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SOG Conference 2015: Accountability and welfare state reforms

Hosts: Uni Research Stein Rokkan Centre for Social Studies and Department of Administration and Organization Theory, University of Bergen. The conference is funded by the Research Council of Norway.

Time: February 19-20, 2015. Venue: Scandic Bergen City Hotel, Håkonsgt. 2, Bergen, Norway

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Preliminary Conference Program:

Thursday, February 19th, 2015:

0830 – Opening

0845-1015 – Session 1: Accountability - Theoretical and Conceptual Issues

Chair: Per Læg Reid (University of Bergen)

Discussant: Joel Aberbach (University of California, Los Angeles)

Thomas Schillemans (Utrecht University): “Striking the balance between agency and stewardship theory in the accountability regime of public agencies in the Netherlands”

Carl Dahlstrøm (University of Gothenburg) and Victor Lapuente (University of Gothenburg): “Administrative and democratic accountability”

Niels Ejersro (University of Southern Denmark) and Carsten Greve (Copenhagen Business School): “Digital era governance reforms and accountability design: The case of Denmark”

1030-1230 – Session 2: Health and Welfare Reforms and Accountability:

Chair: Tord Skogedal Linden (Uni Research Rokkan Centre)

Discussant: Thomas Schillemans (Utrecht University)

Haldor Byrkjeflot (University of Oslo) and Karsten Vrangbæk (University of Copenhagen): «Analyzing accountability in health care»

Bastian Jantz (Potsdam University), Tom Christensen (University of Oslo) and Per Lægreid (University of Bergen): «Performance management and accountability: Challenges, dilemmas and ambiguities»

Pål E. Martinussen (Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim) and Simon Neby (Uni Research Rokkan Centre, Bergen): «Emerging leadership logics after NPM-inspired health reforms: Evidence from Norwegian hospitals»

Piret Tõnurist (Tallin University of Technology) and Wouter De Tavernier (Aalborg University): “Social innovation and citizen responsibility: Changing accountability relations in welfare services”

1230-1330 Lunch

1330-1500 – Session 3: Accountability, Internal security and Immigration

Chair: Joel Aberbach (University of California, Los Angeles)

Discussant: Lise H. Rykkja (University of Bergen)

Tom Christensen (University of Oslo) and Martin Lodge (London School of Economics and Political Science): «Accountability and transparency in the security state»

Julia Fleischer (University of Bergen): «More accountability, more blame? Inquiry committees after internal security crisis»

Tord Linden (Uni Research Rokkan Centre, Bergen), Ina Radke (Potsdam University) and Karsten Vrangbæk (University of Copenhagen): «Legitimizing immigration control: The inclusion of social actors in asylum regulation in Norway, Germany and Denmark»

1515-1645 – Session 4: Accountability Forums

Chair: Simon Neby (Uni Research Rokkan Centre)

Discussant: Tom Christensen (University of Oslo)

Tom Willems (University of Antwerp): "Multiple accountabilities in public-private partnerships (PPS): How to explain the accountability paradox"

Anchrit Wille (Leiden University): “The evolving EU accountability landscape: Moving to an ever denser union”

Stephan Leixnering (Vienna University of Economics and Business) and Renate E. Meyer (Vienna University of Economics and Business): “The serendipity of fragmentation: Bringing the organization back into public governance”

1700-1800 Key Note:

Chair: Joel Aberbach (University of California, Los Angeles)

Professor Emeritus Johan P. Olsen, ARENA, University of Oslo: “Democratic order, autonomy and accountability”

1815-1915 SOG Business meeting

1930 Aperitif

2000 Dinner

Both the aperitif and the dinner will be served at the hotel – more information upon arrival!

Friday, February 20th, 2015:

0900-1030 – Session 5: Accountability, Agencies, Performance Management

Chair: Robert Cox (University of South Carolina)

Discussant: Kutsal Yesilkagit (Leiden University)

Sjors Overman (Radboud University), Sandra van Thiel (Radboud University) and Marieke van Genugten (Radboud University): “Accountability after structural disaggregation”

Mads Kristiansen (University of Copenhagen): «Performance contracting in times of austerity: Continuity or change of content in Danish central government»

Tanja Klenk (Potsdam University), Karsten Vrangbæk (University of Copenhagen), John Appelby (The King’s Fund), and Sarah Gregory (The King’s Fund): “Accountability through performance management?”

1100-1300 – Session 6: Accountability and Civil Service

Chair: Martin Lodge (London School of Economics and Political Science)

Discussant: Julia Fleischer (University of Bergen)

Eckhard Schröter (Zeppelin University): “Improving welfare state organization by making them more representative? The chances and limits of representative bureaucracy in welfare state reform”

David Lewis (Vanderbilt University) and Mark D. Richardson (Vanderbilt University): “The ideological composition of the administrative state”

Kutsal Yesilkagit (Leiden University) and Arco Timmermans (Leiden University): “The politics of administrative structure and issue salience”

Thomas Elston (University of Oxford): “Accountable management or just plain ‘accountable’? The transformation of Next Steps agencies in a discursive institutionalist perspective”

1300-1400 Lunch

1400-1500 – Session 7: Accountability, Local Government and Public Service Delivery

Chair: Per Lægreid (University of Bergen)

Discussant: Martin Lodge (London School of Economics and Political Science)

Soon-yang Kim (Yeungnam University): “Reinforcing the accountability of western service provision: An analysis of the welfare ombudsman in the United States and South Korea”

Tobias Bach (Hertie School of Governance, Berlin) and Kai Wegrich (Hertie School of Governance, Berlin): “Accountability and blame management in public service delivery: The public transport crisis in Berlin”

1530-1630 – Session 8: Accountability, Reputation and Branding

Chair: Robert Cox (University of South Carolina)

Discussant: Carl Dahlstrøm (University of Gothenburg)

Martin Lodge (London School of Economics and Political Science) and Madalina Busuioc (London School of Economics and Political Science/University of Exeter): “Politics, reputation and accountability relationships”

Sharon Gilad (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem): “The structure of socially responsive public bureaucracies: Theoretical agenda and its illustrations”