

**2015 FISS CONFERENCE ON
'SOCIAL SECURITY EAST AND WEST: COMMON CHALLENGES, DISTINCTIVE SOLUTIONS?'
CALL FOR PAPERS**

The Foundation for International Studies on Social Security (FISS) is pleased to invite paper proposals for its 22nd International Research Conference to be held on **7-9 June 2015** at the Chinese University of Hong Kong campus in Shatin, New Territories, Hong Kong.

This will be the first time that the FISS conference has been held outside of Europe and it signals an attempt to involve more scholars from Asia in the conference and in FISS more generally. Papers from Asian experts or on aspects of social security in Asia (including comparative papers) are particularly welcome. A number of eminent international experts will present Invited Plenary Papers - details will be provided later.

Trends in globalisation, demographic transitions and the impact of financial and other crises raise challenges about the role and objectives of social protection systems. What are their primary goals, how should they be achieved and what are their impacts on employment, poverty, social mobility and inequality? The conference will provide a forum for researchers and policy makers to come together to discuss these and other issues related to the design, financing, delivery and impact of social security provisions, broadly defined to include health care services.

Papers that address these issues from a national or international (comparative) perspective using quantitative or qualitative approaches or that seek to bridge the gap between research, policy and practice in social protection are welcome, particularly from authors in countries where social security systems are relatively new and still evolving. The conference sub-themes will include:

- Social protection trends in Asian and other developing countries
- Recent national and international trends in poverty and income distribution and the redistributive impact of social security
- Comparative social protection (within and between major continents)
- The nature and impact of recent social security reforms (including targeting, coverage, conditionality, and the balance between rights and responsibilities)
- Social protection and migration (including the portability of social rights, international coordination, citizenship entitlements, and the political and regulatory dimensions of access)
- Social protection and ageing (including pensions, health, social care, budgetary sustainability)
- Social security and specific vulnerabilities (including provisions for minority ethnic groups, people with disabilities, lone parents, long-term unemployed and youth)
- Social protection and labour market change (including active labour market policies, flexibility, working age benefit dependency (traps), in-work poverty)

FISS welcomes submissions containing the title of the paper, the name(s) and affiliation(s) of author(s) and an abstract of between 200 and 300 words by **15 December 2014**. Submissions should be sent as an email attachment to the FISS Conference organisers at the Herman Deleeck Centre for Social Policy (University of Antwerp) at the following address: Nathalie.Schuerman@uantwerpen.be.

Successful authors will be informed by **31 January 2015** whether their proposal has been accepted for presentation at the conference and full papers should be submitted in English and in accordance with the approved FISS formatting requirements no later than **15 May 2014**.

The FISS/Intersentia Best Paper Prize will be awarded to the contributed paper assessed as best from among those presented at the conference. Judging will be conducted by a sub-set of the FISS Board of Governors who will be attending the conference. The winner will receive 500 Euros and the paper will be published in *The European Journal of Social Security* (subject to satisfying the journal's refereeing process).

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