

RC19 Digest – September 2018

RC19 News

As announced in the last RC19 digest, the next RC19 annual meeting will take place in Germany, hosted by the University of Mannheim, 28-30 August 2019. It is under the topic ‘Global Crises and Social Policy: Coping with Conflict, Migration and Climate Change’, and co-organised by Bernhard Ebbinghaus, Alexandra Kaasch, Hildegard Theobald, and Claus Wendt.

We are currently in the process of finalizing the conference website. The official call for papers will be distributed separately once the website is ready for abstract submission. For information ‘within’ RC19, this is what the call will look like:

“Global Crises and Social Policy: Coping with Conflict, Migration and Climate Change” reflects the current struggle in politics and academic scholarship to make sense of a rapidly changing world. The contexts and conditions to which social policy responds are gradually evolving due to changing societies (related to aging, migration, and so on) and living conditions affected by climate change. Furthermore, recent social policy initiatives, developments, and reforms are driven by reactions to multiple ‘crises’, including the economic recession, the perceived ‘refugee crisis’, care worker shortages, and the undermining of multilateralism. In many places, we can observe a (re)focus on national interests, particularly concerning the treatment of nationals versus non-nationals in social assistance and social protection, and the control of migration. In addition, discussions about the implications of rapidly intensifying climate change are often occurring separately from social policy debates, even though both concern important (re)distributional issues among groups and across generations. Current political debates seem to be less about what an ideal or improved welfare state could look like but more about the implications of multiple, overlapping crises on people’s social protection, deservingness perceptions, and inclusion capacity.

We invite papers that discuss these developments and related social policy changes. For example, how do we make sense of parallel processes of universalizing social policies in some fields and places, and increasingly exclusionary rhetoric of social protection in others?

Given that the conference takes place the same year as the 30th anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall, we also encourage contributions about social policy developments generated by this historic event. For example, has the transition of Eastern Europe from socialist to capitalist democracies

contributed to the sustainability of European welfare states (and beyond)?
What kind of major patterns can be observed?

The RC19 annual meeting brings together international scholars in the fields of comparative and transnational social policy studies, encompassing a range of disciplines including sociology, social policy, political science, and economics. Beyond the specific themes outlined above, we invite RC19 members to present their ongoing work and new papers, even if they are not closely connected to the theme of the conference. Abstracts are welcome from non-RC19 members, but all presenters must be members of RC19 by the time of the conference. To join, please contact our treasurer, Timo Fleckenstein at t.fleckenstein@lse.ac.uk.

Deadline for Abstract submission: **15 December 2018**

Calls for Papers

International Conference

Social and Cultural Nexus of Science and Technology Development (SCST)

27-29 March 2019 | Colombo, Sri Lanka

Science and Technology (S&T) development has vastly induced the development of socio- economic factors in the world. Many developed as well as developing countries have succeeded in this field and performing well in the world scenario.

The conference aims to bring in a corpus of multidisciplinary scholars to present their work on social and cultural aspects of science and technology development and to make sense of this complicated landscape. The outcomes of the conference will feed into the discourse on S&T development and policy analysis and program development.

Conference Themes:

Abstracts are called from Sri Lankan and overseas scholars, researchers and practitioners on following themes. Papers will be selected on the basis of Abstracts submitted to the conference.

1. Cultural factors influencing S&T development
2. Gender perspectives on S&T
3. Role of private sector in S&T development
4. Public understanding of science and scientific literacy
5. Risks and benefits of modern technology
6. Education and S & T development
7. Media and S&T development
8. Traditional knowledge and S&T
9. State policy and S&T development
10. Science and Technology Diplomacy
11. Ethics in S&T

Abstract Submission: Submit your abstracts to scst@nsf.gov.lk under the subject 'SCSTAbstract Submission' by 30th November 2018.

Recent publications

Brady, M. (2018). Targeting single mothers? Dynamics of contracting Australian employment services and activation policies at the street level. *Journal of Social Policy*, 44 (1), pp. 1-19.

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Fossati, F. (2018). How regimes shape preferences. A study of political actors' labour market policy preferences in flexicurity and dualizing countries. *Socio-Economic Review*, 16 (3), pp. 523-544.

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Bonoli, G. & Fossati, F. (2018). More than noise? Explaining instances of minority preference in correspondence studies of recruitment. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/1369183X.2018.1502658>

Auer, D., Bonoli, G., Fossati, F. (forthcoming). The Matching Hierarchies Model: Evidence from a Survey Experiment on Employers' Hiring Intent Regarding Immigrant Applicants, *International Migration Review*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0197918318764872>

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Manow, P., Palier, B. & Schwander, H. (Eds.) (2018). *Welfare Democracies and Party Politics. Explaining Electoral Dynamics in Times of Changing Welfare Capitalism*. Oxford University Press. <https://www.sciencespo.fr/liepp/en/content/welfare-democracies-and-party-politics>

Shaver, S. (Ed.). (forthcoming). *Handbook on Gender and Social Policy*. Edward Elgar Publishing. <https://www.e-elgar.com/shop/handbook-on-gender-and-social-policy>

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