

Social Policy, Inequality, and Poverty in post-Socialist Societies

International workshop organised by the Comparative Research Programme on Poverty (CROP) at the University of Bergen (Norway), Institute of Economics, Zagreb (Croatia), Centre for Research in Comparative and Global Social Policy (CRCG) at the University of York (UK) and the Norwegian University Centre in St. Petersburg (Russia)

St. Petersburg, Russia, 13-15 June 2017

MONDAY 12TH June

Arrival in St. Petersburg. Checking in to hotels

18:00 Informal welcome dinner at the Smolninskaya hotel

TUESDAY 13th June

08:30 Coffee and registration

09:00 Welcome and Introductions

Tamara Lönngren, Center director, Norwegian University Centre in St. Petersburg
Bob Deacon, Honorary Professor, Global Social Policy, University of York (via video)
Paul Stubbs, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Economics, Zagreb (via video)
Charlotte Lillefjære-Tertnæs, Administrative Coordinator, CROP, University of Bergen

09.30 Session 1: Central Asia

Moderator: Sofiya AN, School of Humanities and Social Science, Nazarbayev,

09.30. The Post-Soviet Transformation of Child Welfare Institutions: Hybridization and Multiple Institutional Logics
Presented by: Sofiya AN, School of Humanities and Social Science, Nazarbayev, KAZAKHSTAN
Discussant: Tatiana CHUBAROVA

10:15 The Politics of Pension Reforms in Kazakhstan: Pressures for Change and Reform Strategies
Presented by: Elena MALTSEVA, University of Windsor, CANADA
Discussant: Maja GEROVSKA MITEV

11.00. Diverse health care developments: the role of national and international actors
Presented by: Gulnaz ISABEKOVA, University of Bremen, GERMANY
Discussant: Meri KULMALA

11:45 LUNCH

12.45. Social protection policy challenges for an ageing society
Oyut-Erdene NAMDALDAGVA, Mongolian National University of Education, MONGOLIA
Discussant: Jolanta AIDUKAITE

13:30 Session 2: Russian Federation – part I

Moderator: Eleanor F BINDMAN, Queen Mary, University of London

13:30. Inequality in access to health care in Russia: A case of out-of-pocket payments
Presented by: Tatiana CHUBAROVA, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, RUSSIA
Discussant: Ann-Mari SÄTRE

14:15 Substituting for the Welfare State? Non-State Actors and Social Service Delivery in Russia
Presented by: Eleanor F BINDMAN, Queen Mary, University of London, UK
Discussant: Elena MALTSEVA

15:00 AFTERNOON COFFEE

15:30 **Public Panel:**
Title: “Strategies to reduce inequality and poverty in the "Global East": The contribution of international organisations”
Participants to be confirmed

17:00 End of day 1

18:00 Dinner at Kroo Café <http://www.kroocafe.com/>

WEDNESDAY 14th June

09.00 Session 2: Russian Federation – part II

09.00 Overhauling Russia’s Child Welfare System: Institutional and Ideational Factors behind the Paradigm Shift
Presented by: Meri KULMALA, University of Helsinki, FINLAND
& Zhanna CHERNOVA, Higher School of Economics, RUSSIA
Discussant: Natalia GRIGORIEVA

09:45. Dealing with Poverty in Russia – a Female Responsibility
Presented by: Ann-Mari SÄTRE, Uppsala University, SWEDEN
Discussant: Sofiya AN

10.30. MORNING COFFEE

10:45 Social justice and equality/inequality in scientific studies in Russia (2000-2015)
Presented by: Natalia GRIGORIEVA, Lomonosov Moscow State University, RUSSIA
Discussant: Natalija ATAS

11:30 **Session 3: Central and Eastern Europe**
Moderator: Charlotte LILLEFJÆRE-TERTNÆS, CROP

11:30 Poverty reduction through active labour market policies in Eastern Europe and Central Asia
Presented by: Esuna DUGAROVA, UNDP (New York)
Discussant: Zhanna CHERNOVA, Higher School of Economics

12:15 LUNCH

13.45 Diversified convergence: uneven welfare trajectories in Central and Eastern Europe
Presented by: Noemi LENDVAI-BAINTON, University of Bristol, UK
Discussant: Stein KUHNLE

14:30 A different kind of retrenchment: the exclusionary Politics of social policy adaptation in Hungary and Romania
Presented by: Borbala KOVACS, Central European University, HUNGARY
Discussant: Eleanor F BINDMAN

15:15 Summing up

16:00 End of day 2

18:00 Dinner at Shaljapin restaurant <http://shalyapinspb.com/>

THURSDAY 15th JUNE

09:00 Session 4: The Baltic States and South East Europe

Moderator: Stein KUHNLE, Dept. of comparative Politics, University of Bergen

09.00 Hopelessness and despair: the hidden reality of day-to-day struggles of the working poor in Lithuania

Presented by: Natalija ATAS, Vytautas Magnus University, LITHUANIA

Discussant: Gulnaz ISABEKOVA

09.45 Welfare systems of the Baltic States following the recent financial crisis of 2008/2010: expansion or retrenchment?

Presented by: Jolanta AIDUKAITE, Lithuanian Social Research Centre, LITHUANIA

Discussant: Borbala KOVACS

10.30 MORNING COFFEE

11:00 IGO's strategic frameworks and poverty alleviation in Macedonia

Presented by: Maja GEROVSKA MITEV, University Ss. Cyril and Methodius, MACEDONIA

Discussant: Esuna DUGAROVA

11:45 Between Modern Design and Old Political Habits: The Kosovar Pension System under Threat

Presented by: Igor GUARDIANCICH, University of Southern Denmark, DENMARK

Discussant: Oyut-Erdene NAMDALDAGVA

12:30 LUNCH

13:30 Closing session: final discussions, editorial plan and follow up

14:30 **End of workshop**