

Democracy, Theory and Practice

JANUARY-JUNE 2013

Migrants and Welfare

Centro Einaudi, Via Ponza 4/e, Turin – June, 13th – 10:00-17:00

Liberal-democratic societies acknowledge people as free and equal by granting them fair opportunities to pursue their life-plans and including them on an equal footing within democratic decision-making processes. Extending equal rights to every citizen is at the core of democratic polity; democracies, however, maintain a level of exclusion toward people – typically, migrants – who are not full member of the political community.

The final meeting of *Democracy, Theory and Practice* will thus focus on welfare and migrants, in order to highlight the contrast between the equal concern ensured to citizens by democratic institutions and the exclusion faced by migrants in contemporary democratic systems.

An inclusive and sustainable welfare system – that is, a welfare consistent with the egalitarian ideals on which democracy ought to be grounded – should consider the migrants' claims in order to define its priorities and policies. However, while migrants play a major role in our changing welfare systems, their claims and interests are not taken into due account.

The workshop aims to support the scientific debate on this complex topic and to suggest its centrality in defining inclusive democratic institutions.

Maurizio Ferrera (Università di Milano and Centro Einaudi) will analyse the different models of European welfare systems; **Ferruccio Pastore** and **Irene Ponzo** (FIERI) will focus on the growing role that migrants are playing within these models. **Valeria Ottonelli** (Università di Genova), **Tiziana Torresi** (University of Adelaide) and **Eszter Kollar** (University of Munster) will then argue that inclusive and democratic welfare systems should adopt a transnational perspective, dealing both with the claims of temporary migrants and with the effects that migrant involvement in western welfare systems has on their countries of origin.

Democracy, Theory and Practice, organized by Enrico Biale (enrico.biale@lett.unipmn.it), has been involving scholars in the field of democratic theory who present their work on the most relevant topics currently discussed in the international debate.

Migrants and Welfare

JUNE 13th, 2013

Programme

10:00

[From social protection to social investment: new trajectories for the European welfare state](#)

Maurizio Ferrera (Università di Milano and Centro Einaudi)

11:20 *Coffee Break*

11:40

[Multi-welfare. Migration-induced transformations of local welfare systems in times of crisis](#)

Ferruccio Pastore and Irene Ponzo (FIERI, Torino)

13:00 *Lunch*

14:00

[Temporary migration, special welfare rights and social equality](#)

Valeria Ottonelli (Università di Genova) and Tiziana Torresi (University of Adelaide)

15:20 *Coffee Break*

15:40

[Health-worker emigration and the problem of institutional feasibility](#)

Eszter Kollar (University of Munster)

17:00 *Conference ends*