

General Seminar

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Immigration Policy and Social Policy since the 1930s

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The nature of the relationship between immigration controls and the welfare state is debated in the social sciences. Some scholars argue that there is a trade-off between generous social policies and openness to immigration. Other scholars argue, for a variety of reasons, that there is no contradiction between generous social policies and openness to immigration; indeed, some scholars believe that there is a positive relationship between the two. We argue that a major problem with previous empirical research on this topic is that it starts at a point in time when different welfare state models already existed, and clearly defined types of migration were already taken for granted. In our paper, we analyze the co-evolution of national immigration controls and national welfare states in a large sample of countries between 1930 and 2010. We study legislation concerning the admission of two types of migrants: on the one hand labor migrants, on the other hand refugees and the family members of resident migrants. We then show how the relationship between admission policies and the welfare state has developed between the inter-war period and the present day. In doing this, we are able to take into account important historical developments not only within the area of social policy, but also within the area of international migration. (Joint work with Frida Boräng and Sara Kalm).



Speaker

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The academic work of Johannes Lindvall is concerned with political institutions, public policy, the role of interest organizations in political decision-making, and, more generally, the relationship between states and markets. He also teaches comparative politics and research methods.

Discussion

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