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Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Resilience and the Welfare State

Conference at the European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder), December 1 and 2,
2023 (on site and online)

Life means facing challenges. The challenges may vary in their nature, magnitude and number. But there are few (perhaps none) who have never faced a difficult situation or crisis. These may be individual crises such as a serious illness, the loss of a loved one or crises related to the circumstances into we were born. But they can also be societal or global crises that test us not only as individuals but also as a collective in our capacity to manage crises management skills. The COVID-19 pandemic or Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine have shown that, in addition to medical aid or other forms of technical or financial support, welfare state forms of support are of particular importance. Essentially, however, these measures were aimed at providing temporary relief in acute emergency situations.

Recently, terms such as "polycrisis" or "permacrisis" have become established, which on the one hand describe the simultaneity or temporal overlapping of different crises and on the other hand convey the impression that the state of crisis is now to be understood less as an acute exceptional situation and more as a permanent condition. If one adopts this perspective, the question arises whether and how state measures and policies that are intended to support people in crises, but also non-governmental activities in this area, can be designed to promote resilience. Supporting people's capacity to endure and recover from difficult situations may be of particular importance in the face of persistent states of crisis.

The conference aims to explore this question and promote interdisciplinary exchange on this topic - in a hybrid format to enable broad participation. Here we want to exchange ideas, discuss different approaches, and find inspiration in the perspectives of different disciplines.

Outline of the Conference:

December 1, 2023

9.30-10.00: Registration

10.00-10.20 Welcome and outline of the conference

10.20-10.40 Dr. Henrik Thorén, Lund University: “Resilience and the Welfare State”

10.40-11.00 Discussion

11.00-11.20 Teppo Eskelinen, University of Eastern Finland: “Risk Society, Social Transformation, and the Ideas of the Welfare State”

11.20-11.40 Discussion

11.40-13.00 Lunch Break

13.00-13.20 Prof. Dr. Frank Nullmeier, University of Bremen: “The Sufficient, the Reasonable and the Too Much. Three guidelines for a resilient welfare state”

13.20-13.40 Discussion

13.40-14.00 Katharina Bohnenberger, University of Duisburg-Essen; “Towards a European climate risk insurance”

14.00-14.20 Discussion

14.20-14.40 Dr. Ernest Aigner M.Sc., Competence Center Climate and Health of the Gesundheit Österreich GmbH, Vienna: “Climate resilience of the health system: A comparison of conservative welfare state regimes”

14.40-15.00 Discussion

15.00-15.30 Break

15.30-15.50 Dr. Riya Raphael, Lund University: “Just work for a just transition? Drawing upon informal work scholarship to build inclusive sustainable and eco-social welfare”

15.50-16.10 Discussion

16.10-16.30 Dr. Felix Würkert, European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder): “Bouncing back? Resilience and models of disability”

16.30-16.50 Discussion

16.50-17.05 Conclusion

December 2, 2023

09.00-09.10 Welcome to Day 2

9.10-9.30 Katharina Wabnitz, Center for Planetary Health Policy, Berlin: “Prevention before cure for health within planetary boundaries”

9.30-9.50 Discussion

9.50-10.10 Dr. Michele Bertani, Ca' Foscari University Venice: "Resilient citizens, resilient welfare system: Insights from Italy"

10.10-10.30 Discussion

10.30-11.00 Break

11.00-11.20 Dr. Tania Bazzani, European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder): "The resilience of the "weak" self-employed. Three national cases under an EU perspective"

11.20-11.40 Discussion

11.40-12.00 Prof. Dr. Edoardo Ales, Parthenope University, Napoli: "No resilience without socialization: a legal perspective"

12.00-12.20 Discussion

12.20-13.30 Lunch Break

13.30-13.50 Prof. Dr. Claudia Maria Hofmann, European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder): "Developing a resilience matrix as coordinate system for social policy"

13.50-14.10 Discussion

14.10-15.00 Conclusion