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Analyzing Welfare Institutions, Policies and Politics in China and the Nordic Countries

Venue: Nordic Centre, Fudan University (Shanghai)

Date: 3-6 November 2015

Aim: Welfare is in high demand all over the world, but different nation states have different institutional social policy architectures. The Nordic countries have gained world-wide attention as representing a special kind of “welfare model” based on a long historical development, and characterized by highly developed social services, tax financing and redistribution, universalism and gender equality. The Nordic welfare states have in recent years introduced a number of reforms in order to deal with the challenges of globalization, immigration and demographic change. China faces similar challenges of globalization, internal migration and demographic change, but based on a different historical trajectory. China has in historical and comparative terms experienced a unique process of rapid urbanization and economic and social development over the last three decades. Several hundred million people have been lifted out of extreme poverty, and more than 250 million people are currently migrant labour to cities and urban areas. Migrants generally have limited or no social rights, and create an unprecedented social challenge to which authorities are actively tending. Many social policies have been introduced since the mid-1990s. In 2005, President Hu Jintao during the National People’s Congress envisioned the development of a “harmonious society” (xiaokang shehui), with nationwide, universal welfare programs for health care and pensions stipulated to be in place by 2020, and in 2013, President Xi Jinping elaborated on the vision of “the Chinese Dream”. Welfare states have and can be studied from a number of theoretical and methodological approaches, with various chronological perspectives and with a focus on different empirical phenomena. The PhD course aims to stimulate cross-disciplinary and multi-perspective discussions. Contributions from political science, sociology, history, social policy, economics, demography as well as other relevant disciplines are encouraged. The aim is to bring together PhD-students from China and the Nordic countries from different disciplines and stimulate a discussion that will challenge and maybe bring us beyond well established concepts and understandings.

The teachers:

Professor Stein Kuhnle
(University of Bergen)
Professor Pauli Kettunen
(University of Helsinki)
Professor Åsa Lundqvist
(Lund University)
Professor Klaus Petersen
(University of Southern Denmark)
Associate Professor Ann-Zofie Duvander
(Stockholm University)
Zhikai Wang
(Zhejiang University)
Ka Lin
(Zhejiang University)
Kinglun Ngok
(Sun Yat-sen University)
Pan Yi
(CASS)
Yifei Shen
(Fudan University)
And one-two more to be confirmed.

The format: The course will mix lectures by senior scholars from both China and the Nordic countries and presentation of papers by PhD-students. The teachers will give lectures on theoretical and methodological topics such as comparative welfare state research, explaining the historical development of welfare states, transnational perspectives, key concepts, gender and the welfare state, labour mobility and social rights, family policy, and demography. Participating PhD-students are expected to present a paper and to participate actively in the discussions.

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Reading: Course reading, ca. 80-90 per lecture (in total 10 lectures), will be made available as electronic links or pdf-file by mid-September 2015.

General recommended reading:

Francis G. Castles, Stephan Leibfried, Jane Lewis, Herbert Obinger and Christopher Pierson (eds) *The Oxford Handbook of the Welfare State* (Oxford: OUP, 2010; paperback edition 2012, 876 pages); Chak Kwan Chan, King Lun Ngok, and David Phillips, *Social Policy in China* (Bristol: Policy Press, 234 pages). Pauli Kettunen, Stein Kuhnle and Yuan Ren (eds), *Reshaping Welfare Institutions in China and the Nordic Countries* (Helsinki: NordWel, 2014) and Chinese edition (Fudan University Press, 2014)

Practicalities: The course is organized by the SNOW-project, financed by the Nordic Council of Ministers. Accommodation (for a maximum period of five nights, 2-7 November) will be covered, as well as meals during the course. Students are expected to finance their own travel costs through their home institution. For PhD-students without funding from home institutions there will be a limited number of travel grants (500 Euro for Nordic Students and 150 Euro for Chinese students). When applying for participation (see below), please inform whether a travel grant is requested.

Certificates and credits: Each student will be certified by their home institution based on the diploma written by the main organizer and the Nordic Centre. By European standards, the course is estimated to give 7,5 ECTS credits.

How to apply for participation?

If you want to participate in the PhD-course please send an abstract (ca. 200 words outline of the paper you want to present) as well as a short bio (max. 1 page with name, title of PhD-project, affiliation, name of supervisor(s), discipline and contact details) to **Regina Wang** (regina@nordiccentre.net) at the Nordic Centre, Fudan University, and **Stein Kuhnle** (stein.kuhnle@uib.no) at the University of Bergen

Application date: 20 June 2015

Within two weeks after final application date you will be informed if you have been accepted or not. The maximum number of partly funded (see above) participants is 20, an additionally 5 students can be admitted at own cost. The full paper, ca. 5-6000 words, must be sent to the Regina Wang (regina@nordiccentre.net) and Stein Kuhnle (stein.kuhnle@uib.no) by 15 October 2015.

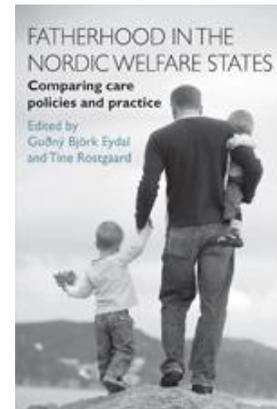
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NEW PUBLICATIONS

Fatherhood in the Nordic Welfare States: Comparing Care Policies and Practice

Tine Rostgaard (Center for Welfare State Studies, University of Aalborg) and Guðný Björk Eydal (Faculty of Social Work, University of Iceland) have edited a volume exploring the effects of family and gender equality policies in the Nordic countries on fatherhood, and how the policies that support it contribute to shaping and influencing the image, role, and practice of fathers in a diversity of family settings. The book is published by University of Chicago Press (February 2015). The book consists of 18 chapters, and Conclusions, written by scholars from all the five Nordic countries:



One: Introduction

~ Guðný Björk Eydal and Tine Rostgaard

Theme 1: Fathers, families and family policies

Two: Fathering: the influence of ideational factors for male fertility behaviour

~ Tine Rostgaard and Rasmus Juul Møberg

Three: Nordic family law: new framework – new fatherhoods

~ Hrefna Friðriksdóttir

Four: Fathers' rights to family cash benefits in Nordic countries

~ Mia Hakovirta, Anita Haataja, Guðný Björk Eydal and Tine Rostgaard

Theme 2: Fathers in everyday life – culture, work and care

Five: Time use of Finnish fathers – do institutions matter?

~ Minna Ylikännö, Hannu Pääkkönen and Mia Hakovirta

Six: Parental leave and classed fathering practices in Norway

~ Berit Brandth and Elin Kvande

Seven: Negotiating leave in the workplace: leave practices and masculinity constructions among Danish fathers

~ Lotte Bloksgaard

Eight: Gender regime, attitudes towards childcare and actual involvement in childcare among fathers

~ Mikael Nordenmark

Theme 3: Constructing fatherhood in different family settings

Nine: Fathering as a learning process: breaking new ground in familiar territory

~ Steen Baagøe Nielsen and Allan Westerling

Ten: Minority ethnic men and fatherhood in a Danish context

~ Anika Liversage

Eleven: Making space for fatherhood in gay men's lives in Norway

~ Arnfinn J. Andersen

Twelve: The long-term impacts of early paternal involvement in childcare in Denmark: what happens after nuclear family dissolution

~ Mai Heide Ottosen

Theme 4: Caring fathers and paid parental leave policies

Thirteen: The coming and going of the father's quota in Denmark: consequences for fathers' parental leave take-up

~ Tine Rostgaard and Mette Lausten

Fourteen: Policy goals and obstacles for fathers' parental leave in Finland

~ Minna Salmi and Johanna Lammi-Taskula

Fifteen: Caring fathers and parental leave in prosperous times and times of crisis: the case of Iceland

~ Guðný Björk Eydal and Ingólfur V. Gíslason

Sixteen: Parental leave use for different fathers: a study of the impact of three Swedish parental leave reforms

~ Ann-Zofie Duvander and Mats Johansson

Theme 5: International reflections on findings

Seventeen: Parental leave and fathers: extending and deepening the knowledge base

~ Janet Gornick

Eighteen: Nordic fathers: tracking diversity and complexity

~ Margaret O'Brien

Conclusions: 'What is constructed can be transformed'

~ Guðný Björk Eydal and Tine Rostgaard

MOBILITY NEWS



Ren Yuan, Professor of Demography and Urban Studies, Fudan University, made a tour of institutions in Norway and Denmark during the week 17-24 February, on a SNoW Mobility grant. He visited, discussed cooperative projects, and gave lectures at Lillehammer University College; Stein Rokkan Centre and Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen; and Copenhagen University. At the University of Bergen he gave a lecture on “Large Scale Internal Migration and Promoting Immigrants’ Social Integration in Urban China”, building on his recent research projects. The photo is taken at the Stein Rokkan Centre in Bergen, where his lecture was part of the interdisciplinary seminar “Welfare Forum” (*Velferdsforum*), which has been running for 15 years, with participants from several faculties and departments of the University of Bergen, and the Norwegian School of Economics.

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