

Soon 50 Years Reforming Social Protection Systems: what future for public provision?

Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin

Organizer: Lena Lavinas (WIKO)

Two-day workshop: April 26 (reception), 27-28th.

PROGRAM

DAY 1- April 27th

Morning (9h00-9h30): Opening

Daniel Schönpflug (WIKO Academic Coordinator)

Lena Lavinas

Morning Session: 9h30-12h30

1. Given the role of finance in the current stage of capitalism, what complementarities between social and economic policies tend to prevail? What are the major consequences and challenges for social protection systems? What role is left for the State and for the public sphere regarding the provision of goods and services?

Moderator: Lena Lavinas

Speakers: Thomas Palley, Ruben Lo Vuolo, Alfredo Saad-Filho

Afternoon Session: 14h00 – 17h00

2. What relationships are emerging between social policy and debt in the 21st century? How do they alter the redistribution of wealth and welfare? What are the democratic dilemmas derived from the new dynamics of market incorporation through debt? How is financialization redefining welfare patterns?

Moderator: Giacomo Todeschini

Speakers: Susanne Soederberg; Ben Fine; Lena Lavinas

DAY 2- April 28th

Morning Session: 9h30-12h30

3. Is there a convergence between developing and developed countries as regards social policy and social protection schemes or, conversely, are disparate frames of reference likely to persist given the wide development gap between these countries, and their distinct historical and developmental experience? In particular, how can the emerging and potential systems of protection address shifts in (global) labor supply, declining worldwide GDP growth rates and likely technological shifts?

Moderator: Dawid Bartelt

Speakers: Lutz Leisering, Philip Mader, Jonas Pontusson

Afternoon Session: 14h00 – 17h00

4. Last session: Taking stock - Picking questions for an urgent agenda

Moderator: Andrew Fischer

Comments by Göran Therborn, and Ben Fine.

Other participants (discussants):

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