

International network on leave policy and research
3rd international seminar
November 9-10th 2006 Lisbon

Draft programme

Day 1 (Thursday November 9)

Morning (Chair: Peter Moss)

9.15 Welcome and review of programme

9.45 Session One: comparison of recent developments in three countries
Portugal (Karin Wall); Finland (Minna Salmi and/or Pentti Takala);
Slovenia (Nada Stropnik)
Participants from each country to offer an introduction on recent developments in leave policy, followed by general discussion

11.30 Break (refreshments)

12.00 Session Two: thematic session. Leave policy and social inequality (with particular reference to how leave policy interacts with various dimensions of inequality – class, ethnicity, gender etc). To be introduced by Jeanne Fagnani and Danièle Boyer, France; and Elin Kvande, Norway

13.30 Lunch

Afternoon (Chair: Fred Deven)

15.00 Session Three: comparison of recent developments in three countries
Greece (Evi Hatzivarnava-Kazassi); Germany (Wolfgang Erler);
Canada (Andrea Doucet and Diane-Gabrielle Tremblay)
Participants from each country to offer introduction on recent developments in leave policy, followed by general discussion

16.45 Break (refreshments)

17.15 Open discussion

18.00 End of Day 1

20.00 Dinner

Day 2 (Friday, November 10)

Morning (Chair: Karin Wall)

9.15 Session Four: short reports on recent developments in national leave policies and on new research. Two parallel sessions for participants to introduce new policy or research developments (Jirina Kocourkova, Czech Republic; Hanne Groenendijk, Netherlands; Anders Chronholm, Sweden; Laura Merla, Belgium; Tine Rostgaard, Denmark; Katre Pall, Estonia; Anna Escobedo, Spain; Gillian Whitehouse, Australia)

11.00 Break (refreshments)

11.30 Session Five: Reflections on leave policy and research from three perspectives. Eileen Drew, Sheila Kamerman and Fred Deven to reflect on current issues in leave policy and research, drawing on the preceding discussions.

12.15 Session Six: present activities and future directions of the network.

Present activities:

update on seminar and special journal issue on fathers and leave policies (to be introduced by Berit Brandth, Elin Kvande, Margaret O'Brien); update on proposed edited book on the politics of leave policies (Sheila Kamerman and Peter Moss)

Future directions:

hosting next year's seminar; next review of leave policy and research; network website; future membership and organisation; suggestions for future activities and funding (Fred Deven and Peter Moss).

13.30 Lunch

15.00 Session Seven: the politics of leave

This session is to discuss the edited book proposed by Sheila and Peter. The first part (up to about 16.00) will be an open session for all seminar participants interested to discuss the theme: the politics of leave. The remainder of the session will be for network members who have expressed an interest in contributing to the book, to discuss those contributions¹.

19.00 End of seminar

September 5, 2006

¹ Interest expressed by: Deborah Brennan (Australia); Laura Merla, Fred Deven (Belgium); Diane-Gabrielle Tremblay & Andrea Doucet (Canada); Jirina Kocourková (Czech Republic); Tine Rostgaard (Denmark); Jeanne Fagnani (France); Eileen Drew (Ireland); Marta Korintus (Hungary); Hanne Groenendijk & Saskia Keuzenkamp (Netherlands); Nada Stropnik (Slovenia); Linda Haas (Sweden)