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"A Nordic Model?"

AkPolÖk Spring Conference 2013 June 6-8, 2013 in Flensburg/ Germany CALL FOR PAPERS

The German Association for Political Economy (Arbeitskreis Politische Ökonomie) invites the submission of papers for the Spring Conference 2013, held in cooperation with the University of Flensburg on 6-8 June in Flensburg/ Germany.

Keynote Lectures will be given by

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The financial crisis of 2008/09, the ensuing Great Recession of 2009 and their aftermath have changed the way capitalism is perceived in world societies. Attempts to learn the necessary lessons are still going strong. The conference "A Nordic model?" sees itself as part of such an effort.

The starting point is the fact that the 5 Nordic countries (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden) consistently rank on the top on all world-wide indicators of social welfare and well-being. They seem to have achieved a remarkable combination of high social equality combined with high economic efficiency, and they have done so for a considerable period of time; and all this with considerable resilience in crises. Do we thus find here the ingredients for a capitalism to aim at? Or in other words: What - if anything - can other countries learn from the Nordic model?

Of course this question has been asked before. However it deserves renewed and refocused interest after the crises of the past half-decade, the full question therefore being: What - if anything - can other countries learn from the Nordic model for a post crises model of capitalism? The objective of the conference is to discuss precisely this question with researchers from different fields.

Submission

We welcome the submission of theoretical and applied papers (in English or German) on related aspects from economics, political and other social sciences. Researchers are invited to submit their papers, along with a provisional title and an abstract (100-150 words), before February 10, 2013 to nordicmodel@uni-flensburg.de.

Submissions will be refereed by the Conference Program Committee (chairman: Prof. Dr. Stephan Panther) and authors will be notified by e-mail before March 15, 2013.

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