Agenda-Setting in Inequality and Social Policy Research
Conference
Friday, October 26, 2012

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Venue:
Social Science Research Center Berlin
Reichpietschufer 50
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Conference
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This conference features outstanding international scholars presenting the best of inequality and social policy research. The sessions will feature exemplary research at the frontiers of scholarship in this area, including research on the causes, consequences and interrelationships between both inequality and social policy. Among the topics presented, our guests will examine the politics of social policy, educational expansion, rising income and earnings inequality, dualization, and labor market discrimination. In addition, the conference will be forward-looking and will prioritize discussion on the future priorities, emerging challenges and questions, and methodological innovations that should animate research in this area in years to come.

The conference is hosted by the newly established Inequality and Social Policy Unit at the WZB, led by Professor David Brady.

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Programme

8.45 a.m.
Coffee Available and Opening Remarks, David Brady, WZB

9-10 a.m.
Equality at the Intersection of Markets and Demography
Lynn Prince Cooke
University of Bath
Discussant: Agnes Blome, WZB

10-11 a.m.
Educational Expansion and Intergenerational Mobility in the Developing World: Brazil in Comparative Perspective
Florencia Torche
New York University
Discussant: Ulrich Kohler
University of Potsdam

11-11.15 a.m. Coffee Break

11.15 a.m.-12.15 p.m.
The Crisis of Social Policy in the Era of Inequality
Bruce Western
Harvard University
Discussant: Ryan Finnigan, WZB

12.15-1.30 p.m. Lunch Break

1.30-2.30 p.m.
Inequality and Social Policy Unit Presentations
Agnes Blome, Ryan Finnigan and Susanne Marquardt (all WZB)

2.30-3.30 p.m.
Social Protection Dualism: Conservative Germany Converging Towards the American Model?
Martin Seeleib-Kaiser
University of Oxford
Discussant: Susanne Marquardt, WZB

3.30-3.45 p.m. Coffee Break

3.45-4.45 p.m.
Race, Self-Selection, and the Job Search Process
Devah Pager
Princeton University
Discussant: Martin Ehlert, WZB