

8th International LP&R seminar
“High North - Extremely Different?”

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Organization: University of Iceland, Faculty of Political Science

PROGRAMME

Day 1 (Thursday September 15)

8.30: rendez-vous at hotel reception for walk to seminar venue

Chair: Fred Deven

9.00 Introduction and review of the programme

Welcome address

- **Ólafur Hardarson** Dean of School of Social Sciences
- **Steingrímur J. Sigfússon** Minister of Finance and Minister of Nordic Cooperation

9.30 Session 1 (Host Country session). Iceland: Highlights on leave policies

- Introductions
- **9.35: Gyda Margrét Pétursdóttir:** *Iceland – facts and figures*
- **10.00: Ingólfur V. Gíslason:** *Icelandic leave policies – special emphasis on fathers*
- **10.25: Discussant: Berit Brandth:** *Challenges in the Icelandic leave system.*
- Questions and general Discussion

11.00 Break

11.30 Session 2: The Nordic perspective

- Introductions
- **11.35: Ann-Zofie Duvander /Johanna Lammi-Taskula:** *Comparing leave systems in the Nordic Countries*
- **12.00: Guðný Björk Eydal:** *Nordic childcare policy.*
- **12.25: Discussant: Diane-Gabrielle Tremblay**
- Questions and general Discussion

13.00 Lunch

Chair: Peter Moss

14.15 Session 3: Selected national presentations

- **14.15: Sonja Blum:** *Germany*
- **14.45: Eileen Drew:** *Ireland*
- **15.15: Minna Salmi:** *Finland*
- Questions and general discussion after each presentation

15.45 Break

16.05 Session 4: Thematic session 1. Leave policies beyond Childhood (care for dependent persons)

- Introductions
- **16.05: Rannveig Traustadóttir:** *Icelandic perspectives and beyond*
- **16.30: Anna Ludwinek (Research Officer, Quality of Life and Living Conditions, European Foundation for Living and Working Conditions):** *Highlights of Eurofound research about workers with care responsibilities for dependent persons*
- **17.00: Discussant: Donna Lero**
- Questions and general discussion

17.30: End of Day 1....

19.00: Seminar dinner, Idnó Restaurant (Semi guided tour by Gyda from Radisson Blu Saga Hotel at 18.45)

Day 2 (Friday September 16)

Chair: Thorgerdur Einarsdottir

9.15 Session 5: Thematic session 2. The interplay between leave policies & early childhood services

- Introductions
- **9.20: Peter Moss:** *General Overview*
- **9.50: Nada Stropnik:** *Case study - Slovenia*
- **10.15: Discussant: Marta Korintus**
- Questions and general Discussion

10.45 Break

11.15 Session 6: The future of leave policies: a personal view

- **11.15: Linda Haas**
- **11.30: Karin Wall**
- Questions and general Discussion

12.00 Session 7a: The different forms of cooperation between Nordic countries and the role of Nordic relationships in policy development

- Introductions
- **12.05: Gudfrídur Lilja Grétarsdóttir:** Member of Parliament and chairperson of the Committee on Social Affairs and Social Security
- **12.30: Kristín Ástgeirsdóttir:** Director at the Centre for Gender Equality and a deputy at the Nordic Committee of Senior Officials for Gender Equality
- Questions and general discussion

13.15 Lunch

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14.15: Session 7b: update from other IGOs

- **14.20: Olivier Thevenon:** *OECD's historical data on legislation changes*
- **14.40: Margaret O'Brien:** *2012 - UN year of work/family*
- 15.00: other news from international organisations

15.15: Session 8: Network activities and business

- LP&R website (Christiane Rille-Pfeiffer & Daniel Erler) *Major item*
- Annual review (Peter Moss)
- Membership (Fred Deven)
- Current work on publications (tbc)
- Proposals for future work (publications, workshops, research)
- 2012 Annual seminar: time and venue (Nada Stropnik)
- AOB

16.30 End of seminar...Guided tour