

WORKSHOP: ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STUDIES MEET WELFARE STATE RESEARCH

As we can increasingly observe, social and environmental outcomes, policy measures, and conflicts and legitimacy perspectives on the eco-social transformation are closely interwoven. To foster social scientific debates on these complexities, the workshop seeks to intensify the dialogue between the research strands of comparative welfare state research, environmental policy studies, and legitimacy and conflict perspectives. Furthermore, it will focus on the European dimension of social and environmental policies and its interaction with domestic systems – a perspective that is shared by both welfare state researchers and environmental policy scholars.

What are the classic research questions and approaches in each of the research strands? What are key theoretical perspectives, paradigms, epistemologies and methodologies? What are the current state-of-the-art research topics and which potential shortcomings are discussed in the respective communities? Answering these questions will help us to bridge the so far largely decoupled (sub)disciplinary debates. After short inputs by experts on a) welfare state research, b) environmental policy studies, c) conflict and legitimacy, d) policy integration, and d) Europeanisation research, the invited participants will briefly present their current work. The workshop shall provide space for both fundamental conceptual discussions and ideas for future collaboration.

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PROGRAMME

Thursday, 9.12.2021

JOINT DINNER

Friday, 10.12.2021

09:30 – 11:00	Input on research strands (10-15 min each) Comparative welfare state research: Katharina Zimmermann Environmental policy studies: Benedetta Cotta Conflict and legitimacy: Vincent Gengnagel Policy integration: Ekaterina Domorenok Europeanisation research: Paolo Graziano
11:00 – 11:30	First discussion round
11:30 – 11:50	COFFEE BREAK
11:50 – 13:00	Presentation of participants' research projects and ideas (10-15 min each)
13:00 – 13:30	Discussion and reflection of projects' contributions to bridging the research strands; joint ideas and outlook
13:30	JOINT LUNCH