

RC19 Digest –December 2017

RC19 Presidential Letter 2017

Dear RC19 Members:

The time has come once again to reflect on the recent past, the current state, and the future of RC19. First, regarding the recent past, our annual conference took place at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill from June 22-24, 2017. Gathering scholars from all over the world, the conference featured a dozen of regular sessions, a keynote lecture on U.S. health care reform by Jonathan Oberlander, and a panel on immigration policy featuring Paul Cuadros and Deborah Weissman. Based on the feedback I have received from participants, I can say that the conference was very successful and, on the behalf of the RC19 board, I would like to, once again, thank Evelyne Huber and John Stephens for organizing it.

As reported by Timo Fleckenstein in his annual financial and membership report presented earlier this year in Chapel Hill, the RC is in a sound financial position and, as of June 2017, counts more than 340 members. Only about 160 of these members also belong to the International Sociological Association (ISA). As I stated in the past, having as many ISA members in RC19 as possible simply because this figure is used by the ISA to allocate session slots at world congresses and forums. This is why the board and I encourage RC19 members who have not done that yet to join ISA, something they can do online here: <http://www.isa-sociology.org/en/membership/individual-membership/>.

The next opportunity for RC19 members to gather and present their work will be the 2018 ISA World Congress of Sociology in Toronto (15-21 July 2017). RC19 will run more than 20 sessions in total on a wide array of topics:

<https://isaconf.confex.com/isaconf/wc2018/webprogrampreliminary/Symposium456.html>

If you have any questions regarding the ISA Congress, please get in touch with the RC19 programme coordinators: Timo Fleckenstein (t.fleckenstein@lse.ac.uk) and Rianne Mahon (prmahon@rogers.com).

As usual, we do not organize an annual RC19 conference the same year as the ISA Congress. This means the next annual conference will take place in 2019 in Mannheim and Heidelberg, Germany. Three of our German members, Alexandra Kaasch, Hildegard Theobald, and Claus Wendt are already working on an event that should take place in late August 2019. We will send you the exact dates and the call for papers for the 2019 annual conference in due course. Meanwhile, if you are interested in organizing an RC19 conference in 2020 or 2021, please contact me as soon as possible: daniel.beland@usask.ca.

As we think about our future activities, I strongly encourage you to mention these to PhD students and junior colleagues working in the field of social policy. RC19 is a welcoming organization and, with your help, we hope to attract the next generation of social policy scholars to our ranks. One way to help your students and colleagues to discover RC19 is to send them to our website: www.rc19.org. Please contact Alexandra Kaasch (alexandra.kaasch@uni-bielefeld.de) if you have any suggestions for improvements, or if you would like to share information about new publications, calls for papers, and employment opportunities relevant for RC19 members.

I hope to see you in Toronto in July 2018. Please contact me or any of our board members if you have any queries or suggestions about RC19.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel Béland, with the support of Alexandra Kaasch (RC19 secretary)

Calls for Proposal and Papers

Call for Stream Convenors

16th ESPAnet Conference: Transformation of European welfare systems: challenges, problems and future prospects"

30th August- 1st September, Vilnius

The 16th annual conference of the ESPAnet will be an exciting opportunity to discuss the challenges, problems and future prospects of European welfare systems at a time of great political, economic and environmental uncertainties in the globalized world.

Please send your expression of interest by **15 of December 2017** to the following e-mail address: espanetvilnius2018@fsf.vu.lt

Acceptance of proposals: 7th January 2018

To check suggestions for Stream Themes and for more information on the call please visit: <http://www.espanetvilnius2018.fsf.vu.lt/>

The 15th East Asian Social Policy (EASP) Research Network Annual Conference

Social Policy in Post-Growth East Asia

5th-6th July 2018, University of Bristol, UK

The 2018 conference will examine the impact of social, economic and demographic changes on social policy and consider challenges facing the region. We encourage papers which engage with theoretical, empirical and practical aspects. Comparative analysis within and across East Asia and beyond is particularly welcome. We also welcome papers by postgraduate students, early-career researchers, as well as established scholars working in the field of social policy on East Asia.

Please submit a 250 words **abstract** to the Network (EASP2018@hotmail.com) by **Monday, 12th March 2018**.

Notification of applicants: 31st March 2018

For more information on the call, visit: <http://welfareasia.org/archives/190>

If you have any queries, please contact EASP at EASP2018@hotmail.com

Calls for articles and book proposals

Global Social Policy: Call for Articles

Published by SAGE, *Global Social Policy* is a fully peer-reviewed journal that advances understandings of social policy, social development, social and health governance, gender and poverty, social welfare, education, employment, and food, and the advantages and disadvantages of globalization, from transnational and global perspectives. The journal publishes scholarly and policy-oriented articles that address global social policy discourse and practice, as well as transnational flows of capital, people and policies, including the diffusion of ideas.

As editors of *Global Social Policy*, we invite scholars and practitioners to consider submitting their new papers to our journal. We welcome contributions dealing with issues such as globalization, multilevel governance, transnational diffusion, and the social policy engagement of international organizations and international non-governmental organizations. Studies focusing on particular countries as well as comparative papers are welcome, as long as they explicitly deal with global issues and processes. We also are open to all types of epistemologies, research methods, and theoretical perspectives.

We also welcome special issue proposals, and proposals for editing a Global Social Policy Forum.

For more information about the journal and the submission process, please visit the journal's page on the SAGE website: <http://gsp.sagepub.com>. If you have any questions about the journal or the suitability of your work for it, please contact one of us and we will ensure timely feedback. We are looking forward to receiving your submissions in the near future!

Sincerely yours, Daniel Béland [daniel.beland@usask.ca], Alexandra Kaasch [alexandra.kaasch@uni-bielefeld.de], Huck-Ju Kwon [hkwon4@snu.ac.kr], Nicola Piper [nicola.piper@sydney.edu.au]

Book Series “Research in Comparative and Global Social Policy” (Policy Press)

We encourage submissions to our book series on comparative and global social policy. The series includes high quality books which reflect a wide array of research in comparative and global social policy. Books in the series will seek to address broad questions around how nation states and transnational policy actors deal with globally shared challenges. Books may include one, or a range of the following: country case studies within a multilevel governance/scales frame; small, medium and large comparative studies that analyse social policy development and change, and global social policy studies that address various fields of social policy in their transnational or global dimensions. The series include titles which reflect research in international, comparative and global social policy, and invites original contributions based on innovative research by leading experts in all world regions.

Please don't hesitate to contact the editors if you have questions, suggestions and manuscripts that might fit the idea of the book series. (Heejung Chung: h.chung@kent.ac.uk, Alexandra Kaasch: alexandra.kaasch@uni-bielefeld.de, Stefan Kühner: stefankuehner@ln.edu.hk)

Jobs and scholarships

Professor in Social Policy – University of Bath

The Department of Social and Policy Sciences at the University of Bath is undertaking an international search to recruit an academic leader with an established track record of independent and world-class scholarship in the field of social policy.

We welcome applicants with expertise that complements or significantly extends the Department's research strengths in social policy. These include **poverty and welfare settlements; employment and income; social exclusion and inequality; social policy development and analysis; policy, governance and power; social policy and the life course; and gender, immigrant, and other group differences** in these. We are also keen to hear from candidates that can provide expertise in comparative social policy and interdisciplinary analysis.

Closing Date: 13th December 2017

For the complete job description and application please visit:

<https://www.bath.ac.uk/jobs/Vacancy.aspx?id=10949&forced=1>

Informal queries can be directed to **Prof Lynn Prince Cooke** at l.p.cooke@bath.ac.uk

Assistant/Associate Professorships in Social Policy at University College Dublin

The School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice at University College Dublin seeks to recruit one or more lecturer(s)/ assistant professor(s) or associate professor(s) in social policy. The successful candidate(s) will join the School's team of innovative, energetic and highly research active social policy academics and have the opportunity to collaborate with colleagues working in the social work and social justice subject areas. S/he will contribute to further developing our record of social policy research, PhD student supervision and teaching on Ireland's oldest and largest social policy degree – the B.Soc.Sc (social policy and sociology) and on the Master of Public Policy (MPP) programme.

Closing Date: 8th December 2017, 17:00 hrs (GMT)

For the complete job description and application please visit:

https://hrportal.ucd.ie/pls/corehrrecruit/erq_jobspec_version_4.display_form

Interested candidates who have queries about the post should contact **Professor Michelle Norris** at michelle.norris@ucd.ie

New Research Projects

New Centre of Excellence in Research on Ageing and Care (CoE AgeCare)

The Centre of Excellence in Research on Ageing and Care (CoE AgeCare) is a collaboration between three Finnish universities. The Universities of Jyväskylä, Tampere and Helsinki will work closely together for eight years studying the transformation of ageing and care of older people using new conceptual and interdisciplinary perspectives, conjoining the analysis of diversification of everyday life to that of ongoing profound societal and policy change. In particular, the CoE will analyse **the implications of current processes of transnationalisation and digitalisation for ageing and care**. CoE AgeCare combines scholarship from social policy, sociology and gerontology, analysing older people's care needs, agency and equality as well as the changing character of care work in the context of the ongoing societal trends of the ageing society.

CoE AgeCare is led by Professor Teppo Kröger from the Department of Social Sciences and Philosophy, University of Jyväskylä. Its vice leader is Dr. Sirpa Wrede, Department of Social Research, University of Helsinki. The CoE consists of four research groups. One focuses on care policy and is led by Kröger. Another group analyses the connections between migration, ageing and care and is led by Wrede. A third group is placed in the Gerontology Research Center (GEREC), University of Tampere, and is led jointly by Professor Marja Jylhä and Dr. Outi Jolanki. This group focuses its research on agency, health and well-being of older people. Finally, the fourth research group is based in the Department of Social Sciences and Philosophy of the University of Jyväskylä, focusing on the manifold impacts of new technologies on ageing and care, being led by Dr. Sakari Taipale.

CoE AgeCare will be conducted in close co-operation with a broad international network of scholars and research institutes from different parts of the world. The CoE also functions as an international platform for researcher training of early career researchers and during its eight-year period it will organise several international seminars, conferences and winter/summer schools that are open to all.

Recent publications

Special Issue from the *International Social Security Review*, December (Vol.70, No.4):
The human right to social security

[http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/\(ISSN\)1468-246X](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/(ISSN)1468-246X)

The special issue spotlights five key issues. It first explores ways to increase effective coverage in social assistance programmes. The second is how to ensure that social protection systems are fully inclusive of and accessible for persons with disabilities. The third seeks to reconcile productivist and rights-based approaches to social security. The fourth emphasizes the importance of gender equality and the rights of women and girls in care systems. And the fifth examines the use of a rights-based approach in political mobilization for the expansion and institutionalization of social rights. The special issue has been prepared under the joint-stewardship of Katja Hujo (United Nations Research Institute for Social Development) and Christina Behrendt (International Labour Office).

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