Call for Abstracts

New Social Risks and Pension Policies in Europe

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European welfare states have seen major transformations of their social security systems over the past decades. In addition to "old" risks such as unemployment and sickness, "new" social risks have emerged. Changing gender roles and family behaviour have furthermore reconfigured social risks along the gender lines. At the same time, retrenchment of public welfare provision has increased the risks of old-age poverty for future generations of retirees. It is unclear whether occupational and private pension schemes will ameliorate or rather aggravate social and gender differences in old-age security.

This workshop brings together researchers who work on “new social risks” and their implications for old-age security. We welcome cross-national comparisons as well as single country studies. The focus should be on recent developments in European countries. Submissions on the following topics are of special interest:

- Cross-national investigations on statutory pension policies
- Cross-national investigations on private and occupational pensions
- Old-age poverty in comparative perspective
- Gender, employment and old-age security
- Changing family structures and old-age security

Abstract Submission: Please submit your abstract of maximum two pages including the title of your presentation and your contact details by February 28, 2019 to the workshop secretariat (Lena Klein; klein@hertie-school.org). Authors will be notified about the acceptance by March 31, 2019.

Venue: Hertie School of Governance, Friedrichstraße 180, 10117 Berlin, Germany

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