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Wealth & Justice

*Lectures in Governance
& Public Policy*

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About the Lecture Series

There are many people in the western industrialized nations who believe that an essential part of a civilized society is that there should be a generous social safety net. It is what irons out the vagaries of nature and luck and provides each individual with the means to live worthy and dignified lives. In the language of freedom, the safety net is what guarantees our opportunity space. The welfare state is how we provide for such needs and values. There are, however, also efficiency reasons for state intervention in the economy and the creation of the institutional structure that we call the welfare state.

The idea of this lecture series is to have a fresh look at the welfare state and the role it plays in creating wealth and justice. The series of lectures will cover topics in economic history, social policy, globalization, and distributive justice and to show how the welfare state is not something that is antagonistic to economic growth and development but very much part of it. The market is one mechanism to allocate scarce resources; the state is another. The balanced view that we plan to present here is that the problems of economic policy are not whether we have too much state or too much market, but what is the best mechanism to implement our goals of providing for human flourishing.

Earning Credits

Bachelor and Master students can follow the lecture series as a course and earn credits. Details will be circulated at the Introductory Session.

■ Wednesday 22 April, 18–20h, H 18 NW II
Wealth & Justice: An Introduction
Matthew Braham & Frank Steffen

■ Wednesday 06 May, 18–20h, H 24 RW I
**The Economy of Obligation:
Incomplete Contracts and the Cost of the Welfare State**
Avner Offer, University of Oxford

■ Tuesday 12 May, 18–20h, H 24 RW I
Understanding the Welfare State
Paul Spicker, Robert Gordon University Aberdeen

■ Wednesday 03 June, 18–20h, H 24 RW I
**Intergenerational Justice and Public Policy:
Comparative Evidence for an Aging Europe**
Pieter Vanhuyse, University of Southern Denmark

■ Tuesday 09 June, 18–20h, H 24 RW I
Globalization and Social Policy in the 21st Century
Martin Seeleib-Kaiser, University of Oxford

■ Thursday 18 June, 16–18h, H 24 RW I
**Diskursversagen in der Demokratie: Die Gerechtigkeitsdebatte
um den Mindestlohn in Deutschland**
Ingo Pies, University of Halle

■ Wednesday 01 July, 18–20h, H 24 RW I
Beyond Capitalism – Alternatives to the Social Market Economy
Giacomo Corneo, Free University, Berlin

* An additional lecture will be organized between May and June. Details will be announced during the lecture series and via the eLearning platform.