

Nordic ESPAnet workshop for doctoral students and early-career researchers

Social Citizenship, Solidarity and Sustainability – The changing landscape of welfare in the Nordic countries

14-15 May 2020, Oslo Metropolitan University, Oslo, Norway

Doctoral students and early careers researchers in the social sciences are cordially invited to submit a paper proposal to a workshop organized by the Nordic ESPAnet.

Call for abstracts/papers

Ongoing changes in the Nordic welfare states call for new understanding of social citizenship and solidarity among citizens, communities and societies, as well as social and citizens groups. The Nordic countries are faced with unprecedented structural transformations in the labour market under the fourth industrial revolution (digitalisation, robotisation, automatisisation) and stronger global interdependencies (immigration, transnational enterprises, off-shoring of production). Demographic ageing and climate change have intensified discussions on how to bring about social justice in an ecologically and financially sustainable manner. New social movements have mobilised for recognition of their demands and a right to representation in the deliberation of welfare policies. Shifting balances in power between the EU, national, regional and local level of governance have changed how welfare policies are deliberated and implemented. However, the effects are asymmetrical in terms of *who* has benefitted from these changes and *where* these processes have increased social inequalities. Nordic welfare states have been unequally affected by such processes of change and also responded differently to them.

We invite papers that address the diverse processes of change the Nordic welfare states and other European countries face in one or more policy area. Both quantitative and qualitative investigations are welcome. Papers may either focus on developments in a single country or adopt a comparative perspective. Papers addressing the Nordic and other European welfare states from a theoretical and conceptual perspective are also welcome.

Aims

The workshop will:

*provide doctoral students and early career researchers with an opportunity to present their current work and to receive constructive feedback from an international panel of professors and peer-doctoral-students and early career researchers

*develop a supportive network of PhD and early career researchers with an interest in Nordic welfare research.

Organizer and panel members

Nordic ESPAnet board: Professor Guðný Björk Eydal (University of Iceland), Professor Helena Blomberg-Kroll (University of Helsinki), Professor Caroline de la Porte (Copenhagen Business School), Professor Rune Halvorsen (Oslo Metropolitan University), Professor Heikki Hiilamo, (University of Helsinki / National Institute for Health and Welfare), Professor Liisa Häikiö (Tampere University), Professor Jon Kvist (Roskilde University), Professor Janine Leschke (Copenhagen Business School), Professor Thomas Lorentzen (University of Bergen), Professor Kenneth Nelson (Stockholm University), Research Professor Anne Skevik Grødem (Institute for Social Research)

Selection of participants

The participants for the workshop will be selected on the basis of the content (how well the theme of their thesis contributes to the theme of the workshop) and the quality of their paper proposal.

Abstracts

In order to apply for take a part in the workshop, please send an abstract of 4-500 words to paula.saikkonen@thl.fi

PhD students and early career researchers who are accepted to the workshop will be asked to provide a full paper (5000-8000 words). The paper should be submitted to the organizers and participants two weeks prior to the workshop. The participants are expected to present a full paper.

The full paper should be accompanied by information of the research questions, aspects or challenges the participant wish to discuss.

Important dates

Submission deadline for abstracts for the Workshop: 18 December 2019

Notification of acceptance: 18 January 2020

Deadline for the submission of full research proposals or papers: 30 April 2020

Workshop: 14-15 May 2020

Participation information and fee

NOK 1400 (including 2 x lunch, dinner)

The participants will book hotel or other accommodation themselves.

For more information, please contact Dr Lars E. F. Johannessen, e-mail: larsem@oslomet.no

DRAFT PROGRAMME

14 Thursday

11:00-12:00 Lunch

12.00 Welcome and introduction – Prof. Rune Halvorsen

12:15 – 13:15 Lecture I – Prof. Caroline de la Porte: *The European Union and the Nordic social model*

13:15 Break

13:30 Workshop session I

Chair: One of the board members – short introduction to the topic

15.00 Break

15:30-17:00 Workshop session II

(17:15-18:45 Nordic ESPAnet board meeting)

Chair: One of the board members – short introduction to the topic

19:30 Workshop Dinner

15 Friday

9:00 Workshop session III

Chair: One of the board members – short introduction to the topic

10:30-10.45 Break

10:45 Workshop session IV

Chair: One of the board members – short introduction to the topic

12:15 Lunch

13:00 Concluding presentation and discussion

Lecture II – Prof. Liisa Häikiö: *Towards the eco-welfare state. Orchestrating systemic impact.*

14:15 End of the workshop