Perspectives on Social Policy in Oxford

Social policy can be seen as combining insights from a range of disciplines to study how societies address issues of individual and social welfare, well-being and social justice. This seminar series draws on perspectives from research across the academic community in the University of Oxford, to stimulate debate and create social policy synergies.

18 January
Political philosophy and social policy: the concept of poverty
Professor Jonathan Wolff, Blavatnik School of Government

25 January
Deindustrialisation, state responses and social democracy
Professor Jane Gingrich, Department of Politics and International Relations

1 February
Social Policy, Interdisciplinary Area Studies and Oxford: lessons from the study of Japan
Professor Roger Goodman, St Anthony’s College/ IAS

8 February
How does social progress in Britain since 1950 compare with that in “peer” countries?
Professor Anthony Heath, Nuffield College/ Sociology

15 February
Opportunities and challenges in using research to influence policy on childhood poverty in LMICs
Professor Jo Boyden, ODID

22 February
Social impact bonds: the role of private capital in outcomes based commissioning
Professor Alex Nicholls, Skoll Centre for Social Entrepreneurship

1 March
What should we do about social care, and why?
Sir Andrew Dilnot, Nuffield College/ Economics

8 March
Gender equality and the Sustainable Development Goals: a human rights approach
Professor Sandy Fredman, Law

All seminars: Thursdays, 5 - 6.30pm (followed by drinks)
Violet Butler Room, DSPI, 32 Wellington Square, OX1 2ER
Arrive early to avoid disappointment. Convener: Fran Bennett.