploring the European Union Influence in the Portuguese Context
Catarina Neto 1 (1. Iscte - University Institute of Lisbon)

Contracting for Inclusion? Public Procurement and the Implementation of Disability Rights in Outsourced Housing Services
Liron David 1, Sagit Mor 2, Avishai Benish 3 (1. PhD candidate, University of Haifa; Adjunct lecturer Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2. University of Haifa, 3. Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Citizenship and participation
César Giménez Sánchez 1 (1. ONG Independent Living Andalusia)

***When the Mountain Slope Gets Steeper: Women with Disabilities in Arab Society at the Intersection of Exclusion* (Contributing Paper)**
Adi Hercowitz-Amir 1, Lital Barlev 1, Leena Badran 2 (1. Disabilities Team, Myers-Joint-Brookdale Institute, 2. Med School, Psychiatry and Behavioral Science, University of California Davis)

AUDITORIUM 4, Floor 1 | 26th August 2026, 11:00-13:00

Stream 8 - Families in Transition: Rethinking Social Policy Design

Chairs
Susan Harkness, University of Bristol
Elke Claessens, University of Antwerp
Daniel R. Meyer, University of Wisconsin–Madison

When the State Steps Back: Shared Living Arrangements and Income Pooling as a Buffer Against Poverty
Gabriele Mariani 1, Ive Marx 1, Janet C. Gornick 2 (1. University of Antwerp, 2. The Graduate Center, The City University of New York (CUNY))

Boundaries of Recognition: Who Counts as Family in Slovenian Long-Term Care Policy
Hana Hunjet 1, Živa Humer 1 (1. Social Protection Institute of the Republic of Slovenia)

Who benefits? Understanding barriers to inclusion in targeted child transfers in the Philippines and Cambodia
Anh Tran 1, Heiner Salomon 1 (1. University of Bremen)

***Compounded disadvantage in equalizing welfare states? The motherhood penalty across the wage distribution in Norway and Sweden* (Contributing Paper)**
Erwan Dujeancourt 1, Marie Evertsson 1, Rense Nieuwenhuis 1 (1. Swedish Institute for Social Research (SOFI), Stockholm University)

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Stream 10 - New Perspectives on Poverty and Economic Inequality

Chairs
Zachary Parolin, University of Oxford
Selçuk Bedük, University of Oxford
Daniel Edmiston, Autonomous University of Barcelona
Maria Vaalavuo, Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare

The Distributional Impact of Public Spending on Education and Health: The Portuguese Case
João Moreira de Campos 1 (1. Universidade Católica Portuguesa)

Vulnerability to income poverty in Europe: A longitudinal analysis
Laman Orujova 1 (1. Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB))

Ageing Europe and Poverty Measurement: Does Population Ageing Affect AROPE Rates Across EU Countries?
Joonas Ollonqvist 1, Jussi Tervola 1, Pasi Moisio 1 (1. Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare)

Breaking the Cycle of Disadvantage: A Cross-National Analysis of the Intergenerational Persistence of Poverty
Chiara Moruzzi 1 (1. Università degli Studi di Milano)

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Stream 16 - Sustainable Welfare and Eco-Social Policy

Chairs
Katharina Bohnenberger, BOKU University
David Palomera, University of Southern Denmark
Robin Schulze Waltrup, Bielefeld University

A realist review analysis of the factors that influence the relation between reduced working hours and environmental outcomes.
Catarina Nunes 1, Mara Yerkes 1, Francesco Iannuzzi 2 (1. Utrecht University, 2. University Ca' Foscari of Venice)

Social Housing and the Sustainable Welfare State in Southern Europe: What's the Score?
Pedro Martins 1, Romana Xerez 2, Carla Pinto 2 (1. Instituto Superior de Ciências Sociais e Políticas, Universidade de Lisboa, 2. Centro de Administração e Políticas Públicas, Instituto Superior de Ciências Sociais e Políticas, Universidade de Lisboa)

Evaluating eco-social outcomes of early childhood education and care policies in European welfare states
Floore Bursens 1, Toon Van Havere 1, Gerlinde Verbist 1 (1. University of Antwerp)

Sustainable Welfare and Social Work Practice: Social Workers' Environmental Attitudes, Perceptions, and Practices
Itay Greenspan 1, Jumana Adawi 1, Dassi Postan-Aizik 2 (1. Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2. Yezreel Valley College)

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Stream 19 - Reconfiguring Welfare in the Triple Transition: Comparative Perspectives from Europe and East Asia

Chairs
Young Jun-Choi, Yonsei University
Stefan Kühner, Lingnan University
Shih-Jiun Shi, National Taiwan University

Ageing-in-Place and Relational Citizenship: Climate Change, Migration and Digitalisation in China, Australia and Sweden
Markus Ketola 1, Ilan Katz 2, Johan Nordensvard 3, Mariana S. Gustafsson 4, Bingqin Li 2 (1. University of Edinburgh, 2. University of New South Wales, 3. KTH Royal Institute of Technology, 4. Linköping University)

Own-Right or Marital Mediation? Pension Ceilings, Households, the Breadwinner and Dual-Earner Divide in Europe and East Asia
Fang-Yi Huang 1, Masato Shizume 2 (1. Soochow University, 2. Ritsumeikan University)

Social Bonds under the Triple Transition: Cross-National Patterns in Europe and Asia, 2015–2024
Jiun-Da Lin 1 (1. Graduate Institute of National Development, National Taiwan University)

From compensation to anticipation: Ecological crisis, uncertainty, and the internalisation of the future in social security
John Berten 1 (1. Bielefeld University)

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Stream 26 - Data, AI and Digital Infrastructure. Reshaping the Moral Economy of Welfare States

Chairs
Minna van Gerven, University of Helsinki
Rune Halvorsen, OsloMet
Janine Leschke, Copenhagen Business School

Digital Welfare Infrastructures and Frontline Discretion: Reconfiguring Social Work in the Italian Minimum Income Scheme
Eleonora Costantini 1, Francesca Nannetti 1 (1. Marco Biagi Foundation University of Modena and Reggio Emilia)

The Social Limits of Digitalisation: Trust, Inequality, and Public Acceptance of Electronic Health Records
Tobias Schillings 1 (1. Technical University of Munich)

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Stream 27 - Who Deserves Support? Deservingness, Poverty, and Activation in Contemporary Welfare States

Chairs
Gianluca Busilacchi, University of Macerata
Femke Roosma, Tilburg University

Activation Over Compensation: Popular Priorities for Social Protection in an Era of Fiscal Constraint
Andrew Zola 1, Laudine Carbuccia 2 (1. University of Mannheim, 2. University of Wisconsin-Madison)

Criteria for Identifying Deserving Beneficiaries of Developmental Social Policies in Taiwan: A Conjoint Analysis
Fang-Yi Huang 1, CHUNG-YANG YEH 1, Ijin Hong 2, Julia Shu-Huah Wang 3, Yeun-Wen Ku 3 (1. Soochow University, ***2.*** Graduate Institute of National Development, National Taiwan University, 3. National Taiwan University)

Deservingness in code and context: Assessing social assistance eligibility in the digital welfare state
Janne Petroons 1 (1. ReSPOND, KU Leuven)

Perceptions of Single Parents' Deservingness for Unemployment Benefits in Europe: The Role of Gender Attitudes and Family Norms **(Contributing Paper)**
Boglárka Herke 1 (1. ELTE Centre for Social Sciences)

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Stream 28 - Political Representation of the Poor in Social Policy

Chairs
Sigrid Leitner, Cologne University of Applied Sciences
Christopher Smith Ochoa, University of Duisburg-Essen

Decision-maker narratives on the resource implications of citizen participation
Agathe Osinski 1, Michael Rasell 2, Elvira Pereira 3, Izabela Grabowska 4, Ruth Allen 5, Ana Radulescu 6 (1. Université Libre de Bruxelles, 2. University of Innsbruck, 3. CAPP, ISCSP, Universidade de Lisboa, 4. SGH Warsaw School of Economics, 5. International Federation of Social Workers, 6. University of Bucharest)

The German Green Party: Advocacy for the Poor?
Prof. Dr. Günter Rieger 1 (1. DHBW Stuttgart)

Framing Social Europe from below: The Case of the European Network of the Unemployed
Stephen Gaffney 1 (1. Université Libre de Bruxelles)

Mapping Political Social Work
Danny Kröger 1 (1. Cologne University of Applied Sciences)

Back to the people? Establishment and formation of long-term care entry points in Slovenia **(Contributing Paper)**
Mitja Svete 1, Maruša Tomc Arko 1 (1. Social Protection Institute of the Republic of Slovenia)

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Stream 30 - Social Workers and Social Policy: Policy Takers or Policy Makers?

Chairs
John Gal, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Agnieszka Zogata Kusz, Palacký University Olomouc
Idit Weiss-Gal, Tel Aviv University

Explaining social workers' policy practice in Germany and Switzerland: The role of skills, education, and organisation
Miriam Burzlaff 1, Tobias Kindler 2 (1. Neubrandenburg University of Applied Sciences, 2. Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

International Influence on Street-Level Bureaucracy? A study of Norwegian child protection and the European Court of Human Rights'
Hege Stein Helland 1 (1. University of Bergen)

Judging without judgement: How welfare state frontline workers negotiate occupational norms and deservingness perceptions.
Femke Roosma 1, Sofie Hees 2, Monique Kremer 1, Hetty Van Kempen 3 (1. University of Amsterdam, 2. Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences, 3. O&S; Research and Statistics, Amsterdam)

Social Work and Policy Practice in Portugal: Influencing Public Policies to Promote Social Change
Maria Carvalho 1, Paula Deus 2, Carla Ribeirinho 1 (1. CAPP, ISCSP-ULisboa, 2. ISCSP-ULisboa)

Policy Takers by Default: Burnout, Discretion, and the Organizational Conditions for Policy Agency in Post-Communist Social Work **(Contributing Paper)**
Alexandra Daniela Țone 1 (1. University of Bucharest)

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Stream 34 - Open Stream

Chair
Marcelllo Natili, University of Milan

Robust or Contextual? Reassessing the Role of Political and Social Trust in Social Policy Preferences across Europe
Anne van Doore 1, Armen Hakhverdian 1, Gianna Eick 1, Wouter van der Brug 1 (1. University of Amsterdam)

Risk Perceptions and Radical Policy Proposals: The Case of Basic Income in an Automated World
José Pérez Díaz 1, Marie-Laure Mulayi 1 (1. University of Antwerp)

Explaining attitudes towards family policies: The role of deservingness, political orientation, self-interest and family attributes
Sophia Landzettel 1 (1. Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS))

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AUDITORIUM 2, Floor 2 | 26th August 2026, 14:00-16:00

Stream 2 - Time-Related Social Policies in the World of Work and Care

Chairs
Johanna Fischer, University of Bremen, SOCIUM
Miriam Laschinski, University of Bremen, DIFIS
Hyojin Seo, King's College London

Work-Family Policy Configurations, Working-Time Regimes, and Multidimensional Gender Equality Within Households in 20 OECD Countries
Ji Young Kang 1, Younghwan Byun 2 (1. Chungnam National University, 2. Stockholm University)

Time for Care Emergencies and Work Autonomy: between Flexible Work Arrangements and Leave Policies
Adriana Offredi 1, Mara Yerkes 2 (1. Autonomous University of Barcelona, 2. Utrecht University)

Work-Life Balance in the Post-Pandemic World: The Case of Working Parents in the Baltic Countries
Ausra Cizauskaite 1 (1. Vytautas Kavolis Transdisciplinary Research Institute of Vytautas Magnus University)

Balancing Time and Money: Parenting Leave and Social Sustainability in the Balance
Gerlinde Mauerer 1 (1. Department of Sociology, University of Vienna)

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Stream 4 - Disability, Citizenship, and the Future of the Welfare State in Europe

Chairs
Alexandre Calado, ISCTE – University Institute of Lisbon, CIES
Edurne García Iriarte, Trinity College Dublin
Gabor Petri, Central European University, Democracy Institute

Mapping Policies for Economic Autonomy: an Analytical Framework to Compare Disability Regimes.
Alessandro ARRIGONI 1, Anne Revillard 1, Emanuele Ferragina 1 (1. Sciences Po, Paris - LIEPP)

Supported housing, bad policy and relational autonomy: Independent living in post-socialist Poland
Magdalena Kocejko 1, Paweł Kubicki 1 (1. SGH Warsaw School of Economics)
Innovating Within Constraints: The Institutionalization of Personal Assistance Services in Path-Dependent European Social Protection Systems
Nóra Menich 1 (1. Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of Social Policy)

Participation, inclusion and local interpretation: accompanying person service in the Swedish welfare state
Josefine Nyby 1, Richard Gäddman Johansson 2 (1. Mälardalen University (MDU), 2. Stockholm University)

***Indirect economic and emotional costs of caring for children with disabilities in Belgium: The role of formal and informal support* (Contributing Paper)**
Eef Gijbels 1, Julie Vinck 1, Nicky Rogge 2 (1. ReSPOND, KU Leuven, 2. KU Leuven)

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Stream 8 - Families in Transition: Rethinking Social Policy Design

Chairs
Susan Harkness, University of Bristol
Elke Claessens, University of Antwerp
Daniel R. Meyer, University of Wisconsin–Madison

Financial resource sharing across households: Parents' informal practices to share the cost of children after separation
Mari Haapanen 1, Milla Salin 1, Mia Hakovirta 2, Eija Lindroos 1 (1. INVEST Research Flagship Centre and Department of Social Research, 2. University of Turku)

If Child Support Goes Down When I Go To Work, I Can't Get Ahead: Single Mothers and a Policy Dilemma in Selected Nordic Countries and In The Americas
Laura Cuesta 1, Mia Hakovirta 2, Tonje Holt 3, Jani Turunen 4 (1. Rutgers University, 2. University of Turku, 3. Norwegian Institute of Public Health, 4. Stockholm University)

Joint Physical Custody (JPC) within the Framework of Gender and Family Policies
Steven Saxonberg 1, Tomas Sirovatka 2, Lenka Formankova 3 (1. Södertörn University, 2. Masaryk University, Faculty of Social Studies, Department of Social Policy and Social Work, 3. Charles University)

Means-Tested Benefits and Relationship Satisfaction among Low-Income Couples in Germany and the UK
Emir Zecovic 1 (1. Federal Institute for Population Research (BiB))

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The Real or the Perceived? Income Inequality and Welfare Attitudes in Europe: A Multilevel Analysis
Fang-Yi Huang 1, CHUNG-YANG YEH 1, Xiaofang Wu 2, Jiun-Da Lin 3 (1. Soochow University, 2. South China Normal University, 3. Graduate Institute of National Development, National Taiwan University)

Non-take-up and In-work Poverty Reduction: The Case of the Working Family Payment
Diego Muñoz Higueras 1, Stephan Köppe 2 (1. University of Valencia, 2. University College Dublin)

Unconditional Transfers under Fiscal Federalism: Distributional Trade-offs in Switzerland
Patrick Oschwald 1, Robin Anderl 1, Tanja Kirn 2 (1. Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, 2. University of Liechtenstein)

Child poverty and international migration: Evidence from a multi-site and intergenerational study
Sebnem Eroglu-Hawksworth 1 (1. University of Bristol)

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Stream 16 - Sustainable Welfare and Eco-Social Policy

Chairs
Katharina Bohnenberger, BOKU University
David Palomera, University of Southern Denmark
Robin Schulze Waltrup, Bielefeld University

From Welfare States to Energy States? How Domestic Energy Governance Shapes the Distributional Consequences of the Green Transition
Ruggero Battagliarin 1 (1. University of Milan "La Statale")

Responsibility and Policy Change in Eco-Social Welfare: State, Civil Society and Community Actors in Times of Climate Change
Tatjana Rakar 1, Tjaša Potočnik 1, Maša Filipovič Hrast 1 (1. University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Social Sciences)

Who's the polluter elite? A critical review of existing conceptualisations
Aidan Geel 1, Aurore Fransolet 1, Tom Bauler 2 (1. Vrije Universiteit Brussel, 2. Université Libre de Bruxelles)

Ageing Through the Energy Transition: Place-Based Perspectives on Sustainable Welfare in Rural Ireland
Orla Dingley 1 (1. University College Dublin)

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Stream 19 - Reconfiguring Welfare in the Triple Transition: Comparative Perspectives from Europe and East Asia

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Shih-Jiun Shi, National Taiwan University

The role of welfare state in the era of AI: how do social policies mitigate job insecurity amid AI exposure and its gendered patterns
Hyojin Seo 1, Heejung Chung 1 (1. King's College London)
Climate Crisis and the Welfare State: Comparing Japanese Eco-Social Policy with Europe
Yasuhiro Kamimura 1 (1. Nagoya University)

Different Logics Behind Free Public Childcare Support: A Comparative Study of South Korea and the Nordic Countries
Seon Hoe Han 1, Young-Kyu Shin 2 (1. Yonsei University, 2. Korea Institute for Health and Social Affairs)

Digitalisation, Social Identity, and Pro-Environmental Behaviour: A Cross-National Study of Behavioural Foundations for Sustainability
Ruobing LI 1, Zirui Chen 2 (1. The Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2. The University of Hong Kong)

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Stream 26 - Data, AI and Digital Infrastructure. Reshaping the Moral Economy of Welfare States

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From Friction to Fractures: Public employment governance in the times of data-driven (de)centralization: Case of Finnish TE2024 employment service reform
Garima Singh 1 (1. University of Helsinki)

Beyond Standardising Language: How LLMs Shape the Role of Welfare Frontline Workers
Janne Petroons 1 (1. ReSPOND, KU Leuven)

Enacting Social Justice in the Digitalised Last Resort Social Security: Constructing Equality, Need and Merit Through Data
Aino Salmi 1 (1. University of Helsinki)

Digitalisation in Social Service Delivery: A literature review of technological practices, goals, and structural conditions
Biao He 1 (1. Oslo Metropolitan University)

Artificial Intelligence, Professional Discretion, and the Future of Social Work Identity
Noga Pitowsky-Nave 1, Zehavit Levitats 1 (1. Bar-Ilan University)

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Stream 27 - Who Deserves Support? Deservingness, Poverty, and Activation in Contemporary Welfare States

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Gianluca Busilacchi, University of Macerata
Femke Roosma, Tilburg University

Public Opinion on Migrants' Welfare Deservingness across Benefits and Services: Evidence from a Multifactorial Survey Experiment in Germany.
Sophia Hamdorf 1, Elias Naumann 1 (1. GESIS Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences)

Deserving or entitled? Conditionality and the politics of welfare support for unpaid carers in England and Wales.
Becky Driscoll 1, Maxine Watkins 2 (1. University of Sheffield, 2. University of Birmingham)

"Deservingness Before Entitlement": Pre-Entry Exclusion, Policing, and Surveillance in Japanese Public Assistance Policy
Kaori Katada 1 (1. Hosei University)

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Agnieszka Zogata Kusz, Palacký University Olomouc
Idit Weiss-Gal, Tel Aviv University

From Data to Discourse: The New Leaf Czechia Case
Melanie Zajacová 1 (1. Charles University)

Social Workers as Take-Up Agents: A Take-Up Advocacy Model for Social Work
Liron David 1, Noam Tarshish 2, Avishai Benish 3 (1. PhD candidate, University of Haifa; Adjunct lecturer Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2. School of Social Work, University of Haifa, 3. Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Whistleblowing in Social Work: Expanding the Boundaries of Policy Practice
Roni Holler 1, Sagit Lev 2, Asmaa Masarwa 2 (1. Paul Baerwald School of Social Work and Social Welfare, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2. The Louis and Gabi Weisfeld School of Social Work, Bar-Ilan University, Israel)

Social Workers as Local Policy Entrepreneurs
Ofri Shalev Greenman 1, Einat Lavee 1, Nissim Cohen 1, Asia Loiferman Kogan 1 (1. University of Haifa)

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Stream 32 - The Future of Policy Analysis Using Artificial Intelligence

Chairs
Jana Javornik, Institute of Contemporary History
Ajda Pretnar Žagar, University of Ljubljana
Samuel Briones, Utrecht University

The fate of the art and craft of policy analysis in an AI world
Julian Molina 1, Alex Marsh 1 (1. University of Bristol)

Scaling Policy Analysis: Automated Crisis Policy Tracking with Large Language Models
Stephanie Buchholz 1 (1. University of Mannheim)

Too big to code? Limits and Possibilities of ChatGPT for Large-Scale Political Text Classification
Jakub Sowula 1, Erwin Gielens 2 (1. University of Tübingen, 2. TU Delft)

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Stream 34 - Open Stream

Chair
Pia Schober, University of Tübingen

Eroding solidarity? How perceptions about targeting can undermine support for welfare reform
Femke Roosma 1 (1. University of Amsterdam)

Who Cuts Back? Child disability, Intra-Couple Earnings, and Parental Careers
Idunn Brekke 1, Andreea I. Alecu 2 (1. Norwegian Institute of Public Health, 2. Oslo Metropolitan University)

Adolescents' Work Expectations across Time and Place: Evidence on Care Jobs
Ludovica Gambaro 1, Francesca Borgonovi 2 (1. Deutsches Jugendinstitut, 2. OECD)

Degrees of Gender Conformity: Self-Perceived Femininity, Masculinity, and Support for Gender Equality Policies across European Gender Regimes
Pia Schober 1, Marie-Fleur Philipp 1 (1. University of Tübingen)

Between Work and Care: The Role of Agency in Shaping the Life Capabilities of Women in Poland **(Contributing Paper)**
Hanna Kelm 1 (1. University of Economics in Katowice)

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Miriam Laschinski, University of Bremen, DIFIS
Hyojin Seo, King's College London

Trapped in Time: Policy Limits, Chronic Illness, and the Limbo of Work Assessment Allowance in Norway
Elian Eve Jentoft 1, Erika Gubrium 2 (1. Oslo Metropolitan University, Department of Social Work, Child Welfare and Social Policy, 2. Oslo Metropolitan University)

The care penalty in Southern Europe: informal eldercare and employment inequalities
Melanie Sara Palermo 1, Isabella Crespi 1, Marta Scocco 1 (1. University of Macerata)

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Stream 4 - Disability, Citizenship, and the Future of the Welfare State in Europe

Chairs
Alexandre Calado, ISCTE – University Institute of Lisbon, CIES
Edurne García Iriarte, Trinity College Dublin
Gabor Petri, Central European University, Democracy Institute

Contesting the ideal: Ideal Citizenship Among Finnish Entrepreneurs and Self-Employed People with Disabilities
Ellen Guseul Lee 1 (1. University of Helsinki)

Entrepreneurship at the Margins: Disability, Welfare Retrenchment, and the Invisible Labour of Self-Employment in Contemporary Hungary
Carmen Svastics 1, Sara Csillag 2, Zsuzsanna Győri PhD 2 (1. Eötvös Loránd University, 2. Budapest University of Economics and Business)

Be an Interface Between Work and Me" - GAI Employment Support Agent: Integrating the Perspectives of People with Disabilities and Employment Professionals
Limor Gadot 1, Shirli Werner 2, Amir Winer 3, Mimi Ajzenstadt 2, Livnat Hadad 2 (1. School of social work, Sapir Academic College, 2. Paul Baerwald School of Social Work and Social Welfare, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 3. Department of Management and Economics, The Open University of Israel)

Between rights and practices: how recent reforms are redefining citizenship for persons with disabilities in Italy
Alessia Rosiello 1, Francesca Taricone 1, Grazia Ferri 1 (1. INAPP)

Distributed agency in vocational rehabilitation: authority, control, and accountability across rehabilitation trajectories **(Contributing Paper)**
Jyri Liukko 1, Jarna Pasanen 2, Susanna Sten-Gahmberg 1 (1. Finnish Centre for Pensions, 2. Tampere University)

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Stream 8 - Families in Transition: Rethinking Social Policy Design

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Elke Claessens, University of Antwerp
Daniel R. Meyer, University of Wisconsin–Madison

Gender Differences in (Un)Employment and Welfare Benefit Receipt Trajectories Following Parental Separation
Deike Janssen 1, Cordula Zabel 2 (1. Hertie School Berlin, Humboldt University Berlin, 2. Institute for Employment Research (IAB))

Shared Parenting Across Policy Contexts: Joint Physical Custody and Conflict in Australia and Wisconsin
Marissa Rueda 1, Remy Waldman 1, Quentin Riser 1, Bruce Smyth 2 (1. University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2. Australian National University)

Income regulation without equity: social assistance, taxation, and the limits of formal gender neutrality in the Netherlands
Barbara Brink 1 (1. University of Groningen)

Changing Institutions, Changing Lives: Social Policy Exposure and the Diversity of Work–Family Life Courses in Europe
Jakob Strigén 1 (1. Swedish Institute for Social Research (SOFI), Stockholm University)

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Daniel Edmiston, Autonomous University of Barcelona
Maria Vaalavuo, Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare

Time Poverty Across Four Decades: Measurement, Trends, and Subjective Wellbeing in Germany, 1984–2023
Hritic Gautam 1 (1. University of Leeds)

Growing up with Limited Resources: A Mixed-Methods Study on Intra-Family-Inequalities, Poverty and Children's Social Participation in Germany
Claudia Globisch 1, Anil Özerdogan 1 (1. Institute for Employment Research (IAB))

Beyond AROP: CSO Analytics as a Complementary Lens on Poverty's Multidimensionality and as an Early-Warning Infrastructure for Structural Poverty
Rulla Sutter 1 (1. Bern University of Applied Sciences)

Penalties and Policies: social policy as a moderator of the association between social risks and relative poverty
Sebastian Sirén 1 (1. Uppsala University)

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Pension Systems under Post-Growth Scenarios
Miriam Zeitler 1, Martin Seeleib-Kaiser 1 (1. University of Tübingen)

Rewarding social productivity: Policy trade-offs in the welfare state
Arjen De Wit 1 (1. Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)

From Social Insurance to Climate Security: Historical Lessons for Contemporary Eco-Social Policy
Michal Koreh 1 (1. University of Haifa)

Who Supports Eco-Social Policies? Economic Vulnerability, Trust in Welfare States, and Public Support for a Just Transition
Lara-Maria Haase 1, Tobias Wiß 1 (1. Johannes Kepler University Linz)

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Stream 17 - Scarring Effects of the Pandemic: Inequality, Poverty, and Social Policy After COVID-19

Chairs
Oliver Hümbelin, Bern University of Applied Sciences
Eric Crettaz, HES-SO Geneva
Wim Van Lancker, KU Leuven

Intertemporal Poverty across Europe: Evidence from Before and After COVID-19
Alina Sandor 1, Shaun Da Costa 1 (1. Joint Research Centre - European Commission)

The governance signal: Why pandemic mortality matters more than economic relief for healthcare policy support
Fang-Yi Huang 1, CHUNG-YANG YEH 1, Ken Ka Wo Fung 1 (1. Soochow University)

Beyond the Insider-Outsider Divide?: Comparative Social Protection for Non-Standard Workers in five East Asian economies During COVID-19
Ji Young Kang 1, Julia Shu-Huah Wang 2, Aya Abe 3, Irene Ng Yue Hoong 4, Inhoe Ku 5 (1. Chungnam National University, 2. National Taiwan University, 3. Tokyo metropolitan university, 4. National Singapore University, 5. Seoul National University)

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Stream 23 - The Politics of Welfare State Reform

Chairs
Kenneth Nelson, University of Oxford
Jan Helmdag, Swedish Institute for Social Research, Stockholm University
Nils Düpont, University of Bremen

Organized labour and the comparative politics of parenting leave
Cassandra Engeman 1 (1. Stockholm University)

The role of cultural ideas in the politics of equal pay – the case of Germany
Kathrin Jehne 1 (1. University of Hamburg)

The politics of holding back: understanding the slow change in Irish work-life balance policies
Dorota Szelewa 1 (1. University College Dublin, School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice)

Babies, Women, and States: Radical-Right Parties and Gender Policy in the Early Twentieth and Twenty-First Centuries
Manuel Alvariño 1, Keonhi Son 2 (1. Copenhagen Business School, 2. University of Mannheim)

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Producing Non-Take-Up: Deservingness and Welfare Governance in the Italian Assegno di Inclusione
Jole Decorte 1 (1. University of Milan "La Statale")

The impossibility of deservingness: sincerity, relationality and the allocation of English homelessness assistance
Simon Tawfic 1 (1. London School of Economics and Political Science)

How Benefit Sanctions Are Associated with Employment Outcomes among Older Job Seekers: Evidence from Finnish Register Data
Jaakko Harkko 1, Niklas Mäkinen 1, Laura Peutere 2, Satu Pyöriä 1 (1. Tampere University, 2. Social Insurance Institution of Finland)

Who Deserves Welfare in Southern Europe? Moral criteria and public perceptions in Portugal
Clara Santos 1, Paula Caetano 2, Lisete Mónico 1 (1. Faculdade de Psicologia e Ciências de Educação da Universidade de Coimbra, 2. University of Coimbra)

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Stream 29 - Policy Engagement, Knowledge Exchange, and Impact: Strengthening Evidence-Based Social Policy Research

Chairs
Jana Javornik, Institute of Contemporary History, Slovenia
Ingela K. Naumann, University of Freiburg
Mara Yerkes, Utrecht University

When Research Meets Practice: Doctoral Voices on Co-Construction Across European Welfare Contexts
Carolina Reiners 1, Clara Mariné 2, Lisarb Montes Doco 2, Marco Lupoli 3, Priya Benny 4, Rita Luís 5 (1. University of Innsbruck, 2. Instituto Superior de Ciências Sociais e Políticas, Universidade de Lisboa, 3. University of Paris Nanterre, 4. Santa Casa da Misericórdia da Amadora, 5. University of Warsaw)

From Fragmented Data to Collaborative Knowledge: A Participatory Observatory on Severe Marginalization in Modena
Eleonora Costantini 1, Anna Chiara Alvaro 1 (1. Marco Biagi Foundation University of Modena and Reggio Emilia)

Mobilizing Expertise: The Use of Research, Expert Knowledge, and Empirical Evidence in Parliamentary Debates on Universal Basic Income
Lauri Heimo 1, Jukka Syväterä 1 (1. University of Helsinki)

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Stream 30 - Social Workers and Social Policy: Policy Takers or Policy Makers?

Chairs
John Gal, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Agnieszka Zogata Kusz, Palacký University Olomouc
Idit Weiss-Gal, Tel Aviv University

Social Work Policy Practice and Epistemic Justice: Developing Grounded and Actionable Policy Knowledge
Roni Strier 1 (1. School of Social Work, University of Haifa)

The role of social workers in municipal eco-social policy: A middle-out perspective
Dassi Postan-Aizik 1, Itay Greenspan 2, Yotam Levi 3 (1. Yezreel Valley College, Department of Social Work, 2. Paul Baerwald School of Social Work and Social Welfare, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 3. The Paul Baerwald School of Social Work and Social Welfare, Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Policy Practice Training and the Formation of Social Workers' Professional Identity
Ayala Cohen 1, Michal Segal 1 (1. Tel Hai University of Kiryat Shmona in the Glilee)

Social Work: Policy, Practice, or Both?
Hugh Shewell 1 (1. Carleton University)

Fighting For, Against, and With: How Do Everyday Struggles Shape the Professional Identity of Street-Level Bureaucrats? **(Contributing Paper)**
Anastasia Volodarsky 1, Nissim Cohen 1, Noam Tarshish 2, Michal Koreh 1 (1. University of Haifa, 2. School of Social Work, University of Haifa)

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Stream 33 - Teaching Social Policy in Higher Education

Chairs
Elke Heins, University of Edinburgh
Anna Hokema, University of Bremen

Teaching social policy in small states: developments and transformations in Latvia and Estonia
Anu Toots 1, Anna Broka 2 (1. Tallinn University, 2. Riga Stradins University)

Social policy teaching in Ireland – navigating productive tensions.
Fiona Dukelow 1, Becci Jeffers 1 (1. University College Cork)

Current Challenges to Social Policy Education in the UK and Their Implications for the Social Policy Discipline
Ruby Chau 1, Sam Yu 2 (1. University of Nottingham, 2. Jahangirnagar University)

Mapping Social Policy through Doctoral Education: A Taxonomic Approach to PhD Research Outputs
Maria João Bárrios 1, Fernando Serra 1 (1. CAPP, ISCSP-ULisboa)

Institutionalising Social Policy in postgraduate education in Portugal: the ISCSP-ULisboa experience **(Contributing Paper)**
Elvira Pereira 1, Teresa Janela Pinto 2, Fernando Serra 3, Carla Pinto 4, Margarida Mesquita 3 (1. CAPP, ISCSP, Universidade de Lisboa, 2. ODDH & CIEG, ISCSP-ULisboa, 3. CAPP, ISCSP-ULisboa, 4. Centro de Administração e Políticas Públicas, Instituto Superior de Ciências Sociais e Políticas, Universidade de Lisboa)

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Stream 34 - Open Stream

Chair
Marcello Natili, University of Milan

Who owns the home? Housing-welfare trade off and young people's homeownership
Enrico Benassi 1, Selçuk Bedük 1 (1. University of Oxford)

Housing assistance, housing costs and poverty across nations
Bruce Bradbury 1 (1. UNSW, Sydney)
Who deserves public rental housing? Unpacking welfare deservingness as a spectrum
Chenhong Peng 1, Juxiong Feng 1, Tijs Laenen 2, Hoi Ying Lam 1, Lok Him Lam 3 (1. The University of Hong Kong, 2. University of Antwerp, 3. City University of Hong Kong)

Tourism and Subnational Social Investment in Austrian Municipalities
Carmen Walenta-Bergmann 1 (1. Johannes Kepler University Linz)

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Parallel Session IV

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AMPHITHEATER 1, Floor 4 | 27th August 2026, 09:00-11:00

Stream 1 - Welfare States, Demography and Bodies

Chairs
Hannah Zagel, WZB Berlin Social Science Center
Rohan Khan, WZB Berlin Social Science Center
Nadine Reibling, Fulda University of Applied Sciences
Julie Vinck, KU Leuven

Family Policy and Reproductive Justice across European welfare states
Laura Sochas 1, Rossella Ciccia 2, Zuzana Dancikova 3 (1. University of Edinburgh, 2. Department of Social Policy and Intervention, University of Oxford, 3. London School of Economics and Political Science)

Beyond the Usual Suspects: The Relative Importance of Reproductive Rights in Shaping Fertility Intentions in Poland
Anna Kurowska 1, Anna Matysiak 1, Magdalena Grabowska 1 (1. University of Warsaw)

Denatality Implications for Social Professionals and Local Services: A Qualitative Case Study of an Italian Region
Arianna Santero 1, Arianna Radin 1 (1. Università di Torino)

Housing Instability, Illness, Care, and Early Death: A Qualitative Study of Intersecting Trajectories
Annigje van Dijk 1, Luisa Schneider 2, Nienke Boesveldt 1 (1. Tilburg University, 2. Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)

Normative Aging Concepts: Implications for Research, Policy and Practice **(Contributing Paper)**
Jekaterina Navicke 1, Antanas Kairys 1, Žeimantė Straševičiūtė 1 (1. Vilnius University)

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Stream 2 - Time-Related Social Policies in the World of Work and Care

Chairs
Johanna Fischer, University of Bremen, SOCIUM
Miriam Laschinski, University of Bremen, DIFIS
Hyojin Seo, King's College London

Flexible Work Arrangements and the Gendered Division of Domestic Work in Austria
Marco Santacroce 1 (1. Vienna Institute of Demography)

A Century of Weekly Working Time Reductions: A Systematic Literature Review and Meta-Analysis
Ludwig List 1 (1. Friedrich-Ebert Foundation)

Everyday Life of Families in Economic Hardship: Routines and Predictability as Privileges?
Mia Tammelin 1 (1. Tampere University)

Contested Time: The Role of Foreign Domestic Workers on Care-time Relief, Female Labour Supply, and Family Policies
Michelle Thurn 1, Oussama Meftha 1 (1. University of Bremen)

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Stream 4 - Disability, Citizenship, and the Future of the Welfare State in Europe

Chairs
Alexandre Calado, ISCTE – University Institute of Lisbon, CIES
Edurne García Iriarte, Trinity College Dublin
Gabor Petri, Central European University, Democracy Institute

Disability, social citizenship and inequality in Portugal: exploring quantitative profiles through EU-SILC data
Teresa Janela Pinto 1, Paula Campos Pinto 1, Patrícia Neca 1, Fernando Fontes 2, Ana Paula Ferreira 3, Pedro V. Goulart 4, Alfredo Campos 5, Ana Barata 6 (1. ODDH & CIEG, ISCSP-ULisboa, 2. CES, Universidade de Coimbra, 3. CAPP, ISCSP-ULisboa, 4. CAPP & CIEG, ISCSP-ULisboa, 5. Independent data analyst, 6. ISCSP-ULisboa)

Experiencing Welfare: A Comparative Digital Ethnography of Social Benefit Systems and Their Effects on Self-Worth and Agency
Szandra Kramarics 1, Adrienn Győry 1, Erle Rikmann 2 (1. ELTE Centre for Social Sciences, 2. Tallinn University)

From inclusive rights to discontinuities in school transitions: Portugal's Inclusive Education across educational cycles
Diana Carvalho 1, João Henriques 1, Luís Capucha 1 (1. CIES-Iscte)

Social and Medical Knowledge under Automation: How Robotic Process Automation Reshapes Professional Knowledge in Finnish Disability Pensions
Aleksander Heikkinen 1 (1. University of Helsinki)

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Stream 8 - Families in Transition: Rethinking Social Policy Design

Chairs
Susan Harkness, University of Bristol
Elke Claessens, University of Antwerp
Daniel R. Meyer, University of Wisconsin–Madison

Adapting to Family Change? Children, Family Complexity and Welfare States in OECD countries
Samuel Mohun Himmelweit 1 (1. University of Bristol)

Rethinking family change: Timings of parenthood and the socio-economic restratification of childhood
Amber Howard 1 (1. University of Bristol)

Parental Prisoners of Love: A Ramsey interpretation of why even low-fertility societies tax their own reproduction
Robert Gal 1, Pieter Vanhuysse 2 (1. Hungarian Demographic Research Institute, 2. University of Southern Denmark)

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Stream 10 - New Perspectives on Poverty and Economic Inequality

Chairs
Zachary Parolin, University of Oxford
Selçuk Bedük, University of Oxford
Daniel Edmiston, Autonomous University of Barcelona
Maria Vaalavuo, Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare

Unequal Gains: Employment Growth, Household Distribution of Work, and Poverty During Europe's Recovery (2013-2024)
Alberto Fabra 1, Emanuela Struffolino 2 (1. Universitat Pompeu Fabra, 2. Università degli Studi di Milano)

Dynamics of in-work poverty: Poverty persistence and intensity among Workers below the poverty line in the Netherlands
Menno Fenger 1, Joris Beek 1, Paul De Hek 1 (1. Erasmus University Rotterdam)

What happens before and after consumer insolvency? Microdata evidence for Austria
Stefan Angel 1, Elisabeth Fidrmuc 1, Philipp Warum 1 (1. WIFO Austrian Institute of Economic Research)

Beyond Single Metrics: Visualizing the Many Dimensions of Poverty
Karin Heitzmann 1, Julia Hofmann 2, Lena Rauscher 1, Martin Schenk 3 (1. Research Institute Economics of Inequality/INEQ at Vienna University of Economics and Business, 2. Chamber of Labour Vienna, 3. Austrian Poverty Network)

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Stream 11 - Pensions in the 21st century: Challenges, Policy Feedback and Political Dynamics

Chairs
Giuliano Bonoli, University of Lausanne
Matteo Jessoula, University of Milan
Bruno Palier, Sciences Po, Paris

Keeping up with the Joneses: pension indexation, status anxiety and pensioners' grievance formation
Jan Boguslawski 1 (1. College of Europe)

Unstable Work Histories, Minimum Pensions and Quality of Life after Retirement
Ola Sjöberg 1 (1. Ola Sjöberg)

Between Architecture and Outcomes: Pension Pillar Roles, Interaction and Legitimacy in Nordic Pension Systems
Jon Kvist 1 (1. Roskilde University)

Beyond women's vulnerability and social risks: Re-evaluating the gendered impact of pension reforms and labour market change since the 1980s
Fang-Yi Huang 1, Traute Meyer 2 (1. Soochow University, 2. University of Southampton)

Life Course and Other Non-Economic Predictors of Financial Well Being in Retirement
Olaf Simonse 1, Verena Seibel 2, Mara Yerkes 2, Esther van Leeuwen 1, Wilco van Dijk 1, Bramesada Prasastyoga 1, Heike Vethaak 1, Egbert Jongen 1, Adèle Atkinson 3, Louise Overton 3, Katja Möhring 4 (1. Leiden University, 2. Utrecht University, 3. University of Birmingham, 4. Bamberg University)

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Stream 16 - Sustainable Welfare and Eco-Social Policy

Chairs
Katharina Bohnenberger, BOKU University
David Palomera, University of Southern Denmark
Robin Schulze Waltrup, Bielefeld University

Trade-off or Functional Emulation? Social, Green and Innovation Goals in OECD Public Procurement
Miriam Hartlapp 1, Robin Huguenot-Noël 1, Gresa Smolica 1, Gilad Alexander Weizman Shapira 2 (1. Freie Universität Berlin, 2. Hebrew University Jerusalem)

Balancing Tomorrow: Citizens' preferences for trade-offs between long-term social and environmental policies
Marius Busemeyer 1, Liam Beiser-McGrath 2, Lisanne de Blok 3 (1. University of Konstanz, 2. LSE, 3. Netherlands Institute for Social Research)

Understanding Support for Eco Social Policies: Comparative Insights on Policy Design, Delivery, and Deservingness
Adeline Otto 1 (1. ReSPOND, KU Leuven)

Welfare or Wellbeing? Relational Territorialities and Southern Approaches to Social Policy
Daniel Gómez-Uribe 1 (1. Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)

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Stream 18 - Food Insecurity and Food Assistance: The Need for Social Policy

Chairs
Susana Brissos, University of Lisbon
Fábio Rafael Augusto, University of Lisbon

Restructuring of food aid in Finland: Expectations and outcomes
Vera Kauppinen 1 (1. University of Jyväskylä)

Disentangling the Nexus: Food Security, Poverty and Critical Social Work
Roni Strier 1 (1. Ruppin Academic Center)

Food Poverty and Coping Behaviour under Minimum Income Schemes: Deprivation among Long-Term Unemployment Benefit Recipients in Germany
Deike Janssen 1, Christoph Henking 2 (1. Hertie School Berlin; Humboldt University Berlin, 2. Department of Social Policy and Intervention, University of Oxford)

Access to Food and Children's Subjective Well-being: Insights from a Cross-national Study
Daphna Gross-Manos 1, Sigal Tepper 1, Hanita Kosher 2 (1. Tel Hai University of Kiryat Shmona in the Glilee, 2. Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

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Stream 23 - The Politics of Welfare State Reform

Chairs
Kenneth Nelson, University of Oxford
Jan Helmdag, Swedish Institute for Social Research, Stockholm University
Nils Düpont, University of Bremen

Mapping the Welfare Typology Literature: A Systematic Review of Global Welfare State Classifications Since Esping-Andersen
Andrew Zola 1, Emanuele Ferragina 2 (1. University of Mannheim, 2. Sciences Po, Paris - LIEPP)

Varieties of Antipoverty Reforms in Europe: Towards a Radical Politics of Minimum Income?
Marcelllo Natili 1, Matteo Jessoula 1 (1. University of Milan "La Statale")

Social Housing vs. Home-Ownership: Government intervention preferences of insiders and outsiders on the Dutch housing market
Niels Broekman 1, Stéfanie André 1, Take Sipma 2, Caroline Dewilde 2 (1. Radboud University, 2. Tilburg University)

The Politics of Defensive Welfare Inclusion: The Case of Social Policy for the Self-Employed
Maxime Borg 1 (1. London School of Economics and Political Science)

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Ingela K. Naumann, University of Freiburg
Mara Yerkes, Utrecht University

Evidence-Based Policy Engagement of Social Welfare Non-Governmental Organisations: A Case Study on the democratic relevance of Caritas Switzerlands data ecosystem
Rulla Sutter 1, Oliver Hümbelin 1 (1. Bern University of Applied Sciences)

Co-creation with Street-Level Bureaucrats, researchers, and Large Language Models
John Brauer 1, Lisa Wallander 2, Katarina Hollertz 3 (1. Örebro University, 2. Lund University, 3. University of Gothenburg)

Recognition-based justice perceptions in citizens' interactions with government institutions: Commissioned research for the Dutch tax administration
Michèlle Bal 1, Marijn Stok 1 (1. Utrecht University)

Rethinking Evidence in Social Policy: Literary narrative as sites of knowledge and problematisation
Laura Bea 1 (1. University of Southampton)

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Stream 34 - Open Stream

Chair
Ive Marx, ESPAnet Co-Chair

Specialised Counselling for Welfare Recipients Facing Complex Barriers to Employment: Evidence from Germany
Markus Wolf 1, Veronika Knize 2, Cordula Zabel 1, Stefan Tübbicke 1 (1. Institute for Employment Research (IAB), 2. Institute for Employment Research)

From social workers to screen-level bureaucrats? Exploring the consequences of new architectural design and activity-based work-place concepts on frontline workers in Norwegian labour and welfare services
Helle Cathrine Hansen 1 (1. Oslo Metropolitan University)

European Semester employment policy recommendations within the framework of the international division of labour
Marko Hočevar 1, Branko Bembič 1 (1. University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Social Sciences)

Determinants of Welfare Benefit Abuse: Evidence from a Laboratory Experiment
Łukasz Jurek 1 (1. Wroclaw University of Economics and Business)

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Parallel Session V

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Stream 1 - Welfare States, Demography and Bodies

Chairs
Hannah Zagel, WZB Berlin Social Science Center
Rohan Khan, WZB Berlin Social Science Center
Nadine Reibling, Fulda University of Applied Sciences
Julie Vinck, KU Leuven

Comparative Political Economy and the Fertility Decline: The Role of Institutional Complementarities
Federico Filetti 1, Maxime Borg 1 (1. London School of Economics and Political Science)

Marketized Family Policy in Hungary. Aims and Consequences
Szandra Kramarics 1, Dorottya Szikra 1 (1. ELTE Centre for Social Sciences)

Rationing recovery at the street level: Valuation, discretion and access to mental healthcare in Southern Europe
Sigita Doblyte 1, Roberto Giosa 1 (1. University of Oviedo)

Lone mothers' welfare exits via employment: The role of stepping-stone jobs **(Contributing Paper)**
Zein Kasrin 1, Cordula Zabel 1, Michaela Kreyenfeld 2 (1. Institute for Employment Research (IAB), 2. Hertie School Berlin)

AUDITORIUM 5, Floor 1 | 27th August 2026, 14:00-16:00

Stream 3 - Providing Social Security for Older People: Interactions of Different Social Policies, their Drivers and Outcomes

Chairs
Thurid Eggers, University of Bremen, SOCIUM
Christopher Grages, University of Bremen, SOCIUM
Julia Höppner, University of Kassel

Adequacy by Interaction: Pensions, Long-Term Care and the Danish Old-Age Security Mix
Jon Kvist 1 (1. Roskilde University)

One Challenge, Three Systems: Aligning Pensions, Labour Markets, and Long-Term Care Policies in Ageing Lithuania
Virginija Poškutė 1 (1. ISM University of Management and Economics)

A Comparative Study of Social Security Policies for Older People in Japan and Finland in an Ageing Society
Atsushi Katsuda 1, Shin Suzuki 2 (1. Department of Tax Accounting, Faculty of Economics, Fukuyama University, Japan, 2. Department of International Economics, Faculty of Economics, Fukuyama University, Japan)

Lack of qualified staff – a challenge for Long-Term Care
Bent Greve 1, Sofie Nebel Højberg 1 (1. University of Roskilde)

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Stream 5 - The Politics of Education

Chairs
Milan Thies, University of Lausanne, IDHEAP
Isabelle Huning, London School of Economics and Political Science
Steven Ballantyne, Free University of Berlin, Otto Suhr Institute for Political Science

Degrees of value: Cultivating privilege at an elite university in England
Fiona Gogescu 1 (1. LSE)

Who gets what, when, and how in the politics of overcoming the gap between adult education and active labour market policies?
John Brauer 1 (1. Örebro University)

The credential cleavage in adult training participation
Giovanni Greco 1 (1. University of Lausanne, IDHEAP)

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Stream 6 - The Matthew Effect in Social and Educational Policies and the Intergenerational Transmission of Disadvantages Over the Life Course

Chairs
Wim Van Lancker, KU Leuven
Emmanuele Pavolini, University of Milan

The association between low socioeconomic position and household dysfunction in Finnish birth cohorts 1987-2011
Hanne Lamberg 1, Laura Mielityinen 1, Janne Vepsäläinen 1, Noora Ellonen 1, Taina Laajasalo 2, Pekka Martikainen 3 (1. Tampere University, 2. Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare, 3. University of Helsinki)

Universalism under Scarcity: Public Childcare Expansion and Origin-Based Inequalities in Barcelona
Lara Navarro 1, Iman El Kabiri Ouarqui 1 (1. Institut Metropoli)

The Long Shadow of Rental Insecurity: Intergenerational Spillovers of Parental Housing Tenure Trajectories on Children's Post-Secondary Transitions in 13 European Countries
Denys Pikus 1 (1. Department of Social Policy and Intervention, University of Oxford)

Cultural or institutional? Decomposing the persistent East-West childcare frontier in Berlin, 2003-2019
Sergi Urzay-Gómez 1, Guillem Verd-Llabrés 1 (1. Universitat Internacional de Catalunya)

Between Autonomy and Redistribution: Examining Matthew Effects in Italian School Funding
(Contributing Paper)
Francesco Balzaretti 1, Emanuele Fedeli 1, Moris Triventi 1 (1. University of Milan "La Statale")

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Stream 11 - Pensions in the 21st century: Challenges, Policy Feedback and Political Dynamics

Chairs
Giuliano Bonoli, University of Lausanne
Matteo Jessoula, University of Milan
Bruno Palier, Sciences Po, Paris

Still Beveridge or Bismarck? Revising the Typology of Pension Systems for the 21st Century
Kun Lee 1, Daria Frost 2, Bernhard Ebbinghaus 2 (1. LIS Cross-National Data Center; Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research, 2. University of Mannheim)

Minimum income for the elderly. A comparative analysis of policy and politics dimensions of minimum pensions
David Natali 1, Andrea Terlizzi 2 (1. Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, 2. UNIFI)

A Newer Politics of Public Pension Reform?
Kent Weaver 1, Karen Anderson 2, Daniel Beland 3 (1. Georgetown University, 2. University College Dublin, 3. McGill University)

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Stream 12 - Social Policy Context of Life-Course Transitions

Chairs
Rense Nieuwenhuis, Stockholm University
Tomas Korpi, Stockholm University
Anni Erlandsson, Stockholm University

Timing of childhood welfare exposure and gender intersectionality in sibling labour market outcomes
Veronika Knize 1 (1. Institute for Employment Research)

You Can't Always Get What You're Entitled To: Socioeconomic Inequalities in Men's Leave Uptake in Europe
Michela Ferrara 1, Stefano Cantalini 1, Nazareno Panichella 1, Emmanuele Pavolini 1 (1. University of Milan "La Statale")

From Crisis to Stability: How Can Trauma-Informed Care Principles Ease Administrative Burden in Public Cash Assistance Programmes
Andrea Hetling 1, Kristina Nikolova 2 (1. Rutgers University, 2. University of Windsor)

Free choice, systematic consequences? An analysis of within-person and -couple labour market trajectories following family policy choices **(Contributing Paper)**
Arno Van Hootegem 1, Anna Nordnes Helgøy 2, Janine Leschke 3 (1. Norwegian Institute for Public Health, 2. University of Oslo, 3. Copenhagen Business School)

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Stream 14 - Welfare States and Migration: Welfare Attitudes and Welfare Access

Chairs
Verena Seibel, Utrecht University - v.m.k.seibel@uu.nl
Isabel Shutes, London School of Economics - i.h.shutes@lse.ac.uk
Friederike Römer, German Center for Integration and Migration Research

Comparative analysis of implementing the Temporary Protection Directive in four EU member states through the lens of refugees' lived experiences
Pavlo Kravchuk 1, Lisete Mónico 2, Beatriz Carbone 3, Luciana Sotero 4 (1. University of Coimbra, Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences / project PROTEMO, 2. Faculdade de Psicologia e Ciências de Educação da Universidade de Coimbra, 3. Saarland University, Political Science | Comparative European Studies, 4. University of Coimbra, Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences)

Entitlement versus Benevolence: State and Internal Migrants Narratives of Deservingness of Welfare
Harshita Sinha 1 (1. LSE)

Varieties of Migrant Social Citizenship: A Two-Dimensional Approach
Paula Dümpelmann 1 (1. European University Institute)

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Stream 20 - Southern European Welfare Model' Revisited: 30 Years On

Chairs
Antonios Roumpakis, Hong Kong Metropolitan University
Ijin Hong, National Taiwan University

The Greek welfare state and the Southern European welfare model: continuity and change after four decades of reforms
Danai Konstantinidou 1, Marina Angelaki 2 (1. European Social Observatory (OSE), 2. University of Peloponnese)

Riding Social Investment Waves: Partisan Agreements in Spain's Unstable Economic Currents
Manuel Alvariño 1, Margarita León 2 (1. Copenhagen Business School, 2. Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)

Is There Still a Southern European Welfare Model? Unemployment Protection in Times of Europeanisation
Carla Valadas 1 (1. Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies, University of Coimbra & Polytechnic Institute of Leiria)

Early Childhood Education and Care in Southern Europe
Stefania Sabatinelli 1, Giovanni Giuliani 2 (1. Politecnico di Milano, 2. Università di Bologna)

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Stream 22 - The Political Economy of the Welfare State across Time and Space

Chairs
Emanuele Ferragina, Sciences Po, Paris
Guillem Verd Llabrés, UIC Barcelona
Keonhi Son, University of Mannheim
Maxime Borg, London School of Economics
Frederico Filleti, London School of Economics

Family Policy Configurations in Conservative Welfare States: Structuring Women's Self-Determination
Firuze Taner 1 (1. University of Vienna)

Everything, everywhere, all at once: explaining minimum income scheme introduction in Spain's autonomous communities
Mafalda Escada 1 (1. European University Institute)

State-Led Financialisation of Social Care: Evidence from Spain and Catalonia
David Palomera 1 (1. University of Southern Denmark)

Universal or Segmented Expansion? The Political Economy of Healthcare Reform in the Global South
Tobias Schillings 1 (1. Technical University of Munich)

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Stream 23 - The Politics of Welfare State Reform

Chairs
Kenneth Nelson, University of Oxford
Jan Helmdag, Swedish Institute for Social Research, Stockholm University
Nils Düpont, University of Bremen

The role of expert knowledge in parliamentary debates in England, France and Germany – the case of long-term care
Ralf Och 1, Olivier Lipari-Giraud 2, Alice Picard 3 (1. University of Hamburg, 2. CRNS-LISE, 3. EHESP)

The Politics of Cash for Long-Term Care: Policy Ideas, Institutions and Actor Constellations in East Asia, Europe and Latin America
Fangrong He 1, Simone Leiber 2, August Österle 3, Meika Sternkopf 2, Migyeong Yun 4 (1. Korea University, 2. University of Duisburg-Essen, 3. Vienna University of Economics and Business, 4. Universität Bremen)

Undermining the Welfare State by Toppling its Third Pillar
Gregg Olsen 1 (1. University of Manitoba/Vanderbilt University)

Divide and Cover: Government Ideology, Regime Type, and Healthcare Expansion Trajectories in the Global South
Tobias Schillings 1 (1. Technical University of Munich)

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Stream 25 - Territorial Inequalities and the Welfare State: The Spatial Politics of Service Delivery

Chairs
Michal Koreh, University of Haifa
Jane Gingrich, University of Oxford
Sarah Bruch, University of Delawar

Countertrend in Abstentionism? "Reddito di Cittadinanza" and Left Behind Places in Italy
Margherita Lanini 1 (1. Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies)

Does Decentralization Drive Territorial Inequality in Education? Evidence from Eight OECD Countries
Steven Ballantyne 1, Johanna Schnabel 1, Anja Giudici 2, Paolo Dardanelli 3 (1. Freie Universität Berlin, 2. Cardiff University, 3. University of Kent)

Spatial Income Inequality across Austrian Regions: The Role of Monopsony Power and Social Infrastructure
Katharina Riha 1 (1. Research Institute Economics of Inequality/INEQ at Vienna University of Economics and Business)

Decentralisation and the Territorial Differentiation of Social Spending
Hanna Kleider 1 (1. King's College London)

Local Public Investments and Heterogenous Electoral Responsiveness across Socio-Demographic Groups **(Contributing Paper)**
Antonia Fidler 1 (1. Hertie School Berlin; Humboldt University Berlin)

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Stream 31 - Causal Inference in Social Policy Analysis

Chairs
Thomas Biegert, London School of Economics
Elias Naumann, GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences and University of Mannheim

Causal Inference and the Evaluation of EU-Co-funded Educational Policies: The Potential of Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA) applied to PIICIE in Portugal
Joana Duarte 1, Sandra Dionízio 2, João Lourenço Marques 1 (1. University of Aveiro, GOVCOPP, 2. Agency for Development and Cohesion (AD&C))

Information, Stigma, and Social Contagion Effects on Minimum Income Policy Take-Up: Experimental Evidence from Spain
Lara Yilmaz 1, Andreu Puigvert Domingo 1, José Antonio Noguera Ferrer 1, Emma Rose Alvarez Cronin 1, Àlex Giménez de la Prada 2 (1. Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, 2. Institut Metropoli)

The Wealth Tax on the Poor: Evidence from Asset Testing in Norway's Housing Allowance
Pietro Valetto 1, Roberto Iacono 2, Bård Smedsvik 2 (1. University of Antwerp, 2. Norwegian University of Science and Technology)

Simu-Survey Experiments: A Novel Design for Causal Analysis in Social Policy Research
Tijs Laenen 1, Elise Aerts 1 (1. University of Antwerp)

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Stream 34 - Open Stream

Chair
Pia Schober, University of Tübingen

Institutions, Instability, and Insecurity: Firm Routines, Welfare States, and Household Income Vulnerability
Cristina Matos 1 (1. EEG, University of Minho)

Double disadvantage? Earnings volatility and the failure of income buffers for non-standard workers in Belgium
Esmée Vanpoucke 1 (1. University of Antwerp)

Exploring Household's Objective and Subjective Living Standards Perceptions in the Context of Economic Shocks
Micheál Collins 1, Ausra Cizauskaite 1 (1. University College Dublin)

Indirect support policies and in-work poverty: a conceptual and empirical analysis for European countries
Benno Stevens 1, Wim van Lancker 1 (1. ReSPOND, KU Leuven)

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Parallel Session VI

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AUDITORIUM 5, Floor 1 | 27th August 2026, 16:30-18:30

Stream 3 - Providing Social Security for Older People: Interactions of Different Social Policies, their Drivers and Outcomes

Chairs
Thurid Eggers, University of Bremen, SOCIUM
Christopher Grages, University of Bremen, SOCIUM
Julia Höppner, University of Kassel

Care policy configurations and outcomes: Understanding inconsistency
Ralf Och 1, Birgit Pfau-Effinger 1, Kathrin Jehne 1 (1. University of Hamburg)

Evidence-based public policy recommendations for long-term care at home in Portugal
Maria Carvalho 1, Carla Ribeirinho 1, Dália Costa 2, Jorge Costa 3, Margarida Mesquita 1, Maria João Bárrios 1, Marisa Candeias 4, Pedro Borrego 1 (1. CAPP, ISCSP-ULisboa, 2. CIEG, ISCSP-ULISBOA, 3. ISCSP-ULisboa, 4. Age com e IPPortalegre)

Migration Policies and Elderly Care: The Case of Portugal in the European Context
Carolina Fonseca 1, Helena Luz 1 (1. University of Coimbra)

Telecare as a "Win–Win" Solution? Social and Industrial Policy in Norway and Spain
Yngvild Alvsåker 1 (1. Centre for Care Research, Western Norway University of Applied Sciences)

AUDITORIUM 2, Floor 2 | 27th August 2026, 16:30-18:30

Stream 5 - The Politics of Education

Chairs
Milan Thies, University of Lausanne, IDHEAP
Isabelle Huning, London School of Economics and Political Science
Steven Ballantyne, Free University of Berlin, Otto Suhr Institute for Political Science

The Politics of Childcare Policy Design: revealing partisan differences and similarities in Spain
David Palomera 1, Manuel Alvariño 2, Llorenç Soler-Buades 3 (1. University of Southern Denmark, 2. Copenhagen Business School, 3. European University Institute)

Europeanization and Adult Education and Training Governance in Italy: Regional Variation and Multi-Level Dynamics.
Giorgia Esposito 1, Emmanuele Pavolini 2, Ilaria Madama 2 (1. Univeristy of Milan, 2. University of Milan "La Statale")

From Massification to Digitalisation: The Politicisation of Education in Slow-Burning Crises, 1948-2022
Simone Tonelli 1, Niccolo Durazzi 2 (1. University of Bologna, 2. University of Modena and Reggio Emilia)

Institutional setting of early childhood education and care and its impact on women's participation in the labour market: A Systematic Review of Italy and Spain
Alexandra Seehaus 1, Raquel Gallego-Calderon 1, Lara Maestripieri 1, Alessandra Guglielmi 2, Luca Perego 2 (1. Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB), 2. Politecnico di Milano)

AUDITORIUM 4, Floor 1 | 27th August 2026, 16:30-18:30

Stream 6 - The Matthew Effect in Social and Educational Policies and the Intergenerational Transmission of Disadvantages Over the Life Course

Chairs
Wim Van Lancker, KU Leuven
Emmanuele Pavolini, University of Milan

Diverging destinies? A sibling fixed effects study on family background differences in the educational and economic consequences of childhood mental health disorders
Maria Vaalavuo 1, Chase Friel 2, Outi Sirniö 1 (1. Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare, 2. University of North Carolina)

Should I Stay or Should I Work? Men's Leave Uptake and Occupational Inequalities in Europe
Michela Ferrara 1, Stefano Cantalini 1, Nazareno Panichella 1 (1. University of Milan "La Statale")

Training Responsibility and Inequality in Adult Education
Giovanni Greco 1, Milan Thies 1 (1. University of Lausanne, IDHEAP)

Who Gets Noticed? Diagnosis, Bias, and Unequal Access to Support
Ann-Sophie Hummelshøj Pedersen 1, Iben Lausten Kragh 1 (1. Department of Society and Politics, Aalborg University)

Trapped in Inequality? Matthew Effects in Higher Education Access: A Comparative Study of Austria and Sweden **(Contributing Paper)**
Katarina Spoljaric 1 (1. University of Vienna)

AMPHITHEATER 1, Floor 4 | 27th August 2026, 16:30-18:30

Stream 7 - Employment Policies and the Quest for a European Labour Market

Chairs
Marko Hočevar, University of Ljubljana, Centre for Political Science Research
Carla Valadas, Polytechnic Institute of Leiria

Does the European Pillar of Social Rights have real bite? An assessment of its implementation in four EU countries
Amandine Crespy 1, Viola Shahini 1 (1. Université Libre de Bruxelles)

Collective redundancies and labour market governance in Europe: the role of public employment services
Ewa Flaszyńska 1 (1. University of Warsaw)

The Institutional Drivers of Mismatch in the Labour Markets of European Countries
Pauline Kommer 1, Kadri Täht 1 (1. Tallinn University)

Spatial inequalities and youth opportunities in EU labour markets: territorial divides in the transition to job?
Ruggero Cefalo 1, Yuri Kazepov 2, Rosario Scandurra 3 (1. University of Firenze, 2. University of Vienna, 3. Universitat Pompeu Fabra - Barcelona School of Management)

Poverty risks associated with unstable work patterns across European countries **(Contributing Paper)**
Cato Desmyter 1, Sarah Marchal 1 (1. University of Antwerp)

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Stream 12 - Social Policy Context of Life-Course Transitions

Chairs
Rense Nieuwenhuis, Stockholm University
Tomas Korpi, Stockholm University
Anni Erlandsson, Stockholm University

What remains around retirement? Do (de-)gendered trajectories leave lasting marks on career satisfaction and biological stress?
Andreas Weiland 1, Laura Naegele 1, Moritz Heß 2 (1. TU Dortmund, 2. University of Applied Sciences Niederrhein)

Social policy measures to smooth out life course transitions' impact on pensions: Modelling care-based entitlements' impact on future pensions in Germany
Patricia Frericks 1, Julia Höppner 1 (1. Kassel University)

Gendered wealth accumulation until the transition to retirement: disentangling welfare state and family redistribution mechanisms
Katja Möhring 1, Clara Overweg 2, Andreas Weiland 3 (1. Bamberg University, 2. Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, 3. TU Dortmund)

Lives Put on Hold? Local Social Housing Contexts and Early Adulthood Transitions in Flanders
Jonas Wood 1 (1. University of Antwerp)

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Stream 14 - Welfare States and Migration: Welfare Attitudes and Welfare Access

Chairs
Verena Seibel, Utrecht University
Isabel Shutes, London School of Economics
Friederike Römer, German Center for Integration and Migration Research

The Dualisation of Social Rights and Residence: A Comparative Analysis of Immigrant Policies
Jakob Henninger 1, Mara Junge 1, Friederike Römer 1 (1. DeZIM - German Centre for Integration and Migration Research (DeZIM))

Conditional belonging and the right to care? Migrant parents' access to parenting leaves in European welfare states
Mirna Varga 1, Ivana Dobrotic 1 (1. University of Zagreb, Faculty of Law)

Outsiders by Design: How Refugee Reception Systems Shape Labour Market Exclusion and Welfare Attitudes in Portugal
Alexandre Calado 1, Beatriz Águas 1 (1. Iscte - University Institute of Lisbon)

Importing Taxpayers for Free? Conceptualizing destination-to-origin country compensation for fiscal losses from emigration
Pieter Vanhuysse 1, Robert Gal 2 (1. University of Southern Denmark, 2. Hungarian Demographic Research Institute)

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Stream 15 - Transformative Social Policy in Times of Climate Change

Chairs
Filippo Grisolia, University of Antwerp
Gerlinde Verbist, University of Antwerp
Maristella Cacciapaglia, University of Milan

The Climate–Welfare Nexus in Southern Europe. Vulnerability, social risks, and welfare state reform
Rui Branco 1, Marcelllo Natili 2, David Palomera 3, Maria Petmesidou 4 (1. NOVA University Lisbon / IPRI-NOVA, 2. University of Milan "La Statale", 3. University of Southern Denmark, 4. Democritus University of Thrace)

Eco-Social Policies and Climate Justice: Social Work and the Integration of Experiential Knowledge in Local Climate Governance
Adeline Otto 1, Saskia De Bruyn 2, Birgit Goris 3 (1. ReSPOND, KU Leuven, 2. Univerity Colleges Leuven-Limburg, 3. University Colleges Leuven-Limburg)

Scoping review on sufficiency policies with functional categorization
Heli Turtinen 1, Matleena Käppi 2, Teemu Koskimäki 1, Lassi Linnanen 3 (1. University of Eastern Finland, 2. Vienna University of Economics and Business, 3. Lappeenranta–Lahti University of Technology)

Caring for the Woods: Community Forestry, Environmental Governance and Ecologies of Care in Scotland
Markus Ketola 1 (1. University of Edinburgh)

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Stream 21 - The Future of Social Europe: Policies, Outcomes and Political Legitimacy

Chairs
Marius R. Busemeyer, University of Konstanz
Caroline de la Porte, Copenhagen Business School
Amandine Crespy, Free University of Berlin

Making the Case for Social Europe: Patterns of Justification in EU Social Policy
Maarten Keune 1, Sven Schreurs 1 (1. University of Amsterdam)

The Iberian Twin Paradox: European Integration and Asymmetric Trajectories in Spain and Portugal
Pablo Cañete Pérez 1, Mafalda Escada 1 (1. European University Institute)

Mapping the evolution of EU skills policies: inclusiveness, efficiency or social investment?
Milan Thies 1, Giuliano Bonoli 1, Lukas Graf 2 (1. University of Lausanne, IDHEAP, 2. Swiss Federal University for Vocational Education and Training)

The 'Social Turn' of the EMU: A longer-lasting political legacy?
Robin Huguenot-Noël 1 (1. Freie Universität Berlin)

Strengthening EU Legitimacy through Social Policy Activism? Evidence from the EuroManifestoCorpus, 1979–2024 **(Contributing Paper)**
Beatrice Carella 1, Robin Huguenot-Noël 2, Alessio Scopelliti 3 (1. University of Vienna, 2. Freie Universität Berlin, 3. University of Milan "La Statale")

AUDITORIUM 3, Floor 2 | 27th August 2026, 16:30-18:30

Stream 22 - The Political Economy of the Welfare State across Time and Space

Chairs
Emanuele Ferragina, Sciences Po, Paris
Guillem Verd Llabrés, UIC Barcelona
Keonhi Son, University of Mannheim
Maxime Borg, London School of Economics
Frederico Filleti, London School of Economics

Liberalization and democracy: The trajectory of low-pay policies in the United Kingdom
Georg Picot 1, Joan Abbas 2 (1. University of Bergen, 2. no academic affiliation)

The conditional paradox: targeting within universalism and redistribution in global perspective
Alessandro Nardo 1, Ive Marx 1, Kenneth Nelson 2 (1. University of Antwerp, 2. University of Oxford)

From charity to the national lottery: supplementary funding and the NHS, 1980-2006
Samantha Shave 1, Rosemary Cresswell 2, Bernard Harris 1 (1. University of Strathclyde, 2. University of Oxford)

Welfare State Dissatisfaction, Political Distrust, and Populist Support in Germany
Marius Busemeyer 1, Felix Jäger 1, Staffan Kumlin 2 (1. University of Konstanz, 2. University of Oslo)

Gendered Taxation and Self-Employed Family Labour in Japan and European Policy Space **(Contributing Paper)**
Saori Miyashita 1 (1. Nagoya City University)

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Stream 25 - Territorial Inequalities and the Welfare State: The Spatial Politics of Service Delivery

Chairs
Michal Koreh, University of Haifa
Jane Gingrich, University of Oxford
Sarah Bruch, University of Delawar

Social policy and decentralization: Opportunities and Challenges for a Proximity-Based Welfare State
Bruno Oliveira 1, Renato Carmo 1, João Henriques 1 (1. Iscte - University Institute of Lisbon)

Mapping Inequality: Territorial Disparities in Non-Formal Education in Luxembourg
Sabrina Göbel 1, Iryna Kyzyma 1, Danielle Schronen 1 (1. Observatoire national de l'enfance, de la jeunesse et de la qualité scolaire (OEJQS))

Rescaling the Territorial Capacity of the Finnish Welfare State after EU Accession: EU Subsidies, Fiscal Equalization, and Municipal Finance
Shin Suzuki 1 (1. Department of International Economics, Faculty of Economics, Fukuyama University, Japan)

From multi-level governance to street-level practices, explaining variation in child protection policy implementation in France and Sweden
Ninon Le Cozannet-Laidin 1 (1. Sciences Po, Paris - LIEPP - CEE)

Unequal social mobility - regional knowledge economies and populist right vote **(Contributing Paper)**
Zhen Jie Im 1 (1. Lappeenranta-Lahti University of Technology)

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Stream 31 - Causal Inference in Social Policy Analysis

Chairs
Thomas Biegert, London School of Economics
Elias Naumann, GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences and University of Mannheim

Care Regimes and Time Allocation: an Event Study Analysis of the U.S. Public Expenditure
Caterina Manicardi 1, Maria Enrica Virgillito 2 (1. Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, 2. Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore)

Breaking the man box – Parental leave reforms, intrahousehold care dynamics, and children's educational choices
Matilde João Mota 1 (1. UNU-MERIT)

Training the Caseworker: Does it Improve Employment Outcomes of Unemployed Welfare Recipients?
Markus Wolf 1, Stefan Tübbicke 1 (1. Institute for Employment Research (IAB))

28th August

Parallel Session VII

09:00-11:00

AUDITORIUM 5, Floor 1 | 28th August 2026, 09:00-11:00

Stream 3 - Providing Social Security for Older People: Interactions of Different Social Policies, their Drivers and Outcomes

Chair
Thurid Eggers, University of Bremen, SOCIUM
Christopher Grages, University of Bremen, SOCIUM
Julia Höppner, University of Kassel

Does Welfare State Generosity Protect Wellbeing? Life-Course Unemployment, Sickness and Later-Life Quality of Life
Ola Sjöberg 1 (1. Ola Sjöberg)

Linked Lives, Lasting Effects: Financial Security after Widowhood in Germany and the Netherlands
Clara Overweg 1, William Fernandez 2 (1. Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, 2. Hertie School Berlin)

Intra-couple pension gap in comparative perspective: Towards a synthesized framework of gendered life course and pension systems
Andreas Weiland 1, Nicole Kapelle 2, Kun Lee 3, Eva Sierminska 4 (1. TU Dortmund, 2. Trinity College Dublin, 3. LIS Cross-National Data Center; Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research, 4. Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research)

Cohort Change and Pension Security Among Former Single Mothers in Germany
Daria Frost 1 (1. University of Mannheim)

Can a Letter Close the Benefit Take-Up Gap? Evidence from a Swiss Policy Reform **(Contributing Paper)**
Philipp Scherer 1 (1. University of Zurich)

AUDITORIUM 2, Floor 2 | 28th August 2026, 09:00-11:00

Stream 5 - The Politics of Education

Chair
Milan Thies, University of Lausanne, IDHEAP
Isabelle Huning, London School of Economics and Political Science
Steven Ballantyne, Free University of Berlin, Otto Suhr Institute for Political Science

The territorial dimension of VET: multilevel governance and spatial disparities in four European countries
Ruggero Cefalo 1, Yuri Kazepov 2 (1. University of Firenze, 2. University of Vienna)

Sustaining Reforms: Insights from Education in Brazil
Alissa Siara 1 (1. European University Institute)

Who Believes in Meritocracy? Social Position, Educational Fairness, and Meritocratic Beliefs in Europe
Triin Lauri 1, Franco Emmanuel Bastias 1, Kaire Põder 2, Marii Paskov 3 (1. Tallinn University, 2. Estonian Business School, 3. University of Bristol)

AUDITORIUM 4, Floor 1 | 28th August 2026, 09:00-11:00

Stream 6 - The Matthew Effect in Social and Educational Policies and the Intergenerational Transmission of Disadvantages Over the Life Course

Chairs
Wim Van Lancker, KU Leuven
Emmanuele Pavolini, University of Milan

Distributive Inequalities and Policy Feedback Effects of Subnational Variation in Policy Designs: Comparing Low-Cost Child Care Implementation in Alberta and Saskatchewan in Canada
Linda White 1, Adrienne Davidson 2, Elizabeth Dhuey 1, Michal Perlman 1, Jenna Quelch 1 (1. University of Toronto, 2. McMaster University)

Two Systems, One Outcome: How Housing Policy and Education Policy Combine to Shape Inequality in Children's Life Chances
Gerry Redmond 1 (1. Flinders University)

Mental health of economically vulnerable individuals aged 55 and over: do labour market policies play a role? A longitudinal study covering 20 years among EU countries.
Joanna Geerts Danau 1, Lore Van Herreweghe 1, Wim van Lancker 1 (1. ReSPOND, KU Leuven)

Beyond identifying the Matthew Effect: what can Early Childhood Education Directors do about it? The case of public nursery schools in Barcelona.
Manuel Ángel Río Ruiz 1, María Ortega Gómez 1 (1. University of Seville)

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Stream 7 - Employment Policies and the Quest for a European Labour Market

Chairs
Marko Hočevar, University of Ljubljana, Centre for Political Science Research
Carla Valadas, Polytechnic Institute of Leiria

From minimum standards to material change? The EU's social acquis and the regulation of non-standard work in the Netherlands
Sven Schreurs 1 (1. University of Amsterdam)

Job (in)security and its drivers across high-income countries: the EU in a comparative perspective
Zhen Jie Im 1, Janine Leschke 2, Emmanuele Pavolini 3 (1. Lappeenranta-Lahti University of Technology, 2. Copenhagen Business School, 3. University of Milan "La Statale")

Bargaining Inclusion: Unions, Employers, and the Politics of Migrant Social Citizenship in Postindustrial Europe
Paula Dümpelmann 1, Briitta Van Staalduinen 2 (1. European University Institute, 2. Oberlin College)

Higher wages but lower job security? The impact of the minimum wage on monetary and non-monetary dimensions of low wage workers´ working conditions
Nicola Ceccarini 1 (1. Institute for Employment Research (IAB))

Work-Hour Mismatch and Job Satisfaction in Europe: Do Welfare Regimes Matter? **(Contributing Paper)**
Elif Göral 1 (1. Marmara University)

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Stream 9 - The Role of the European Union in Caregiving and Parenting: What Direction are Family Policies Taking?

Chairs
Adriana Offredi, Autonomous University of Barcelona
Natalia Tosoni, University of Bologna
Mara Yerkes, Utrecht University
Ester Gubert, University of Trento

Between care recognition and employment-centredness: the evolution and uneven implementation of the EU's work-care policy agenda
Ivana Dobrotic 1 (1. University of Zagreb)

Is the European pillar of social rights delivering its promises? An analysis of policy change, convergence and awareness of the work-life balance directive
Caroline de la Porte 1, Zhen Jie Im 2, Sondre Holm 1 (1. Copenhagen Business School, 2. Lappeenranta-Lahti University of Technology)

Does policy matter? Attitudes towards sharing parental leave in Europe
Merita Mesiäislehto 1, Satu Helske 2, Johanna Lammi-Taskula 1, Johanna Närvi 1, Milla Salin 2 (1. Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare, 2. University of Turku)

Who gets in, what they get: Revisiting 25 years of ECEC policy research through a systematic literature review
Ivan Cerrillo 1 (1. Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB))

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Stream 12 - Social Policy Context of Life-Course Transitions

Chairs
Rense Nieuwenhuis, Stockholm University
Tomas Korpi, Stockholm University
Anni Erlandsson, Stockholm University

Beyond Cash Income: The Distributional Value of Subsidized Social Services in Europe
Toon Van Havere 1, Gerlinde Verbist 1 (1. University of Antwerp)

Unequal access to unequal labour market segments: First entry into the primary and secondary labour market segment for women with a migration background.
Hannes Lenaerts 1, Julie Maes 1, Karel Neels 1 (1. University of Antwerp)

Multidimensionality of disadvantage and the transition to adulthood: How clusters of disadvantage relate to NEET status across diverse policy contexts
Lea Schomaker 1 (1. Swedish Institute for Social Research (SOFI), Stockholm University)

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Stream 13 - De-Standardization of Retirement Pathways: Conceptual, Institutional, and Life-Course perspectives

Chairs
Łukasz Jurek, Wrocław University of Economics and Business
Joanna Rutecka-Góra, SGH Warsaw School of Economics
Izabela Grabowska, SGH Warsaw School of Economics

Flexible Employment Trajectories in Late Working Life: Evidence from Swedish National Registers
Gulin Oylu 1 (1. Linköping University)

Pension Flexibility in an Ageing Society: Pathways and Alternatives for Lithuania
Jekaterina Navicke 1 (1. Vilnius University)

A Standardised Pension System for De-Standardised Lives? Retirement Aspirations among Portuguese Millennials and Generation Z
Catarina Silva Simão 1, Ana Maria da Costa Oliveira 1 (1. Universidade Católica Portuguesa)

Ageing workforces and Age boundaries: A panel study of managers' changing perceptions of being too old to work full time
Christian Albrekt Larsen 1, Jeevitha Yogachandiran Qvist 1 (1. Centre for Comparative Welfare Studies, Aalborg University)

Labor Market Exit at Pre-Retirement Ages (59–64): Evidence from Lithuanian Administrative Registers **(Contributing Paper)**
Kristina Zitikytė 1, Žeimantė Straševičiūtė 1, Ugnė Gudžinskaitė 1 (1. Vilnius University)

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Stream 14 - Welfare States and Migration: Welfare Attitudes and Welfare Access

Chairs
Verena Seibel, Utrecht University
Isabel Shutes, London School of Economics
Friederike Römer, German Center for Integration and Migration Research

How Civil Society Organisations Mediate Social Rights after Welfare Chauvinist Reforms: A Swiss Case Study
Rulla Sutter 1 (1. Bern University of Applied Sciences)

Filling the gaps or reproducing the worker welfare state? Civil society services for immigrants with limited social rights in Germany
Cecilia Bruzelius 1, Lea Reiss 1, Nora Ratzmann 2 (1. University of Tübingen, 2. DeZIM - German Centre for Integration and Migration Research (DeZIM))

When Protection Is Filtered: Children Between Protection and Border Control in European Asylum Policies
Catarina Cró 1, Teresa Janela Pinto 2, Fernando Serra 3 (1. ISCSP-ULisboa, 2. ODDH & CIEG, ISCSP-ULisboa, 3. CAPP, ISCSP-ULisboa)

The Procedures Behind the Procedures: Legal Activism and Migrants' Social Rights in the UK
Mara Junge 1 (1. DeZIM - German Centre for Integration and Migration Research (DeZIM))

AUDITORIUM 3, Floor 2 | 28th August 2026, 09:00-11:00

Stream 22 - The Political Economy of the Welfare State across Time and Space

Chairs
Emanuele Ferragina, Sciences Po, Paris
Guillem Verd Llabrés, UIC Barcelona
Keonhi Son, University of Mannheim
Maxime Borg, London School of Economics
Frederico Filleti, London School of Economics

The limits of welfare regime theory: Converging patterns of benefit dualisation across prototypical welfare states
Jan Helmdag 1 (1. Swedish Institute for Social Research (SOFI), Stockholm University)

The Rentier Welfare Regime: Natural Resource Rents and the Development of Family Policy
Oussama Meftha 1 (1. University of Bremen)

Patterns of Childcare - Labour Market Mismatches: A cross-regional multilevel study of maternal employment in 29 high - and middle-income countries using LIS data
Tobias Böger 1, Anna Karmann 2 (1. Universität Bremen, 2. University of Vienna)

Too Precarious to Invest? Insecurity, Institutional Legacies, and Backlash (?) Against Activation among (Young) Europeans **(Contributing Paper)**
Nidanur Basturk 1 (1. GESIS Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences)

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Stream 24 - Restructuring Welfare Under Pressure: Juridification, Fragmentation and "Wrong-Pocket" Dilemmas

Chairs
Jon Kvist, Roskilde University
John Brauer, Örebro University
Minna van Gerven, University of Helsinki

How relational frontline work contributes to youth inclusion outcomes? Evidence from Finnish municipalities
Essi Ahlroth 1, Mikko Niemelä 1 (1. University of Turku, INVEST)

Between Theory and Practice: Implementing Respectful Interaction in the Context of SGB II – Findings with a Focus on Health and Work Capacity
Mara Wippermann 1 (1. Institute for Employment Research)

Side Events

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