

**\*\* CALL FOR PAPERS \*\***

**International and comparative social policy:  
future directions for research, teaching and learning**

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The relationship between 'globalisation' and welfare state development has generated much debate in recent years. This interest has emerged in the context of, *inter alia*, the reorientation of welfare, the changing role of the state in the welfare arena, greater sensitivity to variations in the mixed economy of welfare internationally and the range of conduits through which health and welfare policies are made and implemented. One of the consequences of these various developments is that the predominantly inward-looking, domestic preoccupation of social policy as a field of academic study is giving way to more cross-national, international and transnational approaches to research and teaching. This workshop will bring together those interested in the conceptual, theoretical and methodological challenges involved in integrating these approaches into social policy analysis. In particular, it will explore issues raised by 'comparativising' international social policy, 'internationalising' comparative social policy and 'transnationalising' both comparative and international social policy.

Confirmed plenary speakers: **Professor Bob Deacon** (University of Sheffield), **Professor Lesley Doyal** (University of Bristol), **Professor Marianne Hester** (University of Bristol), **Professor Ian Gough** (University of Bath).

To this end, the International and Comparative Social Policy Group of the UK Social Policy Association in collaboration with the School for Policy Studies, University of Bristol, invites individual abstracts on relevant themes and/or proposals for a panel session. Topics could focus on **substantive areas of social policy, the changing role of the state, or on broader themes such as governance, democracy and citizenship, or on the changing policy process**. Priority will be given to papers and panels that demonstrably address the workshop's aims. The workshop will include designated teaching and learning sessions, facilitated by the Social Policy and Social Work Subject Centre (SWAPltsn).

If you wish to present a paper or propose a panel, please send a title and abstract of no more than 200 words to [icsp@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:icsp@sheffield.ac.uk) by **20th February 2004**. All proposals should clearly indicate the author and his/her institutional affiliation and full contact details (telephone, fax, e-mail). Panel proposals should indicate the name and contact details of the convenor and all panel participants. The organisers can be contacted to discuss ideas for a paper or a panel session (Zoe Irving – [z.m.irving@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:z.m.irving@sheffield.ac.uk); Patricia Kennett – [P.Kennett@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:P.Kennett@bristol.ac.uk); Nicola Yeates – [N.Yeates@qub.ac.uk](mailto:N.Yeates@qub.ac.uk)).

Places are limited to 40 persons. The full registration fee is £90, £45 for concessions. Registration forms can be downloaded from the ICSP website ([www.sheffield.ac.uk/socst/ICSP](http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/socst/ICSP)) or obtained from SWAPltsn ([m.locke@swap.ac.uk](mailto:m.locke@swap.ac.uk)).