



## Growth Models and the Welfare State

SPS Third-term Workshop 2019-2020

Dates: Thursday, 4 June 10:00-16:30

Friday, 5 June 09:30-16:30

Location: through zoom: registered participants will receive a link

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EUI sponsoring professors & instructors: Dorothee Bohle, Philipp Genschel, Anton Hemerijck

Guest participants:

- Lucio Baccaro – Director of the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne
- Anke Hassel, Hertie School of Government, Berlin
- Bruno Palier, Sciences Po Paris
- Jonas Pontusson, Geneva University

Max Weber Fellows

- Sebastian Diessner
- Fabian Mushovel
- Arianna Tassinari

### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

In recent years, especially since the onslaught of the Great Recession, the scholarly interest in the politics of macroeconomic policy choice in comparative political economy has resurfaced with a vengeance. Unsurprisingly, the renewed attention macro-economic policy choices has come in tandem with rejuvenated focus on core state actors, governments (finance ministries) and central banks, being brought back into comparative institutional political economy analysis. The so-called 'growth model' literature, advanced by Lucio Baccaro and Jonas Pontusson, has been very much at the vanguard of the renaissance. With its focus on core factors on economic demand, the 'growth model' literature is far more substantive in orientation than the rather procedural approach of the Varieties of Capitalism, centered around more formal supply-side coordination mechanisms. This substantive orientation, moreover, allows for a fruitful intellectual engagement with comparative welfare research, inspired long ago by Gøsta Esping-

Andersen (1990; 1999), with its equally prominent substantive thrust centered around economic security and family demography.

What are, to use a Weberian notion, the 'elective affinities' between growth models and welfare regimes? What bearings do the growth model perspective bring to our understanding of the vectors of welfare reform, and vice versa, how do domestic social protection commitments, built up over many decades, inform, shape, constrain and (re-)direct domestic growth strategies? These are the central questions that will be discussed at EUI on the 4th and 5th June, among the political economists Lucio Baccaro, Jonas Pontusson, Doro Bohle and Philipp Genschel and the welfare state scholars Anke Hassel, Bruno Palier and Anton Hemerijck, and three EUI Max Weber Fellows, over a two-day workshop.

The workshop's structure is twofold. On the first day, participants will discuss primary readings on growth models, introduced by Lucio Baccaro and Jonas Pontusson, in the morning session on the 4th of June. Prof Baccaro will introduce the intellectual development of the growth model idea, followed by a presentation of Prof Pontusson, focusing on the politics of growth models. For the afternoon sessions, Anke Hassel and Bruno Palier link the growth-model literature to study of contemporary welfare reform. Thereafter, Doro Bohle and Anton Hemerijck open a more general debate with some critical reflections on current developments in comparative political economy and welfare state studies.

On Friday, the second day of the workshop, participants will engage in a semi-structured discussion, on the basis of three interventions by the EUI Max Weber Fellows, Sebastian Diessner, Fabian Mushovel, and Ariane Tassinari, based on ongoing research, with their reflections on growth models and welfare reform experiences in the aftermath of the Great Recession. The purpose of the Friday session is to leverage a rich exchange of ideas over issues of the politics of economic growth and welfare provision, between EUI researchers and invited speakers.

Requirements :

Participants who want to obtain 10 credits are required to attend all sessions and to complete the required readings. In addition, researchers are required to write a short response paper (no more than 5 pages) inspired by workshop readings and discussion, to be submitted by 8th June.

Readings are available on the Sharepoint platform for registered participants

**Schedule:** Day 1: 4 June

10:00-10:15 Welcome and introduction

10:15 – 11:15 Session 1: Setting the scene: the Growth Model Conjecture (45 minutes introduction by Lucio Baccaro followed by short discussion)

(11:15– 11:30 Coffee break)

11:30 – 12.45: The politics of growth models (35 minute presentation by Jonas Pontusson – presentation followed by discussion)

12.45 – 14.00 Lunch break

14:00 -15.15 Session 2: Growth Models and the Welfare State (45 minutes presentation by Anke Hassel and Bruno Palier on their upcoming OUP book)

(15:15 – 15.30 Coffee break)

15.30 – 17.30 Session 3: Critical reflection on the Growth Strategy – Welfare Reform interface today (20 minutes reflections by Anton Hemerijck and Doro Bohle followed by general discussion)

Day 2: 5 June: Session 3:

9:30 – 11:00: Max Weber Fellow Presentations I (three presentations of 20 minutes each with the option of posing informative questions) by Sebastian Diessner, Fabian Mushovel, and Ariane Tassinari (order to be decided)

(10:30 – 11:45 Coffee break)

11:45 – 13:00: Max Weber Fellow Presentations II (more general discussion and conclusion)

13.00: End workshop

### **Readings Required**

Avlija, S., A. Hassel, and B. Palier, (2020) 'The Pursuit of Growth: Growth regimes, Growth Strategies and Welfare Reforms in Advanced Capitalist Economies', in: *Stato e Mercato* (forthcoming)

Baccaro, L. (2020), Is there a Mediterranean Growth Model?

Baccaro, L. (2020), Has the 'external constraint' contributed to the Italian stagnation? A critical event analysis

Baccaro, L., and J. Pontusson (2016), 'Rethinking comparative political economy: the growth model perspective', in *Politics and Society*, 44 (2), 175-207.

Baccaro, L., and J. Pontusson (2019), 'The Politics of Growth Models: An Analytical Framework with Germany and Sweden as Illustrative Cases, Unequal Democracies, Working Paper 7, University of Geneva (forthcoming).

Burroni, L., E. Pavolini and M. Regini (2020) Southern European political economies: which road to development? Paper presented at the Stato e Mercato seminar on "Institutions, politics and models of capitalism (forthcoming in *Stato e Mercato*).

Hemerijck, A. (2020), 'Growth models, family demography, welfare commitment and social investment reform' in: *Stato e Mercato* (forthcoming).

Pontusson, Harry Jonas, Baccaro, Lucio (2020) Comparative political economy and varieties of macroeconomics. In: Oxford research encyclopaedia of politics, New York

Soskice, D. (2020) '*The ICT Revolution and neo-liberalism: its major pathologies and a Polanyian second movement*', in: *Stato e Mercato* (forthcoming).

### **Background readings**

Esping-Andersen G (1990) *The Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism*. Cambridge: Polity Press.

Hall, P. and D. Soskice (2001) *Varieties of Capitalism: The Institutional Foundation of Comparative Advantage*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Hemerijck A (2013) *Changing Welfare States*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Bohle, D. and B. Greskovits (2012), *Capitalist Diversity on Europe's Periphery*, Ithaca NY: Cornell University Press.

Schwartz, Herman. 2009. *Subprime Nation: American Power, Global Capital, and the Housing Bubble*. Cornell University Press (especially chapters 3 and 4).