

Poverty and the Tragedy of the Welfare State – Towards a new social contract?

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CONVERSATIONS WITH CSB FRIENDS PAST AND PRESENT

In recent decades, rich welfare-states have enjoyed growth in income, work and social spending. Welfare states worked harder than ever before. They were resilient and, to a certain extent, able to adapt to major social and economic transitions. However, relative income poverty among the working-age population is stagnating or increasing in many developed welfare states in Europe and beyond, while, the 'welfare states' social spending and programs have, in general, also been deepening and broadening.

This suggests a fading away of the effectiveness of mature welfare states on poverty reduction. Have welfare states failed to properly adapt to the great transformations of our time? Have they changed but bet on wrong horses? Or is there more to it: is the welfare state experiencing a systemic crisis because of increased structural constraints on poverty reduction? And which strategies are needed in order to deal with the aftermath of the pandemic and the current inflation crisis but also to cope with on-going global challenges for societies such as climate change and ageing.

During the seminar, CSB friends from the past and present will discuss the need for new evidence-based approaches, in terms of broad policy settings and individual program design and delivery.

FRIDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2022

- 8.45am *Welcome & Coffee*
- 9.15am **WELCOME ADDRESS**
Ive Marx (UAntwerpen)
Elisabeth Monard (KVAB & FWO)
- 9.30am **OPENING ADDRESS**
Bea Cantillon (UAntwerpen) – “LOOKING BACK INTO THE FUTURE”
- 9.50am–11.20am **(WHY) DO WE NEED AN INCOME POVERTY MEASURE?**
Koen Decanq (UAntwerpen) & Berenice Storms (Thomas More), *in conversation with* Brian Nolan (Oxford University), Zach Parolin (Bocconi University), Marjolijn De Wilde (KULeuven) & Karel Van den Bosch (Federal Planning Bureau)
- 11.20am–12pm *Break*
- 12pm–1.30pm **HOW DO WE REIMAGINE THE FUTURE OF THE TAX SYSTEM?**
Gerlinde Verbist (UAntwerpen) & Sarah Kuypers (UAntwerpen), *in conversation with* Paul De Grauwe (LSE), Wim Coumans (High Council of Finance), Bruno Peeters (UAntwerpen), Dieter Vandelannoote (Federal Planning Bureau) & André Decoster (KULeuven)
- 1.30pm–2.30pm *Lunch*
- 2.30pm–4pm **WHAT DO WE NEED TO IMPLEMENT A SOCIALLY JUST ECOLOGICAL TRANSITION?**
Josefine Vanhille (UAntwerpen) & Tim Goedemé (UAntwerpen, FIRM/IFDH), *in conversation with* Gerlinde Verbist (UAntwerpen), Ilse Loots (UAntwerpen), Pieter Leroy (Radboud University), Marek Hudon (Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management), Bert Meulemans (Farmers' Union) & Wim Van Lancker (KULeuven).
- 4pm–4.30pm *Break*
- 4.30pm–6pm **THE THIRD SECTOR AND WELFARE STATE SOLIDARITY: A SOLUTION CREATING NEW PROBLEMS?**
Wim Van Lancker (KULeuven) & Stijn Oosterlynck (UAntwerpen), *in conversation with* Pieter Cools (UAntwerpen), Marjolijn De Wilde (KULeuven), Pieter Vandenbroucke (Leuven City), Bram Verschuere (UGent), Annemie Luyten (De Loodsen vzw) & Guy Van Gyes (FOD, Werkgelegenheid, Arbeid en Sociaal Overleg)

SATURDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2022

- 9.15am *Coffee*
- 9.30am–11am **THE END OF THE END OF WORK?**
Ive Marx (UAntwerpen) & Joris Ghysels (VDAB), *in conversation with* Steven Vanackere (National Bank of Belgium), Mark Andries (VLAIO), Romke van der Veen (Erasmus University Rotterdam), Monique Kremer (University of Amsterdam & WRR), Jeroen Horemans (UAntwerpen) & Dries Lens (OECD)
- 11am–11.30am *Break*
- 11.30am–1pm **EIGHT YEARS AFTER THE COMMISSION ON THE REFORM OF THE PENSION SYSTEM: WHAT IS TO BE DONE?**
Karel Van den Bosch (Federal Planning Bureau) & Koen Vleminckx (FOD Sociale Zekerheid), *in conversation with* Joakim Palme (Uppsala University), Ria Janvier (UAntwerpen), Erik Schokkaert (KULeuven), Antoon Vandeveldde (KULeuven), Sergio Perelman (ULiège), Tania Dekens (Iriscaire) & Gijs Dekkers (Federal Planning Bureau)
- 1pm–2pm *Lunch*
- 2pm–3.30pm **HOW TO MAKE SOCIAL SECURITY FUTURE-PROOF?**
Introduction – Frank Vandenbroucke, Minister of Health and Social Affairs & Pierre Pestieau (ULiège)

Sarah Marchal (UAntwerpen) & Natascha Van Mechelen (FOD Sociale Zekerheid), *in conversation with* Ute Klammer (Universität Duisburg-Essen), Kristel Bogaerts (SERV), Sarah Carpentier (Enabel), Vincent Corluy (AZ Klina), Tine Hufkens (FOD Sociale Zekerheid) & Aaron Van den Heede (AZ Jan Palfijn Gent)
- 3.30pm–4pm *Break*
- 4pm–5.30pm **WHICH NEXT STEPS TOWARDS A EUROPEAN UNION OF WELFARE STATES?**
Rudi Van Dam (FOD Sociale Zekerheid) & Tim Van Rie (DG EMPL), *in conversation with* Anton Hemerijck (European University Institute), Martin Seeleib-Kaiser (Universität Tübingen), Maarten Keune (University of Amsterdam), Herwig Verschueren (UAntwerpen), Bart Vanhercke (OSE) & Anne Van Lancker (ESPN)
- 5.30 – 6.30pm **A GLIMPSE INTO THE FUTURE**
Monique Kremer (University of Amsterdam & WRR)
Philippe Van Parijs (UCLouvain)
Herman Van Goethem (Rector UAntwerpen)