**RC19 Announcements**

**Costa Rica Conference**
This year’s RC19 conference is entitled ‘Expansion and Retrenchment in Social Policy: North-South Dialogues’ and will take place at the University of Costa Rica. The academic committee reviewed 76 abstract submissions. More information on the conference can be found at the conference website (please, go here http://ciep.ucr.ac.cr/index.php/inicio).

**ISA Forum Vienna**
NEWS ON THE PRACTICALITES OF THE 2016 ISA FORUM
Some colleagues who have had their papers accepted their paper for oral presentation have approached us to get the allocated time slot for their presentation changed. We have explored the possibilities for rescheduling with the ISA Secretariat. They have answered that from April 14 till April 30, 2016, Session Organizers will be able to modify sessions based on withdrawal of non-registered presenters, and Program Coordinators (that is, us) will be able to complete sessions schedule according to the conference timetable. Yet, we assume that everyone appreciates that the possibilities to reschedule paper presentations are very limited. The whole schedule of sessions and slots for presentations is a complex system. If you change the timing of one part, it will usually require changes in the timing of other parts, many of which that will not be under our control.

**All presenters of accepted papers must remember to register before 5 April!** For registration and other information see https://isaconf.confex.com/isaconf/forum2016/registration/call.cgi

We look forward to seeing you in Vienna!
Hildegard Theobald and Bjørn Hvinden (RC19 Sessions organizers)"


Free of charge open source publications for teaching and research.

The open source movement strives to make all knowledge available free of charge worldwide. Here are some free of charge open source publications that may be of interest.
### Upcoming conferences/calls for papers

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| **A Great Transformation? Global Perspectives on Contemporary Capitalisms** | International Conference, Johannes Kepler University, Linz/Austria, 10-13 January 2017  
Call for Papers:  
We welcome abstracts limited to a maximum of 500 words (including the title, outline of the contents, at least three but no more than five keywords, author’s name, affiliation, and full address). We are endeavoring to provide financial support to applicants whose universities, research institutes, etc. are unable to fund travel costs and who have no opportunity to apply for funds elsewhere. Applicants who wish to make use of this offer are asked to state this in their abstract.  
Deadline for submitting abstracts: **30 April 2016**  
Notification of acceptance: **30 June 2016**  
Deadline for submitting full papers: **30 November 2016**  
Please send your abstracts and full papers to great.transformation@jku.at |
| **Politics in Development** | Annual Conference of the Development Studies Association, University of Oxford, UK,  
September 12-14, 2016 |
| **Housing and the Welfare State after the Global Financial Crisis** | Stream at the ESPAnet conference, Rotterdam, September 1-3, 2016  
All abstracts have to be submitted before **March 18, 2016** through the upload tool at the conference’s website. |
| **Social Research on Employment and Welfare Interactions** | First PROMEBI Summer School, Department of Sociology, University of Oviedo, Spain, July 4-8, 2016  
Applicants must send a CV and a short outline of the project/paper they would like to present in the school. Applications period is between February 22 and April 11, 2016. Successful applicants will be notified by April 30. Final papers will have to be submitted by June 13 as Word or PDF-file. All papers will be electronically available to participants. More information [here](#). |
**Job Announcements**

**VACANCY: Post-doc (3 years) for the project 'Distorted knowledge? A study into bias-inducing practices in comparative social science research'**

Centre for Sociological Research, KU Leuven, Belgium

(Supervisors: Prof. Bart Meuleman and Prof. Wim van Oorschot)

The research project's main aim is to shed more light on how current research practices potentially threaten the validity and reliability of results published in sociological and political science journals, focusing in particular on cross-national survey research. The project has four sub-studies: 1) quality of reporting, 2) conceptual validity, 3) use and misuse of multilevel modeling, 4) null-hypothesis statistical testing.

Application deadline: 31 March, 2016

[More info](#) on project and application procedure

**PhD in Population Studies in Health**

University of Lethbridge

Application Deadline for Fall 2016: May 1, 2016

The Prentice Institute for Global Population & Economy is central to this new program.

[More information](#)
## Calls for Special Issues/ Book Proposals

### Call for Special Issue Proposal for Social Politics (winter 2017 issue)

The editors of Social Politics invite submission of proposals for a special issue with a publication date of winter 2017. It is intended that the issue will contain up to six substantive articles of between 8,000 and 10,000 words. Proposals must be submitted by **Friday July 1st 2016** (via email) to: socpol.editorialoffice@oup.com. The Editorial Board will consider all proposals in July 2016. [More information](#)

### New Book Series 'Research in Comparative and Global Social Policy' (Policy Press)

Editors: Heejung Chung, Alexandra Kaasch, Stefan Kühner

We are pleased to announce the launch of a new book series on comparative and global social policy.

The series will include high quality books which reflect a wide array of research in comparative and global social policy. Books in the series will seek to address broad questions around how nation states and transnational policy actors deal with globally shared challenges. Books may include one, or a range of the following: country case studies within a multi-level governance/scales frame; small, medium and large-N comparative studies that analyse social policy development and change, and global social policy studies that address various fields of social policy in their transnational or global dimensions.

The series will include titles which reflect research in international, comparative and global social policy, and invites original contributions based on innovative research by leading experts in all world-regions.

Please don’t hesitate to contact the editors ([Heejung Chung](mailto:heejung.chung@berkeley.edu), [Alexandra Kaasch](mailto:alexandra.kaasch@uni-bielefeld.de), [Stefan Kühner](mailto:stefan.kuen@uni-bielefeld.de)) in case of questions, suggestions and manuscripts that might fit the idea of the book series.

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