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**Social Welfare and Social Development Forum**  
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**International Seminar on**  
**“Ageing Welfare and Social Policy”**  
**20-21 June, 2015, Beijing, P. R. China**

*The SNoW-project is glad to forward the announcement of this conference to be organized by the newly established Sino-Nordic Welfare Laboratory at the Chinese Academy of the Social Sciences. The organizers shall cover the costs of accommodation and meals for participants during the conference. SNoW can cover the expenses for flights from the Nordic countries to Beijing/return for up to 7 Nordic participants (maximum support EUR 900 per person) who will present a paper. For those interested in participation, and who shall need travel support: Please contact Stein Kuhnle at [stein.kuhnle@isp.uib.no](mailto:stein.kuhnle@isp.uib.no) at your earliest convenience.*

**Sino-Nordic Welfare Laboratory at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences organizes a Seminar on**  
**“Ageing Welfare and Social Policy” .**

The world is facing a challenge of ageing. China is a country with the largest ageing population, and it is only country in the world with an ageing population of more than 100 million people. The Chinese government, from the central to the local level, have initiated social policies on pension insurance schemes and social care services and explored new ways to cope with this demographic change. However, major challenges remain, and similar issues and challenges appear across many nations. Policy responses to these challenges in advanced industrial countries, especially in the Nordic welfare states, have accumulated important experiences. The Nordic countries engage in policy innovations in order to consolidate sustainable welfare states. We welcome international scholars from the Nordic welfare states, and other countries of Europe, Asia, and the rest of the world, and also Chinese scholars, to participate in this seminar. We hope that this seminar will provide a unique opportunity to researchers, academics, educators, policymakers and practitioners to exchange their views on the ageing society and to discuss the relevant issues on ageing welfare policy.

**The guidelines for paper submission**

1. Language: English
2. Word limit: The abstract should be around 250-350 words and the length of a full paper should be between 6,000 and 9,000 words (planned to be published in a book following the conference ).
3. Date of abstract submission: **April 10, 2015**

**Seminar support**

1. Registration is free
2. The Chinese Academy of Social Sciences will cover accommodation and meals during the conference for paper contributors and seminar participants
3. A limited number of participants from the Nordic countries can get their flights covered by the SNoW project, please contact Stein Kuhnle ([stein.kuhnle@isp.uib.no](mailto:stein.kuhnle@isp.uib.no))

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**SNoW 2014 Shanghai Conference:**

**“Between Universality and Conditionality:  
Migration, Mobility, and Welfare Rights”**

The SNoW 2014 Conference was held at the Nordic Centre, Fudan University, Shanghai, on 28-29 November 2014.

**Stein Kuhnle** welcomed the 20+ participants.

**Klaus Petersen, Ren Yuan, and Sven E.O. Hort**, acted as chairs of the three plenary sessions.

**Keynote speakers were:**

**Romana Careja**, Researcher, University of Southern Denmark:

“Migration and the Welfare State in Europe: Trends, Challenges, Responses”

**Zhang Wenhong**, Professor, Dean of School of Sociology and Political Science, Shanghai University:

“Migrants, Social Inequality and Public Policy Implications in China”

**Pauli Kettunen**, Professor, University of Helsinki:

“Corporate Citizens and Social Partners: Historical Reflections on Neo-Voluntarism and Soft Governance in the Social Regulation of Capitalism”

**Daniel Béland**, Professor, University of Saskatchewan, Canada:

“Identity, Territoriality, and Social Policy”

**A total of 14 papers were presented and discussed in two parallel workshops:**

*Workshop I* (Chair: **Xiong Yuegen**)

Papers presented:

- **Wen Zhuoyi**, Senior Research Assistant, Center for Greater China Studies, The Hong Kong Institute of Education: “The Changing Social Citizenship of Migrant College Graduates in Urban China”

- **Xiong Yuegen**, Professor, Department of Sociology, Peking University: “Health policy reform in China in the context of urban-rural integration: Increased accessibility without equality”

- **Einar Överbye**, Professor, Oslo and Akershus University College, Norway, (with **Jon Ivar Elstad** and **Espen Dahl** as co-authors): “Do large welfare states attract healthy or less healthy immigrants? A comparison of mortality rates of native born and immigrants in Norway”

- **Nanna Kildal**, Senior Researcher, Stein Rokkan Centre, Bergen, and **Stein Kuhnle**: “Free movement of European citizens: New social policy discourses and political responses in Norway”

- **Ding Jinhong**, Professor, East China Normal University, Shanghai: “Migrants’ marriage and implications for welfare policies”

- **Huang Chen-xi**, Professor, East China Normal University: “Migration, vulnerability and social protection: A case study of social policy for the floating population in China”

- **Sven E. O. Hort**, Professor, Seoul National University: “Migration, mobility and the politics and economy of the Lost World of Social Democracy: welfare rights and the dilemma of universality and conditionality after September 2014”

*Workshop II* (Chair: **Pauli Kettunen**)

Papers presented:

- **Chen Yingqi**, Chinese University of Hong Kong: “Disadvantages among Immigrant Women from Mainland China to Hong Kong in Low-Income Communities”

- **Ren Yuan**, Professor, School of Social Development and Public Policy, Fudan University: “Better Urbanization, Better Life: Urbanization and Migrants’ Well-being in China”

- **Pan Yi**, Professor, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences: “Settle down migrant workers at their hometown, Another way to urbanization?”

- **Heidi Vad Jønsson**, Assistant Professor, and **Klaus Petersen**, Professor, University of Southern Denmark: “From a “Social Problem” to a “Cultural Challenge” to the National Welfare State: Immigration and Integration Debates in Denmark 1970-2011”

- **Karen Breidahl**, Assistant Professor, Aalborg University, and **Heidi Vad Jønsson**, Assistant Professor, University of Southern Denmark: “State assisted Introduction programmes for the newly arrived refugees in four European welfare states”

- **Raija Koskinen**, PhD Candidate, University of Helsinki: “Conceptualizing the complexity of activation policy related to youth unemployment in Finland”

- **Kinglun Ngok**, Professor, Sun Yat-Sen University: “Urbanization, Social Policy Innovation and the Establishment of Local Citizenship in China: the case of Dongguan”

## News from Norden

By Tord Skogedal Lindén, Uni Research Rokkan Centre, Bergen

Below is a brief description of two new scholarly books and one report on the Nordic model from the Nordic Council of Ministers.

**Henriette Sinding Aasen, Siri Gloppen, Anne-Mette Magnussen and Even Nilssen (eds.) (2014): *Juridification and Social Citizenship in the Welfare State*. Edward Elgar.**

*Juridification and Social Citizenship in the Welfare State*, edited by Henriette Sinding Aasen, Siri Gloppen, Anne-Mette Magnussen and Even Nilssen, contains 15 chapters involving no less than 24 authors. The large team of contributors has resulted in a volume covering several subfields, for instance unemployment policy and health care, and several countries, including Britain, Denmark, Norway, the Netherlands and Latin American countries.

The editors argue that while social scientists and legal scholars have discussed juridification processes for a long time, scholarly work has been fragmented and strong empirical analyses few and far between. Thus, the aim is to address this problem and “to add empirical analysis as well as multidisciplinary and comparative perspectives to the fragmented and largely theoretical debate on juridification” (2014: 1). This is done by putting together a team of researchers from a range of disciplines including political scientists, legal scholars, and sociologists. These researchers are, as referred to above, asked to discuss juridification in a range of empirical contexts.

The book’s main research question is how juridification affects the social citizenship of different groups. Juridification in the understanding of the editors involves, among many things, increased judicial power. Social citizenship, arguably the other key concept of this book, is defined as “a state’s regulation of opportunities for citizens to exercise their autonomy and participate in social and political life” (2014: 5).

While the chapters address a great variety of topics, they all do this with reference to three cross-cutting dimensions. This ensures that individual chapters contribute to the overall aim and topic of the book. The three dimensions are democracy, international law and professional discretion, and in the last chapter, the editors summarize findings based on these dimensions. One important main finding, identified in many chapters, is how juridification creates tensions, for instance between different levels of law (national – international), or between the law and the discretion of professionals.

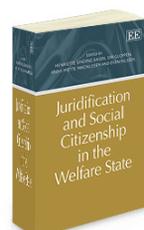
**Johannes Kananen (2014): *The Nordic Welfare State in Three Eras. From Emancipation to Discipline*. Ashgate.**

Johannes Kananen is a researcher at the University of Helsinki who specializes in comparative social policy, historical developments in the Nordic welfare state and political reforms. In his recent book on the development of Nordic welfare states, Kananen applies a historical perspective, but the study draws on insights and perspectives from the disciplines of sociology and political science as well.

The three eras referred to in the title of the book are three distinct periods in the history of the Nordic welfare states, namely; development (until approximately 1945), consolidation (1945-1970s/1980s) and restructuring and renegotiation (1980s-2010). Kananen focus on Sweden, Denmark and Finland, but the ambition is to be able to shed light on all Nordic countries. When introducing the case selection, the author points to similar characteristics of the country sample, but also interesting differences that illustrates the variance one can find within a welfare regime.

The book’s main research question is what the relationship between emancipatory and constraining elements has looked like from the first social policies to the comprehensive welfare states of today (2014: 4). Modernity as a process can both be emancipatory and constraining. Kananen understands emancipatory social development as “the modern process of liberating and enhancing human creativity” (2014: 3). Distribution of landownership is one potential constraining element of historical importance.

Justified with the focus in existing literature, Kananen chooses to devote most space to the first and third period, since the second period, also called the “Golden age of the welfare state”, is well covered already. And as part of the study of the third period, Kananen contributes to the question whether there is still a distinct Nordic welfare model. Thus, this book will not only interest those who want to learn more about the historical developments of the Nordic welfare states, but also researchers and students taking an interest in current issues and debates.



**Tarmo Valkonen and Vesa Vihriälä (eds.) (2014): *The Nordic model – challenged but capable of reform*. Copenhagen: Nordic Council of Ministers, TemaNord 2014:531.**

Scholars concerned with recent developments in the Nordic welfare states, including experiences from the financial crisis and the issue of whether the five countries still constitute one Nordic model, might be interested in Tarmo Valkonen and Vesa Vihriälä's report published in May 2014.

This work arises out of the work of the Nordic Council of Ministers, which has contributed financially to the report. The more than 350 pages long report has contributions from 15 authors in addition to the two editors. It covers a range of policy fields, for instance pensions and health care. The aim of the study is to comment on the status of the Nordic welfare model and its challenges.

The report is available free of charge:

<http://norden.diva-portal.org/smash/get/diva2:715939/FULLTEXT02.pdf>

News from China

Collected by Xu Jing, Department of Social Development and Public Policy, Fudan University

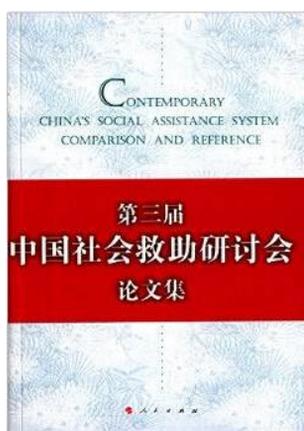
BOOKS

**Reshaping Welfare Institutions in China and the Nordic Countries**

*Pauli Kettunen, Stein Kuhnle, Yuan Ren (ed.)*

*Shanghai, China: Fudan University Press*

This book is based on two symposiums toward welfare institution and social policy of China and Nordic countries, which were held separately in Shanghai (2011) and Helsinki (2012), and also includes several important articles as refer to the problems of social welfare, employment and aging. The authors have done intensive studies into the features and reformation of Nordic welfare system, and the process and direction of Chinese welfare institution revolution. The welfare institutions of Nordic countries are of global influence. With the comparative study between China and Nordic countries, this book provides a positive reference to promote the revolution of Chinese national welfare system.



**Contemporary China's Social Assistance System Comparison and Reference**

*Dasong Deng, Xitang Liu, Hongyan Yang (ed.)*

*Beijing, China: People's Press*

This book is based on the Third Conference of Chinese Social Assistance, which focuses on the comparison of social assistance policies between China and Europe. The whole context can be divided into four parts, including development study of China social assistance, research of rural and urban minimum living security system, the connection between social assistance and social security, and policy study of social assistance for special groups. As a whole, this book provides a review to the history and current situation of China social assistance system, and points out basic framework and direction to develop a new system, especially trying to find a specific China social assistance system with lessons learned from other countries. Among all the articles, there are latest practices of social assistance and recent theories at home and abroad as well.

### **Developments and Trends of Global Social Security Policy: the Construction of Social Old-age Service System**

*Cuiying Yang, Chunrong Zheng (ed.)*

*Shanghai, China: Shanghai People's Press*

Developments and Trends of Global Social Security Policy is a series of book which focuses on one theme each year, and the topic in 2014 is the Construction of Social Old-age Service System. The whole book is comprised by four parts. The first part (chapter 1-2) is aimed to the frontier of global social security trends. Part 2-4 are different topics, including the construction of global social old-age service system (chapter 3-5), the situation and problem of China old-age service system (chapter 6-8), and typical local cases of China social old-age service practices (chapter 9-11).



#### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **2015 Social Innovation Research Conference (SIRC)**

SIRC of 2015 will be held in Fudan University from May 21th to 22th. The changing global context of social policy and services delivery has sharpened the focus both upon the way that these policies respond to changing needs and innovation in services delivery. So the conference will be dedicated to discussing new conceptual and theoretical ways in which to understand the processes of innovation in social policy and services delivery, and new empirical evidence about the contingencies and effectiveness of such innovations.

<http://www.sirpa.fudan.edu.cn/english/f9/85/c3361a63877/page.htm>

#### **Beida CCISSR Forum 2015**

Beida CCISSR Forum is founded by China Insurance and Social Security Research Center of Peking University. And the 2015 Forum will begin at Peking University on April 1st, 2015. Beida CCISSR Forum is held once a year and provides a valuable opportunity for experts and policy makers to discuss and share latest practices and research achievements in social security, insurance and risk controlling.

<http://econ.pku.edu.cn/ccissr/displaynews.asp?id=11522>

#### **The Second International Symposium on Public Policy Challenge and Governance Innovation**

The Institute of Public Policy & Governance (IPPG) of SUFE will hold the second international symposium on public policy challenge and governance innovation from June 6th to 7th, 2015. The theme for this year is public policy challenge and governance innovation in an aging society. And the symposium will focus on the following topics: social security, medical insurance, commercial health insurance, eldercare service systems, health care industry, and related public-finance policies.

<http://ippg.shufe.edu.cn/hy2en/>

A Call for Papers - and Programme - for the SNOw PhD Course to be organized at the Nordic Centre, Fudan University, Shanghai, 3-6 November 2015, will be announced in SNOw Newsletter no 1/2015, to be published in March 2015