



THE UNIVERSITY of EDINBURGH
The Graduate School of Social and Political Science

European Campus of Excellence Summer School

The Welfare State and Inequality – Europe in the 21st Century
Dynamics of Inequality – Old and New Social Risks – Social Investment in Europe

Bremen, June 30 – July 10, 2015

In the course of the 20th century the welfare state became a crucial structural feature for Europe's modern democratic societies. Its social policies not only cushioned, compensated, and counteracted all kinds of social risks but also advanced societal integration and provided for people's participation to a degree hitherto unknown. Yet, this welfare state expansion rested upon economic, social, and political conditions which have profoundly changed over the last decades. An ageing population and fertility decline, rapid technological change and the tertiarization of the economy, decelerated economic growth, growing unemployment and precarious work, a dramatic increase in women's labour market participation, the pluralization of family structures, mass migration, and a severe recent fiscal crisis – all these developments form a serious challenge for the European welfare states in the 21st century. The ECE Summer School deals with, in particular, three topics of utmost importance for successfully coping with these welfare state challenges:

- (1) dynamics of inequality
- (2) old and new social risks
- (3) social investment in Europe

Who can apply?

The ECE Summer School is targeted at Master and early PhD students from European universities with a social science background who work on questions related to one of the three core topics.

What to expect?

The ECE Summer School will take place in Bremen from June 30 to July 10, 2015. The working language is English.

The ten-day-program consists of:

- presentations by international experts with discussion
- discussion of selected readings
- presentations and discussion of participants' own research projects / theses

Daily sessions are supervised by renowned international scholars who will also participate in the program for one or two additional days (e.g. Giuliano Bonoli, Lausanne; Gosta Esping-Andersen, Barcelona; Anton Hemerijck, Amsterdam; Michelle Jackson, Stanford; Bruno Palier, Paris). Thus participants will experience a stimulating scientific environment providing them with the opportunity to closely discuss and work with a multidisciplinary international and Bremen faculty as well as other bright Master and PhD students working on similar issues.

Funding

There is no program fee. Board, lodging and support with travel costs are included for all accepted participants of the Summer School.

How to apply?

For more information on the program and the application formalities please visit our website at www.summerschool.bigsss-bremen.de. The application period is between February 1 and March 15, 2015. Incomplete, incorrect and late applications will not be considered.

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