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**SOCIAL POLICY, INEQUALITY, AND POVERTY IN POST-SOCIALIST SOCIETIES**

**St. Petersburg, Russia, 12-14 June 2017**

More than a quarter of a century after the fall of the Berlin Wall, the collapse of the Soviet Union and the beginning of the wars of the Yugoslav succession, we know relatively little about the diverse welfare trajectories in this region, subject to fundamental economic, political and social transformations. The time is now ripe for a systematic analysis of poverty and inequality and how social policy has addressed these issues after the dramatic changes over the past three decades. The aim of the workshop will be to critically examine relevant data in order to trigger new ideas on how to achieve improved well-being in post-socialist societies.

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The workshop will, inter alia, focus on questions such as:

a) What are the developments with regard to poverty rates, and in particular child poverty?

b) What are the causes and consequences of increasing inequality in these societies? How are they addressed?

c) What role have transnational actors played in social policy change?

d) How can the diverse welfare trajectories in the various countries and sub-regions be explained?

e) How are these societies preparing for the SDG agenda with regard to poverty, inequality and sustainability?

We are looking for papers that present case studies or comparative studies of countries among the former Soviet republics and Central, Eastern and South Eastern Europe, or papers that examine the role of international actors in the region.

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