

ABOUT

Welfare states are at a critical turning point. The development of welfare systems was one of the defining characteristics of the 20th century, especially in Europe. However, in times of change, it is important to re-think “the welfare state” with a programme of innovative research designed to ask, and answer, fundamental questions about the design, delivery and experience of welfare in the 21st century. It is for this reason that New Opportunities for Research Funding Agency Co-operation in Europe (NORFACE) network has launched a major transnational programme on the topic of Welfare State Futures. This highly topical theme offers an approach from a variety of perspectives and disciplines, enables and encourages multi-disciplinarity and offers a fruitful topic for a European approach, with opportunities for comparison.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME

To advance globally excellent theoretical and methodological disciplinary, inter-disciplinary and comparative research on Welfare State Futures which builds synergistically on a pan-European basis.

To motivate and support excellence and capacity building for research on Welfare State Futures on a cross-national basis throughout the NORFACE countries.

To develop understanding and promote research-based knowledge and insight into Welfare State Futures for issues of societal, practical and policy relevance, with theoretical foundations but worked on jointly with relevant users and experts.

PROGRAMME THEMES

- People and the Welfare State
- Inequalities, Diversity and Welfare States
- Rethinking the Economics of the Welfare State
- The Future Politics of the Welfare State
- Shifting Responsibilities for Welfare

FUNDING

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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME COORDINATOR

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THE PROJECTS

4IS

Inequalities, Insurance, Incentives and Immigration: Challenges and Solutions for the Welfare State

Prof. Eva Mörk University of Uppsala
www.iser.essex.ac.uk/research/projects/4Is



EXCELC

Exploring Comparative Effectiveness and Efficiency in Long-term Care

Prof. Julien Forder University of Kent at Canterbury
www.excelc.eu



FACSK

Family Complexity and Social Work. A Comparative Study of Family-based Welfare Work in Different Welfare Regimes

Prof. Lennart Nygren Umeå University
www.umu.se/sok/english/research-database/view-research-projects



FPRWS

Fairness, Personal Responsibility and the Welfare State

Prof. Alexander Cappelen NHH Norwegian School of Economics
vcee.univie.ac.at/projects



GIWeS

Globalisation, Institutions and the Welfare State

Prof. Karl Moene University of Oslo
www.sv.uio.no/esop/english/research/projects/giwes



GlobLabWS

Globalisation, Labour Markets, and the Welfare State

Prof. Catia Montagna University of Aberdeen
www.abdn.ac.uk/business/research/norfacegloblabws-568.php



HEALTHDOX

The Paradox of Health State Futures

Prof. Ellen Immergut Humboldt University Berlin
www.sowi.hu-berlin.de/de/lehrebereiche/comppoll/forschung/aktuell/health_health_new



HESTIA

Policies and Responses with Regard to Child Abuse and Neglect in England, Germany and the Netherlands: A Comparative Multi-Site Study

Prof. Hans Grietens University of Groningen
www.projecthestia.com



HiNEWS

Health Inequalities in European Welfare States

Prof. Clare Bambra University of Durham
www.dur.ac.uk/hinews



MIFARE

Migrants' Welfare State Attitudes

Prof. Marcel Lubbers Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen
www.sociologie.uni-konstanz.de



MobileWelfare

European Welfare Systems in Times of Mobility

Prof. Helga de Valk Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute
www.mobilewelfare.org



TransJudFare

Transnationalization and the Judicialization of Welfare

Prof. Susanne Schmidt University of Bremen
www.transjudfare.eu



TRANSWEL

Mobile Welfare in a Transnational Europe: An Analysis of Portability Regimes of Social Security Rights

Prof. Anna Amelina Goethe University Frankfurt
www.bath.ac.uk/casp/projects/transwel/index.html



UPWEB

Understanding the Practice and Developing the Concept of Welfare Bricolage

Prof. Jenny Phillimore University of Birmingham
www.birmingham.ac.uk/generic/upweb



WelfSOC

Welfare State Futures: Our Children's Europe

Prof. Peter Taylor-Gooby University of Kent at Canterbury
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- The Irish Research Council**
- Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) Social Sciences**
- The Research Council of Norway (RCN)**
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