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**Early Career Workshop on  
Comparative Social and  
Public Policy**

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## Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Time	Session	Chair	Discussants	
8:30h 9:00h	<b>Welcome breakfast &amp; Registration</b>			<b>Coffe break room</b> <i>Adjacent to the Sala d'Actes</i>
9:00h 9:15h	<b>Welcome and opening remarks</b>	Marga León & Daniel Edmiston		
9:15h 11:15h	<b>Session 1</b> Comparative Institutional Analysis	Violetta Tucci	Oscar Molina, Marga Leon & Yannis Karagiannis	<b>Sala d'Actes</b> <i>Economics Faculty</i>
11:15h - 11:45h	<b>Coffee break &amp; poster session</b>			<b>Coffe break room</b> <i>Adjacent to the Sala d'Actes</i>
11:45h 13:15h	<b>Session 2</b> Family Support & Care	Gabriela de Carvalho	Raquel Gallego, Sheila González & Laman Orujova	<b>Sala d'Actes</b> <i>Economics Faculty</i>
parallel sessions	<b>Session 3</b> Welfare Preferences & Politics	Joaquín Alcañiz Colomer	Leire Rincon & Llorenç Soler	<b>Room 20</b> <i>Economics Faculty</i>
13:15h 15:00h	<b>Lunch</b>			<b>Restaurant Lletres</b>
15:00h 16:30h	<b>Session 4</b> Vulnerability, Poverty & Access to Protection	Daniel Edmiston	Alba Lanau & José Noguera	<b>Sala d'Actes</b> <i>Economics Faculty</i>
17:30h	Optional Social Event (Barcelona Sant Jordi)			

## Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April

Time	Session	Chair	Discussants	
9:00h 9:30h	Welcome breakfast & Registration			<b>Coffe break room</b> <i>Adjacent to the Sala d'Actes</i>
9:30h 11:00h	<b>Session 5</b> Post-colonialism, Global South & Social Citizenship	Marga León	Tuba Agartan & Marianne Ulriksen	<b>Sala d'Actes</b> <i>Economics Faculty</i>
11:00h 11:30h	Coffee break & poster session			<b>Coffe break room</b> <i>Adjacent to the Sala d'Actes</i>
11:30h 13:00h	<b>Hannah Zagel Keynote:</b> <i>Varieties of reproduction regimes: institutions, norms and inequalities</i>	Open session, IGOP Seminar		<b>Sala d'Actes</b> <i>Economics Faculty</i>
13:00h 14:15h	<b>Lunch (Picnic)</b>			<b>Coffe break room</b> <i>Adjacent to the Sala d'Actes to collect lunch bag</i>
14:15h 15:45h	<b>Session 6:</b> Governance & Public Policy	Laman Orujova	Ixchel Pérez & Lorenzo Vidal	
15:55h 16:40h	<b>Global Social Policy: Meet the Editors</b> (PIPR PhD students also welcome)	Gabriela de Carvalho	Tuba Agartan (Providence College) & Marianne Ulriksen (Southern Denmark University)	<b>Sala d'Actes</b> <i>Economics Faculty</i>
16:40h 17:10h	<b>Opportunity for early career researchers</b> (PIPR PhD students also welcome)	Daniel Edmiston	Marina Utges & Charlotte Fernandez	

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## SESSION 1 - Comparative Institutional Analysis

**Chair:** Violetta Tucci (UAB)

**Discussants:** Oscar Molina (UAB), Marga Leon (UAB), Yannis Karagiannis (UPF)

1. **Javier Sánchez Busó** (Universitat Pompeu Fabra) - *Fragmentation of social protection for the unemployed: introducing a new conceptual framework for comparative research* (Discussant: Oscar Molina - Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)
2. **Giorgia Esposito** (University of Milan) - *Policies Supporting Workers' Lifelong Learning: Mapping Initiatives Across Advanced Economies* (Discussant: Marga León - Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)
3. **David Palomera** (University of Southern Denmark) - *Are Public Pensions Dependent on GDP Growth? An Empirical Analysis of Pension Spending and Generosity in the OECD* (Discussant: Yannis Karagiannis - Universitat Pompeu Fabra)
4. **Jimena Castro López** (Uppsala University) - *Rethinking Transnational Retirement: An Institutionalist Comparison of Pension Systems in Mexico, Denmark, and the United States* (Discussant: Yannis Karagiannis - Universitat Pompeu Fabra)

## SESSION 2 - Family Support & Care

**Chair:** Gabriela de Carvalho (UAB)

**Discussants:** Raquel Gallego Calderón (UAB), Sheila González (UB), Laman Orujova (UAB)

1. **Ester Gubert** (University of Trento) - *At the intersection of care and work: exploring the dynamic experiences of working carers in England and the Netherlands* (Discussant: Raquel Gallego Calderón - Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)
2. **Manuel Alvaríño** (Copenhagen Business School) - *The Politics of Childcare Policy Design: revealing partisan differences across Spanish regions* (Discussant: Sheila González - Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)
3. **Davide Cartagini** (University of Milan) - *Social background determinants in public employment* (Discussant: Laman Orujova - Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)

## SESSION 3: Welfare Preferences & Politics

**Chair:** Joaquín Alcañiz Colomer (UAB)

**Discussants:** Leire Rincon (UAB), Llorenç Soler Buades (European University Institute)

1. **Arnau Ballesteros Vilarasau** (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona) - *Disability and Political Engagement: Explaining Political Inequality Through Social Policy Frameworks* (Discussant: Llorenç Soler Buades - European University Institute)
2. **Ewan Robertson** (University of Edinburgh) - *Who Protects Intermittent Workers, and How? Cross-Class Coalitions and Labour Market Reform in France and Spain* (Discussant: Leire Rincón - Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)
3. **Esca van Blarikom** (King's College London) - *Comparing Welfare Experiences: Everyday Interactions with Social Security Systems Across Five Countries* (Discussant: Llorenç Soler Buades - European University Institute)

## SESSION 4 - Vulnerability, Poverty & Access to Protection

**Chair:** Daniel Edmiston (UAB)

**Discussants:** José Noguera (UAB), Alba Lanau (UPF)

1. **Violetta Tucci** (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona) - *At the margins of measurement: re-assessing the social distribution of disadvantage and welfare effectiveness through housing insecurity* (Discussant: Alba Lanau - Universitat Pompeu Fabra)
2. **Joanna Geerts Danau** (KU Leuven) - *Re-employment Under Pressure: A European Longitudinal Study of Employment Transitions and Financial Scarcity between 2016 and 2024* (Discussant: José Noguera - Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)
3. **Emma Rose Álvarez Cronin** (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona) - *Labour market outsiders and access to social protection: The case of the Minimum Vital Income in Spain* (Discussant: Alba Lanau - Universitat Pompeu Fabra)

## POSTER SESSION

1. **Brian Treacy** (King's College London) - *Attitudinal Consequences of Beliefs about Causes of Economic Inequality: A Multidimensional Approach*
2. **Vincenzo Favara** (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona) - *Complexifying Uncertainty: tracing meanings of precarity and experienced emotions through text-based multi-method approach*

## SESSION 5: Post-colonialism, Global South & Social Citizenship

**Chair:** Marga León (UAB)

**Discussants:** Tuba Agartan (Providence College), Marianne Ulriksen (University of Southern Denmark)

1. **Julian Götsch** (Universität Bremen) - *Uncovering the Colonial Legacy: An Analytical Framework for Examining the Long-Term Effects of Colonialism on Social Policy* (Discussant: Marianne Ulriksen - University of Southern Denmark)
2. **Matías Acosta & Michelle Thurn** (Universität Bremen) - *Tracking de jure inclusiveness of Healthcare Systems: Introducing a generic index for historic and case comparison* (Discussant: Tuba Agartan - Providence College)
3. **Alissa Siara** (European University Institute) - *Conditional Cash Transfers and the Absence of Cross-Domain Policy Feedback Effects in Education* (Discussant: Marianne Ulriksen - University of Southern Denmark)

## SESSION 6: Governance & Public Policy

**Chair:** Laman Orujova (UAB)

**Discussants:** Discussants: Ixchel Perez (UAB), Lorenzo Vidal-Folch (UAB)

1. **Maddalena Crotti** (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona) - *Participation, care infrastructures and the territorialisation of health: openings from Bologna and Barcelona* (Discussant: Lorenzo Vidal-Folch - Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)
2. **Edgar Quilabert Argudo & Maria Delfina Competella** (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona) - *Collaborative Governance from Within: The Territorialization of School Governance Policies in Comparative Perspective* (Discussant: Ixchel Pérez - Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)

## POSTER SESSION

1. **Clara March Ardèvol** (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona) - *Trust Dynamics in Elder Care Services: Examining Performance, Benevolence And Integrity Anchors Among Key Actors*
2. **Lara Yilmaz** (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona) - *Design, Reform, and Effectiveness of Minimum Income Policies in Europe: A Comparative Analysis of Five Welfare States*
3. **Victoria de Castro Souza Lima Assis** (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona) - *NEXT-UP Navigating the Next Normal; Innovative Approaches to Enhancing Youth's Education-Employment Transitions in Post-COVID-19 Europe*