

Call for Papers for the 3rd Doctoral Workshop of the German ESPAnet Section

“Privatisation and Marketisation of Social Services and Social Programs”

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Welfare state restructuring has resulted in a significant re-calibration of the nexus between the state and the market and has been accompanied by the introduction of welfare markets in many policy fields. On the one hand privatisation and marketisation can be considered as reflecting the decreasing capacities and resources for nation-state governance, and on the other as flexible responses to the problems of growth and changing social risks, responses that are often expected to increase efficiency in welfare production. In the European context, the Services Directive of the European Commission was conceived in 2006 to promote a cross-border market in services. While this directive explicitly excludes certain social services and health care, as a legal framework it alone cannot explain the differences that exist between welfare states and policy fields on the extent of the privatisation and marketisation of social services: for example, the level of marketisation in most European welfare states appears to be higher for health and elderly care than for child care services.

We invite submissions of papers from PhD students who focus on the following: the drivers and obstacles to privatisation and marketisation in different national contexts and in different policy fields, including, inter alia, social services and social insurance; the effects these processes have on access, service-quality and financial resources; the problems of (multilevel) governance and public control of marketised social services.

The workshop seeks to bring together PhD students from German and international universities and research institutions. We welcome papers from different theoretical and empirical perspectives. Special emphasis is given to research design so researchers should be in a position to present the overall framework, research questions and methodology of their projects, and – if possible – some preliminary/indicative findings. Presentations in English are preferred, but presentations in German are also possible.

Presentations will be grouped according to subject areas into three to four panels with senior researchers as commentators. Senior researchers at the workshop include:

- Prof. Dr. Marius Busemeyer, University of Konstanz
- Prof. Dr. Achim Görres, University of Duisburg-Essen
- Prof. Dr. Annette Henninger, Philipps-University Marburg (German ESPAnet-Section)
- Prof. Dr. Simone Leiber, FH Düsseldorf (DGS, social policy section)
- Prof. Dr. Hildegard Theobald, University of Vechta
- Jun.-Prof. Dr. Sascha Münnich, University of Göttingen (DVPW, social policy working group)
- Dr. Tobias ten Brink, Institute for Social Research, Frankfurt (DVPW, political economy section)
- Dr. Thomas Paster, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne

The workshop is organised by the German Section of the European Social Policy Association ESPAnet (www.espanet.org), an interdisciplinary organisation of social policy research at European level, and supported by the social policy sections of the German sociology and political science associations. The workshop is jointly organised on behalf of its partner organisations by Annette Henninger, Simone Leiber, Sascha Münnich and Thomas Paster. To apply, please send by email an **abstract** of your research project (max. 500 words in English or German) to one of the organisers (see below) by **June 15th 2013**. We can offer some limited support for travel expenses; your application should make clear whether you would like to apply for financial support. If your abstract is selected for presentation, we expect you to provide a **short paper** on your project by **Sept. 30th 2013** (ca. 6,000-10,000 words).

For more information and applications please contact one of the organisers: Annette Henninger (Annette.Henninger@staff.uni-marburg.de), Sascha Münnich (muennich@mpifg.de), Simone Leiber (Simone.Leiber@fh-duesseldorf.de) or Thomas Paster (thp@mpifg.de).