

Third term, Academic Year 2025-2026

Workshop: The ‘nested’ politics of structural reform. In search of novel heuristics

Time and Place: **26-27 March 2026**

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Seminar Description and Objectives

From the 1980s, ‘structural reform’ swept across advanced capitalist democracies, including transformative changes in monetary and fiscal policy, social security, pensions, labour-market regulation, education and training, healthcare, and family services. This workshop explores novel analytical framework for understanding and explaining of the ‘nested’ politics of structural reform, illuminating the interplay of political dynamics, institutional factors, and policy solutions, with input from policy practitioners and political authorities, that have engaged structural reform successes and failure across advanced EU democracies.