Unemployment and Pensions Protection in Europe: the Changing Role of Social Partners

Final Conference
Brussels, Tuesday 22 November 2016

Venue: Kartuizercenter, Auditorium, rue des Chartreux, 70 - 1000 Brussels

8.30 – 9.00 AM REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

9.00 – 9.15 Welcome and setting the scene
David-Pascal Dion, Head of Unit, DG Employment, European Commission
Józef Niemiec, European Trade Union Confederation
Bart Vanhercke, European Social Observatory

FIRST PLENARY SESSION:
Comparative Analysis of Occupational Welfare

Chair: Bart Vanhercke, European Social Observatory

9.15 – 9.50 The Role of Occupational Welfare in Europe: Key Research Findings
David Natali, European Social Observatory

The Role of Occupational and Public Welfare: Competition or Integration?
Emmanuele Pavolini, Macerata University and Martin Seeleib-Kaiser, Oxford University

9.50 – 10.30 Plenary discussion, introduced by:
Jochen Clasen, University of Edinburgh

10.30 – 11.00 COFFEE BREAK AND CHANGE OF ROOMS
PARALLEL SESSIONS: Occupational Welfare in Selected EU Member States

11.00 – 12.00  
**Session 1 – Widespread Occupational Welfare: the State, the Market and Social Partners in Between?**  
*Venue: Auditorium*

- Sweden, **Ole Jansson**, Uppsala University  
- United Kingdom, **Marek Naczyk**, University of Oxford  
- The Netherlands, **Noëlle Payton**, University of Amsterdam, AIAS

Chair: **David Natali**, European Social Observatory  
Rapporteur: **Jan Ottosson**, Uppsala University

**Session 2 – Occupational Welfare on the Rise: Transition Towards Multi-Pillar Welfare States?**  
*Venue: room Jeanne Devos*

- Austria, **Josef Wöss**, Austrian Chamber of Labour  
- Belgium, **Dalila Ghailani**, European Social Observatory  
- Germany, **Florian Blank**, WSI in the Hans-Böckler-Stiftung

Chair: **Martin Seeleib-Kaiser**, Oxford University  
Rapporteur: **Christof Cesnover**, Austrian Chamber of Labour

**Session 3 – Occupational Welfare for the Few?: Adverse Economic Conditions and Changing Industrial Relations Systems**  
*Venue: room Jesse Owens*

- Italy, **Ugo Ascoli**, Università Politecnica delle Marche  
- Poland, **Jan Czarzasty**, Warsaw School of Economics  
- Spain, **Alicia Martinez Poza**, Fundación 1° de Mayo

Chair: **Bart Vanhercke**, European social Observatory  
Rapporteur: **Emmanuele Pavolini**, Macerata University

12.00 – 12.20  
**CHANGE OF ROOMS**

12.20 – 1.30 PM  
**Roundtable Discussion**  
Occupational Welfare after two Decades of Reform: Increasing Divergence

Chair: **David Natali**, European Social Observatory

**Rapporteurs:** debriefing from the parallel sessions  
- **Steven Janssen**, General Director, Belgian central complementary pensions database, SIGEDIS  
- **Bernhard Ebbinghaus**, University of Mannheim  
- **Fritz von Nordheim**, Deputy Head of Unit, DG Employment, European Commission

1.30 – 2.30  
**LUNCH BREAK**
SECOND PLENARY SESSION: 
Occupational Welfare and the Trade Union Movement in Europe

Chair: **Bart Vanhercke**, European Social Observatory

2.30 – 2.50 The Complex Governance of Occupational Welfare: Social Partners and Beyond

*Sebastiano Sabato*, European Social Observatory

2.50 – 3.45 Plenary Discussion, introduced by:

*Isabella Biletta*, European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions
*Bent Greve*, Roskilde University, Denmark

3.45 – 4.05 **COFFEE BREAK**

4.05 – 5.15 **Roundtable and Plenary Discussion**
The Future of Occupational Welfare in Europe

Chair and introduction: **Martin Seeleib-Kaiser**, Oxford University

*Maxime Cerutti*, Director, Social Affairs Department, Business Europe
*Veronica Nilsson*, Deputy General Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation
*Michel Servoz*, Director General, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission
*David Natali*, European Social Observatory

5.15 – 5.30 Closure of the event

**Bart Vanhercke**, European Social Observatory

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**Practical information:**

**Venue:** Kartuizercenter, Auditorium, rue des Chartreux, 70 - 1000 Brussels

**Interpretation** in the plenary sessions from and to EN, FR, DE and PL


**Travel and accommodation:** expenses are borne by the participants


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