



THE EUROPEAN NETWORK FOR  
SOCIAL POLICY ANALYSIS



### ***ReNEW-Nordic ESPAnet workshop for doctoral students and early career researchers***

#### **Social Citizenship, Democracy and Sustainability in the Nordic countries**

***26-27 May 2022, University of Iceland (accommodation & workshop participation covered)***

Ongoing changes during the aftermath of Covid-19 pandemic in the Nordic welfare states call for a new understanding of social citizenship and solidarity among citizens, communities, and societies, as well as social and citizens groups. The Nordic countries are faced with unprecedented structural transformations in the labour market under the fourth industrial revolution (digitalisation, robotisation, automatization) and stronger global interdependencies (immigration, transnational enterprises, off-shoring of production), In addition, the pandemic has created new labour market challenges. Beyond Covid-19, demographic ageing and climate change have intensified discussions on how to bring about social justice in an ecologically and financially sustainable manner. New social movements have mobilised for recognition of their demands and a right to representation in the deliberation of welfare policies. Shifting balances in power between the EU, national, regional and local level of governance have changed how welfare policies are deliberated and implemented. However, the effects are asymmetrical in terms of *who* has benefitted from these changes and *where* these processes have increased social inequalities. Thus, it is important to investigate how the Nordic welfare states have been able to respond to the challenges outlined above and if their crisis management has taken social citizenship and sustainability into account.

We welcome papers that address social policy issues with a focus on Nordic welfare states. Papers on all social policy topics are welcome, even if they do not directly connect to the main theme of the conference. Papers may either focus on a single country or adopt a comparative perspective. We are interested in papers applying qualitative and quantitative methods as well as more theoretical accounts.

## Aims

The workshop will:

\*provide doctoral students and early career researchers with an opportunity to present their current work and to receive constructive feedback from an international panel of professors and peer-doctoral-students and early career researchers.

\*develop a supportive network of PhD and early career researchers with an interest in Nordic welfare research.

## Application Process and Important Deadlines

**25<sup>th</sup> March** Applications deadline, comprising short CV and Abstract of the paper (up to 500 words). Early career researchers who have completed their doctoral degree are asked to state the date of their PhD defence.

**10<sup>th</sup> April 2022.**: Applicants will be notified of whether their paper is accepted

**15<sup>th</sup> May 2022:** Deadline for submitting the full paper (5000-8000 words):

Submissions of abstracts and papers to Caroline de la Porte ([cdlp.egb@cbs.dk](mailto:cdlp.egb@cbs.dk)), Guony Eydal Björk ([ge@hi.is](mailto:ge@hi.is)) and Anders Weis Christiansen ([renew@cbs.dk](mailto:renew@cbs.dk)).

## Selection of participants

The participants for the workshop will be selected on the basis of fit of topic with the above call and the quality of research as evident from the abstract. Priority in admission will be given to PhD candidates and post docs who have recently completed their doctoral research. The ReNEW and Nordic ESPAnet boards will assist in selecting participants.

## Workshop format

The workshop will be fully physical. Online participation will not be possible for this event. To ensure lively and high quality discussions we will follow the "Korpi rule"

- papers are circulated (and read) in advance,
- at the conference the papers are introduced by a discussant (rather than the author),
- the author is given only a limited time to react to the discussant's presentation so as to leave more room for general discussion.

Thus, accepting a place on the program entails a commitment to complete the paper in time for others to read it and to come prepared to discuss other authors' papers. Equally, participants may expect to serve as discussant for another paper, and to open the floor with an incisive and fair assessment of its strengths and weaknesses.

## Workshop fee and costs

Admission to the workshop is free of charge. The accommodation, lunches, and dinners will be covered, while travel must be covered by the participating Phd and early career scholars.

## PROGRAMME

### 25 May: Arrival

19:00 Dinner

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### 26 May

09:00 **Welcome and introduction** (CET time zone), Prof. Janine Leschke, Copenhagen Business School (for ESPANET Nordic) and Prof. Caroline de la Porte, Copenhagen Business School (for ReNEW)

09:15–10:00, Key-note **Social Citizenship and Sustainability through times of Covid-19**, Prof. Rune Halvorsen, OsloMet

10:00-10:15 Coffee Break

10:15-11.45 **Paper sessions**

11.45-13.00 Lunch Break

13:00-15:00 **Paper sessions**

15:00-15:15 Coffee Break

15:15-16:00 Key-note **Nordic Social Policy Responses in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic**, Associate Prof. Trine Larsen, Employment Relations Centre, Copenhagen University

16:00 -19:00 Free Time

19:00 Dinner

## 27 May

09:00 – 09:45, Key-note **Small Welfare State in times of Covid-19: The case of Iceland**, Associate Prof. Kolbeinn Stefánsson, University of Iceland

09:45-10:15 Coffee Break

10:15-11.45 **Paper Sessions**

11:45 -13:00 Lunch Break

13:00-15:00 **Paper sessions**

15:00-15:15 Coffee Break

15:15-16:00 **Final Panel Debate on Covid-19 and Nordic Social Policy**

**Nordic ESPAnet board:** Professor Guðný Björk Eydal (University of Iceland), Professor Helena Blomberg-Kroll (University of Helsinki), Professor Caroline de la Porte (Copenhagen Business School), Professor Rune Halvorsen (Oslo Metropolitan University), Professor Heikki Hiilamo, (University of Helsinki / National Institute for Health and Welfare), Professor Liisa Häikiö (Tampere University), Professor Jon Kvist (Roskilde University), Professor Janine Leschke (Copenhagen Business School), Professor Thomas Lorentzen (University of Bergen), Professor Kenneth Nelson (Stockholm University), Research Professor Anne Skevik Grødem (Institute for Social Research), Kolbeinn H. Stefánsson, Associate Professor (University of Iceland).

**ReNEW Board:** Professor Peter Stadius (University of Helsinki), Associate Professor Johan Strang (University of Helsinki), Professor Caroline de la Porte (Copenhagen Business School), Associate Professor Mads Mordhorst (Copenhagen Business School), Professor Tore Rem (University of Oslo), Professor Ruth Hemstad (University of Oslo), Professor Norbert Götz (Södertörn University), professor Joakim Ekman (Södertörn University, Professor Mary Hilson (Århus University), Professor Lil-Ann Körber (Århus University), Associate Professor Irma Erlingsdottir (University of Iceland), Jon Olafsson (University of Iceland).

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