“Leave policies within the family-related policies”
6th International LP&R seminar (Prague, 10-11 September 2009)
Meeting place: Faculty of Science, Albertov 6, Room 371 and 373, 3rd floor
Convenor= dr.Jirina KOCOURKOVA*

Final programme

Day 1 (Thursday September 10)
Chair: Fred Deven

9.15 Welcome
Introduction and review of the programme
9.30 Session 1: Host Country session “The Czech Republic: interplay between demographic changes and family policies”
• Introductions by:
  Prof.J.Rychtarikova: Trends in family behaviour: fertility patterns
  J.Kocourkova: History of leave policies
  K.Prihodova: Recent family policy
  Discussant: M.Korintus
  Questions and general Discussion
11.15 Break
11.45 Session 2: Similarities and differences in Central and Eastern Europe
• Introductions by:
  Prof.J.Rychtarikova: Recent demographic trends
  N.Stropnik: Changes in family policies since 1990
  Discussant: Prof.I.Kotowska
  Questions and general Discussion
13.00 Lunch
Chair: Peter Moss

14.30 Session 3: Selected national presentations
  Russia (Z.Kravchenko)
  Germany (D.Erler)
  Finland (M.Salmi)
  Questions and Discussion
16.00 Break
16.15 Session 7a: Network activities and business
• The network’s activities 2008-2009 (Moss & Deven)
• EC Research Project (Fusulier/Escobedo)
• 2009 Visegrad project (Michon)
17.00 End of Day 1
18.00 Boat trip
20.00 Seminar dinner

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Day 2 (Friday September 11)
Chair: Jirina Kocourkova

9.30 Session 4: International Labour Organisation: report on leave policies and current work in a key intergovernmental organisation
   • Introduction by Verena Schmidt (ILO staff member)

Discussant: Prof. Sh. Kamerman
Questions and general Discussion

10.30 Break

11.00 Session 5: The Economics of Leave Policies
   • Introduction by:
     Prof. M. O’Brien: Researching the cost of parental leave
     Prof. J. Plantenga: The economics of leave

Discussant: D.-G. Tremblay
Questions and general Discussion

12.30 Lunch

Chair: Fred Deven

14.00 Session 6a: European Union: Follow-up on new EC Directive Maternity and Parental leave;
   • Introduction by Tobias Muellensiefen (EC staff member)
Questions and general Discussion

14.45 Session 6b: European Union: introduction to the European Family Alliance and its Web Portal
   • Introduction by Dijana Ferizovic (Project Manager/Editor)
Questions and general Discussion

15.15 Session 6c: European Union: Parental childcare and employment policy
   • Keynote address: European Commissioner Vladimir Spidla
Questions and general Discussion

16.00 Break

16.15 Session 7b: Network activities and business
   • Publications (Moss)
   • 2010 meetings (Deven)
   • LP&R Network Membership (Moss & Deven)
   • Website (Deven)
   • The network and advocacy groups (Moss)
   • Any other Business

18.00 End of seminar