

## Call for Papers:

### **Causal Mechanisms and International knowledge transfer in social policy: With a special focus on the case of the post-Soviet region**

Conference of the Collaborative Research Centre 1342 'Global Dynamics of Social Policy'

+ Workshop at the Research Centre for East European Studies

**University of Bremen, 7-9 November 2019**

**Deadline for proposals: 15 May 2019**

For a combined, three-day event we invite proposals for papers on 'International knowledge transfer in social policy: The case of the post-Soviet region'. The event takes place from 7-9 November 2019 in Bremen (Germany).

It begins with a two-day conference on 'Causal mechanisms in the analysis of social policy dynamics' in the House of Science in Bremen. Confirmed keynote speakers are: Renate Mayntz (Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies), James Mahoney (Northwestern University), and Peter Starke (University of Southern Denmark). For further information see: [https://www.socialpolicydynamics.de/uploads/Veranstaltungen/2019/CallForPapers\\_Conference\\_Mechanisms\\_and\\_Social\\_Policy\\_Dynamics\\_2019.pdf](https://www.socialpolicydynamics.de/uploads/Veranstaltungen/2019/CallForPapers_Conference_Mechanisms_and_Social_Policy_Dynamics_2019.pdf).

On the third day there will be a workshop on 'International knowledge transfer in social policy: The case of the post-Soviet region'. Participants selected from this call are invited to join the conference and to present their papers at the third-day workshop, which takes place at the Research Centre for East European Studies at the University of Bremen on 9 November 2019. It intends to complement the conference on causal mechanisms with the discussion of research on dynamics of international knowledge transfer in social policy in the post-Soviet region. Special emphasis is made on the policy fields of basic income security (alleviating poverty), health care and education. The workshop aims to bring together approaches from political science, sociology and other relevant academic disciplines to get a more comprehensive picture of the influence of social policy concepts originating in the OECD world on reform processes in the post-Soviet region and of the role that international actors play in this knowledge transfer. The focus of invited papers should always be on the international knowledge transfer and on the domestic evaluation of these social policy concepts.

Deadline for the submission of paper proposals is 30 April 2019. In addition to a 300-word abstract, please include a brief biographical statement in your submission. Selected paper-givers will be invited by 31 May 2019. Full papers will be due 15 September 2019.

The workshop will involve around 15 scholars; early-career researchers are especially encouraged to apply. Travel expenses and accommodation costs of invited participants will be covered by the organiser. For further information on our research group see: <https://www.socialpolicydynamics.de/projects/project-area-b-transregional-dynamics/project-b06/en/>

We plan to publish selected workshop papers in a special issue of Global Social Policy (<https://journals.sagepub.com/home/gsp>).

Paper proposals and any questions should be addressed to:

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