

ESPAnet/AIPRIL Workshop

Zero poverty world: Minimum income protection across the globe

Workshop 16–17 September 2025

Universiteit Antwerpen, R building, Rodestraat 14, 2000 Antwerpen, room **S.R-A001**

16 SEPTEMBER 2025

9.00am **WELCOME AND COFFEE**

9.15am **INTRODUCTION**

Minimum income protection: where do we stand? Where do we need to go? (Sarah Marchal & Ive Marx (University of Antwerp) & Julia Shu-Huah Wang (National Taiwan University))

10.45am **BREAK**

11.00am **SESSION 1 – ADEQUACY**

Minimum Income Schemes in EU-27 during the Inflation Episode
Bornukova Kateryna, Leventi Chrysa, Mazzon Alberto, Papini Andrea, Picos Fidel (European Commission Joint Research Centre)

Examining the Dynamics of Persistent Poverty in Italy: A Longitudinal Analysis using SHIW Data
Michela Vergani (University of Milan)

Safety net of last resort: Understanding Dutch government efforts to reduce poverty in a rich country
Benedikt Goderis (Sociaal en Cultureel Planbureau – the Netherlands)

Converging toward greater leniency for the poor? Typologies and trajectories of subnational welfare eligibility in urban China, 2004 to 2023
Chenhong Peng (The University of Hong Kong), Julia Shu-huah Wang (National Taiwan University), Qin Gao (Columbia University), Jiayin Yuan (The University of Hong Kong), Liping Zhao (The University of Hong Kong), Yuanzhuo Wang (The University of Hong Kong)

1.00pm **LUNCH IN AGORA**

2.00pm **KEYNOTE**

Reforming Minimum Income Schemes in Europe: Political Drivers & Policy Consequences
Marcello Natili (University of Milan)

3.00pm

SESSION 2 – IMPLEMENTATION

From obligation to opportunity? Local perspectives on community works under the Italian Citizenship Income

Cacciapaglia Maristella (University of Milan) & Scialdone Antonello (Italian National Institute for Public Policy Analysis)

Lost in translation? When national minimum income schemes meet local reality

Mafalda Escada (EUI)

At the margins of the welfare state – the role of NGOs in the minimum income protection package in Switzerland

Eric Crettaz (University of Applied Sciences Western Switzerland, Geneva) & Rulla Sutter (Bern University of Applied Sciences)

4.30pm

BREAK

5.00pm

SESSION 3 – Implementation and Non Take-up

At the right place at the right time: a territorial analysis of local non-take-up of the minimum income scheme in Belgium

Alessandro Nardo (University of Antwerp) & Tim Goedemé (Oxford University and University of Antwerp)

Assessing Non-Take-Up in Spain's Minimum Living Income: Evidence from a National Wide Survey

José A. Noguera, Emma Álvarez-Cronin, Àlex G. De la Prada, Andreu Puigvert, Lara Yilmaz (GSADI, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)

Do 'ideas move the world'? Institutionalising universal social safety nets in challenging contexts

Mafalda Escada (EUI)

7pm

DINNER

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9am

WELCOME AND COFFEE

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KEYNOTE

Decarbonization Politics for All: On the role of social insurance and social assistance

Kenneth Nelson (Oxford University)

10.15am

SESSION 4 – HOUSING & ACTIVE INCLUSION

When housing undermines income: assessing the adequacy of incomes of social assistance claimants

Frederickx Marieke, Goedemé Tim & Storms Bérénice (CEBUD Thomas More)

Housing cost compensation in social assistance policy and poverty measurement

Bruce Bradbury (UNSW Sydney)

Promoting Active Inclusion through Minimum Income Schemes: Still an Elusive Promise? Insights from Greece

Andreas Feronas (University of the Peloponnese)

Minimum income schemes and work incentives in EU-27

Kateryna Bornukova & Andrea Papini (European Commission Joint Research Centre)

12.15pm

Concluding Reflections