



Universität Hamburg



5<sup>th</sup> EU Framework Research Project  
„Formal and informal work in Europe“ (FIWE)

### **INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP**

**„The hidden work regime. Informal work and social cohesion in Europe“**

**May 27-28**

**University of Hamburg, Main Building West, Edmund-Siemers-Allee 1  
Room 221**

The future of work under the condition of globalisation and European integration is a central issue in the discourses of social sciences. Usually, the main focus is on the development and changing patterns of formal employment. In these discourses, often the „other side“ of the development of the work society is neglected, which includes informal forms of work like undeclared work, voluntary work, and informal family care. Often it is assumed that informal work will vanish with the further development of service societies towards the „globalised knowledge society“. However, it is evident that informal forms of work have survived. The boundaries of formal and informal work have changed, and new semi-formal forms of work have developed. Also, such changes differ considerably between European societies.

The role of informal work for the further development of service societies is a contested issue. Often, the problems which are connected with informal work are stressed in the scientific discourse. However, in part informal work also has an important role for the maintaining of social integration and cohesion. In the workshop, changes in the patterns of informal work and its role for the future and social cohesion in the globalised European knowledge society will be explored. Moreover, cross-national differences in relation to informal work will be analysed and explained in the context of differing cultures, welfare state policies, labour markets and family structures.

The International Workshop is organised by the 5<sup>th</sup> EU Framework Research Project „**Formal and informal work in Europe. A comparative analysis of their changing relationship and their impact on social integration**“ co-ordinated by Birgit Pfau-Effinger at the **Centre for Globalisation and Governance** of the University of Hamburg. Findings of the research in the project will be discussed with international experts in the field of research on informal work and the future of work society.

The papers of the workshop will be published in a Workshop Report for the EU.

#### **Information for invited speakers**

**Deadline for submission of abstract: March 31, 2005**

Abstracts should be between 300-400 words and submitted to  
[schuettpelz@sozialwiss.uni-hamburg.de](mailto:schuettpelz@sozialwiss.uni-hamburg.de)

**Deadline for submission of full paper: April 30, 2005**

#### **Information for other participants**

**Deadline for the registration of participants: May 15, 2005**

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## Programme

*Friday, May 27, 2005*

12.30

Registration at Room 221, Main Building West, University of Hamburg, ESA 1 W

13.00-13.30

### **Opening session**

Wolfgang Weber, Dean of the Faculty for Economic and Social Sciences, University of Hamburg

Birgit Pfau-Effinger, Co-ordinator of FIWE, Centre for Globalisation and Governance, University of Hamburg

13.30-15.00

### **Session 1: Changing boundaries of formal and informal work**

#### **The solidarity and entrepreneurial cultures of the informal sphere**

Colin Williams, University of Leicester, U.K.

#### **Changing boundaries of formal and informal care**

Jane Lewis, London School of Economics, U.K.

### **Discussion**

15.30-16.00 Coffee break

15.30-17.30

### **Session 2: Informal work and social cohesion in a comparative perspective - introduction to the findings of the FIWE research project**

Birgit Pfau-Effinger, University of Hamburg, Germany, FIWE

#### **Development of informal work in the work-welfare arrangements of European societies**

Per H. Jensen and Jakob Rathlev, University of Aalborg, Denmark, FIWE

#### **Informal work, social coherence and trust**

Pertti Koistinen and Arja Jolkkonen, University of Tampere, Finland, FIWE

#### **Formal and informal work in a lifetime perspective**

### **Discussion**

19.00

### **Cultural Event and Joint Dinner**

*Saturday, 28 May, 2005*

9.00-11.30

**Session 3: Formal and informal care work in the private household**

Lluís Flaquer and Lara Navarro, Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain, FIWE  
**Change of Family structures and informal care work**

Melanie Eichler, Friedrich-Schiller-University of Jena, Germany, FIWE  
**Elderly care arrangements in private households in East and West Germany**

10:00-10:30 Coffee break

Traute Meyer and Saniye Dedeoglu, University of Southampton, U.K., FIWE  
**The role of immigrant labour for informal employment in the household**

**Discussion**

11.30-12.30 Lunch break

12.30-14.30

**Session 4: Informal employment/undeclared work, social exclusion and social cohesion in Europe**

Birgit Pfau-Effinger, Sladana Sakac-Magdalenic, Anne Schüttpelz, University of Hamburg, Germany, FIWE

**Informal employment and social cohesion in European societies**

Piet Renooy, Regioplan Amsterdam, Netherlands  
**Undeclared work in post-socialist countries of Eastern Europe**

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**Undeclared work and migration**

**Discussion**

14.30-15.00 Coffee break

15.00-18.00

**Session 5: Informal work, social capital and private households**

Aleksander Surdej, Ewa Slezak, Cracow University of Economics, Poland, FIWE  
**Voluntary work and social capital in post socialist society**

Birgit Geissler, University of Bielefeld, Germany  
**The role of the private household for informal work**

Rosalind Edwards, South Bank University, U.K.  
**Social capital, families and care**

Miia Ojanen, University of Tampere, Finland, FIWE  
**Combining the paid work and voluntary work in European societies**

**Towards and extended concept of 'work'**  
Rebecca F. Taylor, Policy Studies Institute, U.K.

**Discussion**

19.00

**Cultural event and joint dinner**