

About the Conference

This interdisciplinary conference will bring to Northwestern outstanding foreign and U.S. scholars to present original research and panel discussions about the global economic, demographic, fiscal and political challenges faced by various components of the welfare state, both in the U.S. and abroad. The discussions will be informed by related experiences in other economically advanced countries that are also renegotiating their social policy regimes, their systems for distributing risk and security in the realms of unemployment, childrearing, disability, health, and old age. The conference will offer a variety of perspectives to the discussion, including those pertaining to gender relations, the functioning of labor markets, distributional equity, and fiscal reform. The organizers hope to cultivate a community of scholarship around comparative study of these important issues.

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Renegotiating the Welfare State: The United States in Comparative Perspective

Friday, May 18, 2001, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM
Norris Center, Ohio State Room, Northwestern University, Evanston Campus
1999 S. Campus Drive (off Sheridan Road at the lake)

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May 18, 2001, Northwestern University

- 8:30 *Registration (Ohio State Room, First Floor, Norris Center, Northwestern University, Evanston Campus)*
- 9:00 Introductory Remarks: **Fay Lomax Cook**, Director, Institute for Policy Research
Kenneth Abbott, Director, Center for Comparative and International Studies
- 9:15 *Morning Session: Comparative Perspectives on the Welfare State*
Moderator: **Peter Swenson**, Northwestern University
Presenters: **Evelyne Huber and John Stephens**, University of North Carolina
Duane Swank, Marquette University
Jonah Levy, University of California, Berkeley
- 10:30 *Break*
- 10:45 *Commentary on the Presentations*
Speakers: **Benjamin I. Page**, Northwestern University
Michael Wallerstein, Northwestern University
- 11:15 *Discussion*
- 12:15 *Lunch*
- 1:30 *Afternoon Session:*
Moderator: **Kathleen Thelen**, Northwestern University
Speakers: **Theda Skocpol**, Harvard University
Desmond King, Oxford University
Margaret Weir, University of California, Berkeley
- 2.45 *Break*
- 3:00 *Commentary on the Presentations*
Speakers: **Jonathan Zeitlin**, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Ann Orloff, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University
- 3.30 *Discussion*
- 5:00 *Reception*

Registration Form

Yes. I will attend the conference. Please reserve a place for me.

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Note: Conference will be held in the Ohio State Room, Norris Center, 1999 S. Campus Dr., Evanston Campus. Space is limited. If you wish to attend, please respond by April 20, 2001. You may fax your registration to 847-467-1996.

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