

RC19 Digest –December 2016

RC19 Presidential Letter 2016

Dear RC19 Members:

The year 2016 is soon coming to an end and, as usual, we have come to look back at our recent activities before reflecting on the current state and the future of RC19 as an organization. The first RC19 activities of the year were organized as part of the Third ISA Forum of Sociology, which took place in Vienna between July 10-14. For the Forum, RC19 Program Coordinators Bjorn Hvinden and Hildegard Theobald created a varied and stimulating program comprising 16 sessions organized by about two dozen scholars in total. The RC19 sessions were generally well attended and they attracted both RC19 members and people new to the organization. Information leaflets about RC19 were distributed to participants and the response was very positive. Finally, the social program featured a series of activities carefully organized by Bettina Leibetseder. Vienna is a wonderful city and the RC19 various components of the Third ISA Forum proved very successful and enjoyable indeed.

Six weeks later, RC19 members met again, this time for our annual meeting, which took place in San José, Costa Rica, from August 25-27. Featuring a panel on North-South Dialogues and a dozen of plenary and parallel sessions, the conference gathered scholars from all around the world and generated spirited discussions about the state of social policy research around the world. The conference featured a healthy mix of old and new faces, which shows that RC19 can welcome new scholars while retaining the community atmosphere many of us love so much about the organization. It was also the first time in recent memory that an RC19 conference took place outside the advanced industrial world, an approach we hope to repeat in the future, with the goal of making our members even more exposed to the sheer diversity of the “worlds of welfare” found across continents and regions of the world. Costa Rica, which has one of the most comprehensive welfare systems in Latin America, was a wonderful place to hold an RC19 conference and Juliana Martinez Franzoni and her team did an excellent job at organizing it.

As reported by RC19 secretary Timo Fleckenstein in his annual financial and membership report, the RC19 is in a sound financial position and, as of August 2016, it counted 374 members in total, exactly 19 more than a year before. Another good news is the growing number of RC19 members who are also members of the International Sociological Association (ISA). Over the last year, this number jumped from 162 to 188, which is excellent news because having a higher number of ISA members in the research committee puts us in a better position for session allocations at future ISA congresses and forums. This is why I encourage RC19 members who have not yet done so to consider joining ISA, which would further help our organization improve its standing within ISA (http://www.isa-sociology.org/memb_i/index.htm).

With more members and a strong financial standing, RC19 is moving into 2017 in a position of strength, which will be reflected in our 2017 annual meeting, which will take place at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, on June 22-25, 2017. The conference is

organized by Evelyne Huber and John Stephens whose contributions to RC19 over the years have been tremendous. The theme of the conference is “Dimensions of Inequality: Causes, Consequences, and Policy Responses” and you can find more information about the conference on its official webpage: <http://europe.unc.edu/rc19-2017/>. It will be the first time RC19 meets in the United States in 12 years and we hope the conference will attract both existing members and new researchers (including graduate students) who will experience an RC19 conference for the first time.

In 2018, the RC19 World Congress will take place in Toronto. The RC19 Programme Coordinators for this event are Timo Fleckenstein and Rianne Mahon and you will receive their call for session proposals in due course. As for the 2019 annual meeting, it will take place in Mannheim, a German city located near the Frankfurt airport, which is one of the busiest in Europe. Alexandra Kaasch, Hildegard Theobald, and Claus Wendt have agreed to put this conference together and the exact dates for this conference will be announced later. As I stated last year in my presidential letter, in order to rejuvenate RC19, we strongly encourage our members to mention these forthcoming activities to suitable PhD students, post-docs and junior faculty members. At the same time, we encourage you to visit our website [www.rc19.org] and to send announcements about job openings, new publications as well as forthcoming conferences to RC19 Secretary Alexandra Kaasch [alexandra.kaasch@uni-bielefeld.de].

I hope to see many of you in Chapel Hill next year! In the meantime, feel free to send me your suggestions about future RC19 activities and conferences.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel Béland, with the support of Alexandra Kaasch

Calls for Proposal and Papers:

The Burden of Intra-EU Mobility on National Welfare Systems: Between Myth and Reality

Focal Issue to be included in no.3/2017 in journal Politiche Sociali. Social Policies

Guest Editors: Stefano Giubboni and Francesco Costamagna

We invite submission of abstracts of about 1000 words that outline the primary research question, theoretical approach, methods and relevance. Abstracts should be sent no later than 20 January 2017. Submitting Authors should also send a short biographical note.

Read the complete call for papers [here](#).

Deadline for abstract submission: 20th January 2016

Notification of acceptance: 10th February 2017

Workshop at the XVIII Nordic Political Science (NOPSA) Congress, in Odense, Denmark “*The whole world of welfare*”, 8-11 August 2017

The human concern for socio-economic well-being and income security is a global one. Yet research on the welfare state (i.e. the provision of income security and social services) has been bifurcated between the traditional Western welfare state literature and the more recent studies on social protection in the Global South

We invite papers that bridge the bifurcated literatures, for example by using Western welfare theories in a new context, by exploring Southern theories in OECD countries, and/or by studying countries in both the North and South. Themes could include, but are not limited to: **welfare state theories, diffusion, clientelism, democracy, ethnicity, colonialism, war and state building, gender, non-state provision, and financing of welfare**. Papers may have a theoretical/normative focus and/or centre on empirical analyses including large-N country comparisons, historical comparative analyses, and case studies.

More information [here](#)

Abstract submission:

If you are interested in participating in this workshop, send an abstract to

- Marianne S. Ulriksen (University of Johannesburg & Aarhus University), mulriksen@uj.ac.za
- or Peter Starke (University of Southern Denmark), starke@sam.sdu.dk

The deadline for submission of paper proposals/abstracts is 15th January 2017

Special Issue of The Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy, and Society “*The Shrinking State?*”

This issue will address the big debates about the role of the public sector in society at the level of regions and localities. We are particularly interested in theoretical work that has a strong empirical foundation. We are also looking for work that pushes existing frameworks in new directions and tackles new or unresolved issues about the public sector. Strong empirical research that elaborates, challenges or otherwise evaluates claims derived from theory from various literatures is also of interest. Finally, articles that provide a conceptual blueprint for studying the processes by which the state is changing are also welcome. *CJRES* has previously published Special Issues addressing “The Geographies of Austerity” (iv/3, November 2011) and “Austerity in the City” (vii/1, March 2014), and we will continue further push forward new directions in the analysis of the state in society.

More information [here](#).

Abstract submission:

Authors interested in contributing to this special issue are invited to submit abstracts of up to **400 words** by email to Francis Knights **at landecon-cjres@lists.cam.ac.uk** no later than **1 February 2017**.

Call for Papers:

Social policy in Latin America – old and new directions?

Social Policy & Administration, 2018, issue no. 6.

The 2018 regional issue will focus on social policy in Latin America after two decades of significant transformations in a number of sectors and programs. The period includes important innovations such as pension reforms, the expansion of cash transfers for poor families and children, the development of new healthcare programs, and an emerging agenda on childcare and maternity policy in some countries. It also includes the persistence of traditional arrangements, for instance in social insurance policy. The regional issue encourages submissions focusing on change and continuity in Latin American social policy including welfare models, social policy financing, policy processes, policy evaluation and impacts. As the years of economic prosperity come to an end and a political shift is taking place in some countries, we also welcome articles looking at the implications of recent economic and political changes on social policy development.

Please send abstracts to the editors, Professor Bent Greve, University of Roskilde, Denmark (bgr@ruc.dk) and Camila Arza (carza@ciepp.org.ar) before the **1st March, 2017**. You are also welcome to contact one of the editors if you have any queries regarding the regional issue. Final papers due on the **1st September, 2017** and after referee process review revised papers by **1st January, 2018**.

7th Meeting of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ), New York City, 17-19 July 2017

The conference will be hosted by the Stone Center on Socio-Economic Inequality (home to the US Office of LIS). It will be held at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York, located in midtown Manhattan.

The ECINEQ conference provides a forum for rigorous analysis of inequality, poverty, and redistribution, both at the theoretical and empirical levels, as well as for discussions of the policy implications of research findings on these topics.

More information [here](#).

Deadline for papers submission: February 8, 2017. [Here](#)

15th ESPAnet Conference “*New Horizons of European Social Policy: Risks, Opportunities and Challenges*”, Lisboa, Portugal, 14-16 September 2017

The Instituto Superior de **Ciências Sociais e Políticas-Universidade de Lisboa** will host this conference from September 14 to 16, 2017. It will be a challenging opportunity to discuss the new horizons of European social policy in the aftermath of the neoliberal austerity period and the Brexit.

European countries have transformed. Fiscal consolidation, the 2008 financial collapse, demographic changes, the refugee crisis, social movements, unemployment, and new political forces are all a threat to social dialogue, solidarity and the European project.

Social policy has played a key role in addressing emerging social risks, implementing social cohesion and re-building Europe. The development of the European social model has been an inspiration to many other countries of the world. It is a key instrument for responding to (new) social risks and fostering sustainable development in many countries and regions of the world with different cultures, societies, history and economies. The European social policy has regained a pivotal role and seeks to expand horizons and re-build Europe.

More information on the conference [here](#).

Read the complete call for papers [here](#).

Deadline for submission of abstracts: March 15th

Call for participation:

A Great Transformation? Global Perspectives on Contemporary Capitalisms

International Conference- Johannes Kepler University Linz/Austria

January 10-13, 2017

Pre-conference: January 9, 2017

How do developments in contemporary capitalisms in the Global North and South constitute a great transformation, i.e. an epochal change in which the relationship between politics/state and economy/market undergoes fundamental changes at the global, international, transnational, and national levels? Have there been parallel, contradictory or interwoven developments and what form do these take? How are they shaped by social inequalities, by power and dominance, and by conflict and resistance? These are just few of the questions that will be thoroughly discussed at this interdisciplinary international conference.

The conference will start with an opening speech by Michael Burawoy, University of California, Berkeley/USA, and conclude with his on-stage conversation with Kari Polanyi Levitt, McGill University, Montreal/Canada. Keynote speakers will be José Luis Coraggio, Universidad Nacional de General Sarmiento, Buenos Aires/Argentina and Beverly Silver, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore/USA.

Registration opens until December 15, 2016 [here](#)

Open Seminar Programme at the LSE on Climate Change, Inequality and Social Policy

These seminars are held on Thursdays at 12:00-13:30 at STICERD in room 32L 1.04 and are held in conjunction with the LSE's International Inequalities Institute and the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment.

This seminar is organised by Professor Ian Gough (LSE).

For further information please contact Cheryl Conner, Email: c.j.conner@lse.ac.uk, Tel: +44(0)20 7955 6562.

To see upcoming seminars see [here](#)

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Recent publications:

Gomes, Cristina (2016): *Discriminação e racismo nas Américas: um problema de justiça, equidade e direitos humanos*. CRV Editors, Parana, Brasil. ISBN: 978-85-444-1214-5

Hanne Martinek (2016): *Mothers' Social Citizenship. The logics and effects of the German and Swedish welfare states*, [Uppsala](http://www.uu.se): Acta Universitatis Upsaliensis.

Koch, Max (2016): *The Role of the State in Employment and Welfare Regulation. Sweden in the European Context*. [International Review of Social History](http://www.oxfordjournals.org/) ,61: 243-262. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0020859016000419>

Martínez Franzoni, Juliana and Sanchez-Ancochea, Diego. (2016): *The Quest for Universal Social Policy in the South: Actors, Ideas and Architectures*. [Cambridge University Press](http://www.cambridge.org).

S. Dencker-Larsen & K.G. Lundberg (2016): *Depicted welfare-recipient stereotypes in Norway and Denmark: A photo-elicitation study*. [Nordic Journal of Social](http://www.tandfonline.com) .Vol 7.