



Third European Conference on The State of the Welfare State Anno 1992 in the EU: Ten Years Later and with Ten New Member States



Leuven, Convent of Chièvres, Grand Beguinage, 17 and 18 October 2005



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Aim of the conference

In 1992, on the basis of research carried out for the European Commission, HIVA (Higher Institute for Labour Studies - *Hoger Instituut voor de Arbeid*) organized a conference for the European Centre for Workers' Questions (*Europäisches Zentrum für Arbeitnehmerfragen*, EZA) on EMU and social protection, bringing together a series of outstanding experts on economics and social protection.

1992 was an important year in the European integration process: important steps had to be taken in the direction of completing the 'internal market'. Efforts towards this goal, however, were causing growing concern about the creation of a 'Social Europe', which in several respects was developing at a slower pace. The realization of the EMU and convergence was putting new constraints upon the national social protection systems.

Since then, EZA asked HIVA to set up a network of research institutes for the purpose of studying to what extent the 'Social Europe' was succeeding - or failing - to emerge. A European research project dealing with this topic, 'The State of the Welfare State anno 1992', was initiated by EZA.

In 1995 we organized an initial conference with this group of researchers. Twelve researchers were brought together to describe, all in a similar format, the condition of the welfare state around 1992, the moment when a new momentum for further integration in the EU occurred. The intention was to gauge the description of the welfare state and economy at that moment and to meet again some five years later to see how the welfare state had changed under the influence of this increased integration. In 1995, these national overviews and a European comparison were presented, together with contributions from three new member states.

Since then, with the introduction of the Euro notes and coins in 2002, the European Union has entered the visible monetary union. In 2004, ten new accession countries from central and Eastern Europe joined the EU. On June 18, 2004 the European Council accepted a 'Constitutional Treaty for Europe', which is now awaiting ratification. Globalization, increased competition and ageing populations have drastically changed the context, and will influence the level and scope of social protection. All of these factors have brought about revolutionary changes in the economic, political and social scene in Europe, so that now, ten years after the initial conference, a third conference on 'The state of the welfare state anno 1992 and ten years later in the EU and in the ten new member states of the EU' is more than timely. We are now finding ourselves confronted with the question: Is the welfare state in danger?

The organization of a third conference on the 'State of the Welfare State in the EU' will give this research community an opportunity to reconsider these developments before an audience consisting of representatives from a target group of social movements, policy makers, social administrations and other researchers.

The programme provides the audience with a two-day tour of the 25 Member States of the EU. It provides a unique opportunity to acquire an up-to-date overview of the welfare states within the European economic integration process, commented upon by non-partisan but concerned researchers from each Member State of the EU and by a number of policy makers who have also been invited.

This conference is part of the Athenian Policy Forum conference series, with which we share a common history since 1992 of organizing conferences to stimulate further scientific debate on economic integration and its policy implications.



PROGRAMME

Monday, 17 October 2005

Morning Session

Chairman of the morning session:
Theo Rombouts (Former President of the Christian Workers' Organisation ACW)

08.15 *Welcome with coffee*

Part I

Introduction and Comparative Results of the EU-25

09.15 Scope of the conference
Jozef Pacolet, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

09.30 Maintaining and improving the social quality of Europe: Are we ready?
Jan Renders, President of the Christian Workers' Organisation ACW and of the HIVA Board of Directors

09.50 Does European Integration lead to social dumping?
Filip Abraham, Vice-Rector of the Humanities-Katholieke Universiteit Leuven and Vice-President of HIVA

10.10 The silent decline of a welfare state regime: the pension system of local civil servants in Belgium
Jan Gysen, General Manager, National Office of Social Security for local government

10.30 The state of the welfare state in 1992 in the EU and ten years later with ten new member states: figures and trends,
Jozef Pacolet, Véronique Coudron, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

11.00 *Coffee*

Part II

The fair faces of European welfare states

The Nordic countries

11.20 Finland: Juhani Lehto, University of Tampere

11.40 Sweden: Jan Edling, Vinnova, Swedish Agency for Innovation Systems

12.00 Denmark: Eigil Boll Hansen, AKF Institute of Local Government Studies, Copenhagen

12.20 Debate

12.40 *Lunch in Faculty Club*



Afternoon Session

Chairman of the afternoon session:
Robert Schadeck (Lëtzebuenger Chrëstleche Gewerkschafts-Bond,
Luxembourg and European Economic and Social Council)

The Mediterranean countries

14.00 Spain: Gregorio Rodríguez Cabrero, Universidad de Alcalá

14.20 Greece: Yannis Yfantopoulos, Athens University

14.40 Italy: Franca Maino, Ilaria Madama, Università Statale di Milano, and URGE, Turin

15.00 Portugal: Paulo Côrte-Real, Pedro Pita Barros, Uiversidade Nova de Lisboa

15.20 Debate

15.40 *Coffee*

The more 'Bismarck-oriented' welfare states of the central Region

16.00 France: Marie-Eve Joël, LEGOS, Paris Dauphine

16.20 Germany: Roland Eisen, Johann Wolfgang Goethe Universität Frankfurt am Main

16.40 Austria: Josef Wöss, Arbeiterkammer Wien

17.00 Luxembourg: Franz Clément, Centre d'Etudes de Population, de Pauvreté et de Politiques Socio-Economiques

17.20 Debate

18.00 Free walk through the Grand Beguinage of Leuven, World heritage site

19.00 *Conference Dinner Faculty Club*



PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 18 October 2005

Morning Session

Chairman of the morning session:
Paul Van Rompuy (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven)

08.30 *Welcome with coffee*

Part II

The fair faces of European welfare states (continued)

The more 'Bismarck-oriented' welfare states of the low countries

09.00 Netherlands: Lei Delsen, Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen

09.20 Belgium: Jozef Pacolet, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

09.40 Debate

The more 'Beveridge-oriented' welfare states of the Central Region

10.00 Ireland: Eamon O'Shea, Brendan Kennelly, University College Galway

10.20 United Kingdom: Howard Glennerster, London School of Economics and Political Science, Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion (CASE) at STICERD

10.40 Debate

11.00 *Coffee*

Part III

Welcoming the new Member States: welfare states in transition

South east

11.20 Slovenia: Kumar Andrej, University of Ljubljana

11.40 Malta: Joseph Troisi, University of Malta

12.00 Debate

The Baltic countries

12.20 Latvia: Feliciana Rajevska, University of Latvia, Riga

12.40 Lithuania: Vita Karpuskiene, Vilnius University

13.00 Debate

13.20 *Lunch in Faculty Club*



Afternoon Session

Chairman of the afternoon session:
Jef Van Langendonck (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven)

The Central countries

14.40 Slovak Republic: Jan Fidrmuc, Alexander Klein, Brunel University United Kingdom and CERGE-EI, Charles University, Prague

15.00 Czech Republic: Jan Fidrmuc, Alexander Klein, Brunel University United Kingdom and CERGE-EI, Charles University, Prague

15.20 Poland: Maciej Grabowski, Gdansk Institute for Market Economics (Instytut Badan nad Gospodarka Rynkowa)

15.40 Hungary: Gábor Juhász, Eötvös Lorand University, Budapest

16.00 Debate

Part IV

Closing session

16.30 Priorities and Opportunities for the European Labour Movement
Gabrielle Clotuche, ETUC

17.00 Maintaining a social Europe by reinforcing the social model at the national level: the Belgian example
For Rudy Demotte, Minister of Social Affairs and Health, Jean-Marc Close, adviser of the Minister and President of the Board of the National Office of Social Security

17.30 *Drink*



Information and registration

The Conference

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Practical information

Date: Monday and Tuesday 17 and 18 October 2005

Participation fee: EUR 80 (conference participation, coffee, documentation)

Lunch Monday: EUR 25

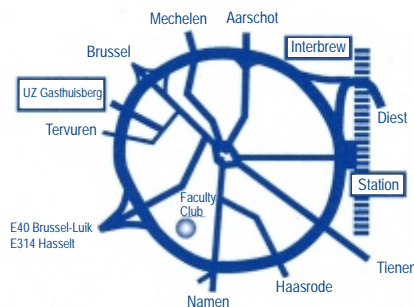
Lunch Tuesday: EUR 25

Conference Dinner: EUR 50

Registration: Must take place before 13 October and is only valid after payment has been received

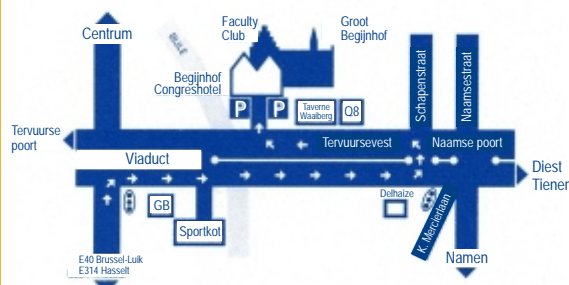
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Registration Form

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Participation in colloquium (including documentation, coffee) 80 euro

Lunch on 17 October 25 euro

Lunch on 18 October 25 euro

Conference Dinner on 17 October 50 euro

Do you require vegetarian meals? Yes No

TOTAL euro

Payment should be made in advance to Bank Account no. 432-0000011-57 (K.U.Leuven), clearly stating the reference
'400/0000/22570 + the participant's name'. Registration is valid only after payment

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