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Comparative Social and Public Policy

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3rd Edition



Call for abstracts

Deadline: 13th December 2025

We are pleased to invite submissions for the **third edition of the Early Career Workshop on Comparative Social and Public Policy (COSPPO)**, to be held on the **23rd and 24th of April 2026** at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. The workshop is organised by early career and doctoral researchers from the Institute of Government and Public Policy (IGOP) at UAB and supported by the <u>WHOCOUNTS</u> project.

Submissions:

Please submit your abstract by completing this <u>questionnaire</u>.

Accepted applicants will be notified in January 2026 and asked to submit draft papers by the 3rd of April.

If you have any questions, please get in contact with us at:

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Dr. Daniel Edmiston Prof. Margarita León It aims to bring together scholars researching all aspects of comparative social and public policy in an international setting. This event offers a unique opportunity for doctoral and postdoctoral researchers to critically examine the ongoing transformation of social citizenship across diverse contexts. Proposals may address a wide range of topics across disciplines including poverty and social exclusion, housing, public service reform and administration, social security, labour market policies, public attitudes, family, health, social care and migration. We are particularly interested in contributions across these areas that explore how shifting political, economic, and social conditions are reshaping the meaning, scope, and practices of social citizenship. Professor Hannah Zagel, expert in comparative sociology with a focus on social inequality, poverty, reproduction, and family policy, will deliver a keynote lecture.

We invite the **submission of extended abstracts** (500 words) that offer methodological, theoretical and/or empirical contributions (both qualitative and quantitative) to the field from a comparative perspective. Cross-national studies are preferred, although single case studies that contribute to our knowledge of wider societal or policy processes are welcome too. The **deadline for submissions is 13th December 2025**

We aim to foster collaboration and discussion among doctoral, early career and senior scholars. The workshop is designed to provide researchers with a **supportive environment for presenting their work**. Each paper will be allocated ample time for presentation, discussion, and detailed feedback from peers and senior scholars.

To support participation of early career researchers, on-site accommodation, breakfast and lunches will be provided to all participants.