

**COMPARATIVE SOCIAL POLICY SEMINAR SERIES**  
*Informing Social Policy in Comparative Perspective*  
**Hilary Term 2016**



The following seminars will be given at 5pm on Thursdays in the Violet Butler Room,  
Department of Social Policy and Intervention, 32 Wellington Square

Convener: Professor Robert Walker

**Donald Hirsch, Professor of Social Policy and Director, Centre for Research in Social Policy,  
Loughborough**

21 January: *Defining and measuring minimum income requirements: a global learning exercise?*

**Rana Jawad, Senior Lecturer in Social Policy, Bath University**

28 January: *From international security to social security: why a comparative social policy lens matters for the Middle East and North Africa Region*

**Sophia Seung-yoon Lee, Assistant Professor in Social Policy, EWHA, Seoul**

4 February: *Labour market policies and conceptualizing precarious work: A comparative analysis of OECD countries using fs/QCA*

**Elaine Chase, Senior Lecturer, University College London**

11 February: *Creating lives in limbo: comparative study of the life trajectories of former unaccompanied children in Europe*

**Jay Wiggan, Lecturer in Social Policy, University of Edinburgh**

18 February: *What is the problem represented to be?' A critical discourse analysis of employment service marketisation and benefit conditionality reform in Ireland and the UK*

**Stephen Jenkins, Professor of Social Policy, LSE**

25 February: *Multilevel modelling of country effects in comparative social policy?*

**Wim van Oorschot, Professor of Social Policy, Leuven University**

3 March: *The weakest link in welfare state legitimacy: European perceptions of overuse and underuse of social benefits*

**Lutz Leisering, Professor of Social Policy, Institute for World Society Studies, Bielefeld**

10 March: *Social protection as a human right: The idea and practice of minimum income security*