International Expert Conference

Reforming Activation: A New Turn in Policy?

March 24 – 25, 2011
University of Hamburg, Main Building ESA West, Room 221
Organisers: Birgit Pfau-Effinger, Patricia Frericks, Patrizia Aurich

Thursday, March 24th 2011

12.00 – 12.30  Registration and reception
12.30 – 13.00  Welcome & Introduction
13.00 – 14.30  Session 1: How did “Activation” change European Welfare States?
               Ivar Lødemel & Amilcar Moreira, University College Oslo: Workfare policies - 10 years after
               Giuliano Bonoli, IDHEAP Lausanne: The political economy of active labour market policy
               Per H. Jensen, University of Aalborg: Origins of Flexicurity in Nordic Welfare States

14.30 – 14.45  Coffee Break
14.45 – 16.15  Session 2: Diversity in Activation Policies
               Jon Kvist, University of Southern Denmark Odense: Comparative Methods for Analyses of Labour Market Policies
               Rianne Mahon, Balsillic School of International Law, Waterloo: Policy-making in the OECD
               Jean-Claude Barbier, CNRS, Paris: Activation reforms 20 years later: Europeanization, Convergence and Divergence?

16.15 – 16.30  Coffee Break
16.30 – 18.30  Session 3: Impact with regard to Social Citizenship and Social Cleavages
               Wim van Oorschot, Tilburg University: Social Structures or Social Policies: A Cross-National Analysis of Contextual Determinants of Feelings of Employment and Income Insecurity among European Workers
               Robert Maier, Utrecht University: Financing New Social Citizenship
               Kirsten Scheiwe, University of Hildesheim: Activation and the Family Responsibility for Social Security
               Birgit Pfau-Effinger, University of Hamburg: Varieties of Undeclared Work – Employment Beyond Social Citizenship

20:00  Conference Dinner (Restaurant La Vela)
Friday, March 25th  2011

9.00 – 10.30  

Denis Bouget, University of Nantes: **New Tensions in the Development of Activation Policies**

Flemming Larsen, Aalborg University: **What can we learn from the Danish Flexicurity Model**

Matthias Knuth, University of Duisburg-Essen: **Activation, Bismarckianism and Federalism: Radical Change and Unintended Outcomes in Germany**

10.30 – 11.00  
**Coffee Break**

11.00 – 12.30  
**Session 5: Activation Policy and the Sustainability of Social Citizenship**

Amparo Serrano-Pascual, Complutense University Madrid: **The EU Dimension of Activation and Social Citizenship**

Martin Heidenreich, University of Oldenburg: **Activation Policies after the Financial Crisis**

Irene Dingeldey, Institute for Employment and Economy/University Bremen: **The Impact on Gender Differences in Social Citizenship**

12.30 - 13:30  
**Lunch**

13.30 – 15.00  
**Parallel Sessions**

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**Final Discussion**