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Changing Labour markets: Challenges for Welfare and Labour Market Policy

2016 Meeting of the Research on Welfare and Labour Market Policies
Linnaeus University, Växjö, Sweden. December 7 – 9, 2016

INVITATION

It is our pleasure to invite you to the 2016 International conference on **changing labour markets: challenges for welfare and labour market policy**. The aim of the conference is to bring two important research fields together, social welfare and labour market policies. The overall theme of the conference will be the question of what impact changing labour markets have on social, political, and economic structures and institutions. Labour markets and welfare states have perhaps been the social structures most impacted by economic and political changes and they are also the institutions that, in combination, are central to citizen's actions and security in daily life. It is important to ask whether the assumptions guiding social welfare policies are keeping pace with rapid changes to work, care and labour patterns. New risks and responsibilities are reconfiguring the state-citizen relation in this time of change. The demand for sustainable welfare development in response to the climate change challenge is also presenting political demands for greater policy synergy across economic, social and environmental fields. This multi-dimensional challenge will require new forms of governance at local and global levels. These and related issues will set the agenda for the conference.

The conference will be the first in a series of international conferences, organised by the research network of RAPSE. The network was founded in 2005 by a number of researchers at Växjö University who have studied activation policy and social exclusion. The group has now choose to remake RAPSE from a research group on activation to a network interested in research question in the interface between welfare policy and labour market policy in a broad sense.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Three prominent scholars have agreed to give keynote lectures at the conference. These are:

- Emeritus Professor Fiona Williams, School of Sociology and Social Policy, University of Leeds, UK
- Professor Joakim Palme, Political Science, Uppsala University, Sweden
- Professor Greg Marston, School of Social Science, The University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia

Keynote presentations will be given adjacent to the first and second day streams. The end of the third day, changing labour markets as a whole in a welfare perspective will be problematized at a panel discussion.

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The conference will permeate 9 sub-themes. We welcome a wide range of studies that address conceptual, theoretical, or empirical aspects. The broad range of topics for these sessions includes:

- 1) Policy change within welfare and labour markets**
Changing patterns of social exclusion, neo-liberal ideology and the welfare state, processes within labour and welfare
- 2) Management of risks and changing welfare systems**
New social risks, governance, sustainable welfare systems, globalisation
- 3) Education and a changing labour market**
Labour and education, apprenticeship, vocational training
- 4) Effects of labour market policies**
Unemployment, youth unemployment, work and care arrangements
- 5) Ethnicity and immigration: possibilities and obstacles**
Refugees and the welfare state, illegal immigrants and the labour market, post colonialism
- 6) Activation and labour market policies**
Youth and unemployment, activation measures, active citizenship, activation and individual rights
- 7) Vulnerability and changing labour markets**
Health and disability, poverty, unemployment, precarious employment
- 8) Changing employment relations**
Flexibility, work/life balance, self-employment, the role of unions, automation, new employment agreements
- 9) Future welfare and labour market policies**

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Those interested in giving a presentation in the changing labour market paper sessions, please submit an abstract of no more than 250 words at: <http://rapse2016.axaco.se>. Please notify the stream you wish to attend. The deadline for abstracts is April 15th 2016.

LOCATION

The conference will take place at Linnaeus University, Växjö, in the Kingdom of Crystal. Approximately 2,5 hours by train from Copenhagen international airport (CPH/Kastrup).

If you want more information about the conference or the practical arrangements, please visit the conference home page: <http://lnu.se/om-lnu/konferenser/aktuella-konferenser/rapse-2016> or send an email to: RAPSE2016@lnu.se.

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We look forward to your participation!