

Post-Crisis Post-Lisbon Economic and Social Policy: A New Era?

A 2 day Multidisciplinary Doctoral Workshop

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Thematic focus

The aim of this Ph.d. workshop is to illuminate what the “post-crisis post-Lisbon” period comprises in terms of economic and then social policy development. A brief retrospective analysis of European governance transformation, since 1999, points out the spillover from monetary and financial integration to the institutional imbalance of European Union. Then the workshop focuses on analyzing how the acute economic crisis of 2008 affects welfare reforms in different worlds of welfare capitalism. The analysis covers social protection (in particular pensions and health care), labour market policy, but also investments in areas such as education, as well as research and innovation. Secondly, it sets out to identify how and through which mechanisms the EU2020 strategy - that replaces the Lisbon strategy coined in 2000 - impacts on welfare reforms in different policy regimes and countries. To which extent does the EU alleviate and/or strengthen the pressure for welfare reform generated by the crisis and how does this differ across welfare regimes and varieties of capitalism? Thus, there will be a focus on changes implemented by Member States in terms of policies and of outcomes as a consequence of the crisis and of EU2020. It also includes scrutinizing direct (positive or negative) integration in areas such as labour market and social policy, research and innovation policy, as well as education policy and sustainability policy. The latter are relevant for competitiveness and are central in the EU2020 strategy.

Aims

Led by experts from a range of disciplinary perspectives, this doctoral workshop on the emergence of post-crisis post-Lisbon governance and policy will give young researchers the opportunity to engage in cutting edge discussions to facilitate the progression of their thesis work. Workshop faculty will give keynote lectures on the most recent developments in analysing issues of post-Lisbon. Furthermore, students will present their work and receive feedback from their peers and from the faculty.

Prerequisite/progression of the course

Doctoral students must submit abstracts for selection by the 15 May 2011 (send to Caroline de la Porte: cpo@sam.sdu.dk). These will be evaluated by the staff and you will be notified of acceptance by the 15 June 2010. The papers must be submitted by 15 August 2011. Accommodating different stages of progression, papers can include research designs, empirical chapters and critical reflections on methodological problems. Students will be required to present their research in thematised sessions. In addition to having read each other's work, students will be expected to have read a list of key texts prior to the workshop to optimise collective learning. Themes of the workshop are anticipated to be social and economic policy reform, institution-building, policy governance, legitimation and impact processes, and methodological issues. We aim to have 10-20 students.

Course content, structure and teaching

The doctoral workshop runs over two days with an additional one-day preparatory pre-workshop session for faculty during which recent research will be discussed to provide a strengthened platform ahead of the workshop. The two day doctoral workshop will feature keynote lectures, intensive and thematised panels and opportunities for doctoral students to receive both feedback and supplementary supervision. There will be one workshop dinner for all participants to facilitate informal exchange.

Location

University of Southern Denmark

ECTS points

2 for participation + 2 for paper