P12 / Instruments of Social-welfare Provision

Topic : POLICY FORMULATION, ADMINISTRATION AND POLICYMAKERS

Chair : Gordon Shockley (Arizona State U.)

GENERAL OBJECTIVES, RESEARCH QUESTIONS AND SCIENTIFIC RELEVANCE

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State capacity is a germane issue in that a government’s capacity to provide social welfare determine at least in part the policy instruments available to it. The social innovations behind social-welfare provision and the effective conduct of social policy presume a certain level of institutional development and state capacity that varies greatly from state to state. To provide welfare for its citizens through intra-governmental instruments such as public policymaking, a state needs policy capacity enabled through the development of its governance institutions. Indeed, the modern state with robust policy capacity has been the primary source of social innovation in developed societies for most of the twentieth century through today. Yet, when a society has feeble governance institutions and limited policy capacity, more extreme and unpredictable forms of social innovation such as social movements or even revolution can arise. One of the more striking developments of the late twentieth century has been the rise of social entrepreneurship. If a government’s policy capacity is limited but it has a functionally viable institutional foundation, even if inchoate, social entrepreneurship can serve as a source of extra-governmental social innovation (Shockley & Frank, 2011).

CALL FOR PAPERS

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Session 1Social-welfare provision: Theory

Thursday, June 27th 08:00 to 10:00 (MB 3.265)

Discussants

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Ageing in peripheral areas. Socially innovative practices to contrast the isolation of frail elderly people in Italy

Ilaria Madama (University of Milan)

Franca Maino (University of Milan)

Federico Razetti

Institutionalization of the Social and Solidarity Economy in France: continuing or breaking the paradigm?

Didier Chabanet

Welfarism And Social Welfare Instrument Choice

Noel Semple (University of Windsor Faculty of Law)

The Dark Side of Social Entrepreneurship: Good and Bad Social-Welfare Provision

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Session 2Social-welfare provision: Practice

Thursday, June 27th 10:30 to 12:30 (MB 3.265)

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Redistribution through cash transfers : the impact of left-wing governments and corporatism on transfers to low-income families in OECD countries (1990-2018)

Dominic Durocher (University of Ottawa)

Guidelines for Inmate Welfare in Thailand

Preechaya Nakfon (Srinakharinwirot University)

Privatisation as an instrument of social welfare provision: the case prison privatisation in Victoria, Australia

Deirdre O'Neill (Monash University)

Valarie Sands (Monash University)

Graeme HODGE (Faculty of Law, Monash University)