RESILIENT LIBERALISM: EUROPEAN POLITICAL ECONOMY THROUGH BOOM AND BUST

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SUNDAY, MARCH 25

INTRODUCTION AND OVERALL THEMES

9:00 – 10:45  ANALYZING THE RESILIENCE OF NEO-LIBERALISM IN EUROPEAN POLITICAL ECONOMIES
SPEAKERS:  Vivien Schmidt, Boston University, and Mark Thatcher, London School of Economics

10:45 – 11:00  BREAK

PART I: INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE POLITICAL ECONOMY

SESSION I

11:00 – 12:15  GLOBALIZATION AND MACRO-ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT: THE THEORY AND PRACTICE OF FISCAL CONSERVATISM
SPEAKER:  Andrew Gamble, Cambridge University
DISCUSSANT:  Jeffry Frieden, Harvard University

12:15 – 1:30  THE COLLAPSE OF THE BRUSSELS-FRANKFURT CONSENSUS AND THE FUTURE OF THE EURO
SPEAKER:  Erik Jones, Johns Hopkins University, Bologna Center
DISCUSSANT:  Mark Blyth, Brown University

1:30 – 2:30  LUNCH

SESSION II

2:30 – 3:45  EUROPEAN CORPORATE GOVERNANCE: IS THERE AN ALTERNATIVE TO NEO-LIBERALISM?
SPEAKER:  Sigurt Vitols, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung
DISCUSSANT:  Alasdair Roberts, Suffolk University

3:45 – 5:00  LABOUR: FROM ORGANIZED TO FLEXIBLE LABOUR MARKETS
SPEAKER:  Cathie Jo Martin, Boston University
DISCUSSANT:  Silja Häusermann, University of Konstanz; Jonathan Hopkin, London School of Economics

5:00 – 5:30  BREAK

5:30 – 6:45  EU REGULATION OF ECONOMIC MARKETS: INTERESTS AND NEOLIBERALISMS
SPEAKER:  Mark Thatcher, Dept of Government, LSE
DISCUSSANTS:  Peter Hall, Harvard University; Orfeo Fioretos, Temple University
MONDAY, MARCH 26

PART II: RESILIENT NEO-LIBERALISM:
THE IMPACT ON STATE, WELFARE, AND NATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMIES

SESSION III

8:45 – 10:00 THE STATE: BÊTE NOIRE OF NEO-LIBERALISM OR ITS GREATEST CONQUEST?
SPEAKERS: Vivien Schmidt, Boston University
DISCUSSANT: Cornelia Woll, Sciences Po, Paris; Center for Study of Europe, Harvard University

10:00 – 11:15 THE SCOPE AND LIMITS OF THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WELFARE STATE
SPEAKER: Maurizio Ferrera, University of Milan
DISCUSSANT: Anton Hemerijck, VU University Amsterdam

11:15 – 11:30 BREAK

SESSION IV

11:30 – 12:45 THE RESILIENCE OF ANGLO-LIBERALISM IN THE ABSENCE OF GROWTH: THE UK AND IRISH CASES
SPEAKER: Colin Hay, University of Sheffield
DISCUSSANT: Graham Wilson, Boston University; Brigid Laffan, University College Dublin; Center for Study of Europe, Harvard

12:45 – 1:30 LUNCH

1:30 – 2:45 PERCEPTIONS AND RESPONSES TO THE FINANCIAL CRISIS IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE: POLAND AND HUNGARY COMPARED
SPEAKER: Mitchell A Orenstein, Johns Hopkins University
DISCUSSANT: Alya Guseva, Boston University

2:45 – 3:45 CONCLUSION
SPEAKERS: Vivien Schmidt, Boston University, and Mark Thatcher, London School of Economics

4:00 – 6:00 THE EUROZONE CRISIS: IS THERE A WAY OUT?
LOCATION: Kenmore Conference Room | 1 Silber Way, 9th Floor | Boston, MA 02215
SPEAKERS: Maurizio Ferrera, Andrew Gamble, Vivien Schmidt, Mark Thatcher, Sigurt Vitols

6:00 – 7:00 RECEPTION