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### **European Conference 2016 – introduction and programme**

EISS Norge, the Norwegian Section of the European Institute of Social Security hosts the annual EISS Conference in Oslo 22. and 23 September 2016 in cooperation with the faculty of Law at the University of Oslo. The Conference will be held at the premises of the Faculty of Law, in downtown Oslo.

The topic of the conference is “Social Security and the changing concept of work”. Both pension schemes and most other social security schemes as we know them are financed by contributions that are levied on salary from work, and / or income from self employment. The sustainability of the schemes therefore rely partly on a working population generating a steady flow of income to cover for the benefits.

In modern Europe, the concept of work currently undergoes changes. Employers demand higher skills, work can be organized in more flexible and mobile manner and there is a growing number of people aged 60+ in the workforce. Furthermore, we see other signs of fundamental changes, like the growth of an informal sector that has been labelled “the sharing economy”. Social security systems need to respond to these changes but struggle in doing so.

Through a series of keynote speeches and discussions, the conference will examine the relationship between a changing working life, and social security schemes that most Europeans have learned to trust as an integrated part of their life through decades: the leading question is to what extent is the changing work environment affecting the traditional organization of social security?

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# **Social Security and the changing concept of work**

**Thursday, September 22**

## **Opening session (10.00-12.30): Work and social security - Exploring the balance**

10.00-10.20: Opening addresses (the organisers EISS-Norge, the EISS' President and Sigrun Vågeng, Director General of the National Insurance Administration of Norway)

10.20: Changing patterns in the organization of work: dismantling the Nordic Model? (Prof. Kalle Moene, University of Oslo)

Discussion

11.30-12.00: Coffee break

12.00: The changing concept of work: when does typical work become atypical? (Prof. Paul Schoukens – KU Leuven and University Tilburg)

Discussion

## **Lunch break: 12.45–13.45**

## **Afternoon session (13.45-16.00): New forms of work – adapting social security schemes**

13.45-14.45: Session 1

Flexible retirement: working into old age (Prof. Ivana Vukorepa - University of Zagreb)

'EmploymentAbility': a work centered approach in dealing with work incapacity and unemployment (Prof. Chris Gibbon – University of Essex)

Discussion

## **14.45–15.00: Coffee break**

15.00-16.00: Session 2

Combing work and family: family benefits, child care services – or both? (Associate Prof. Ingunn Ikdahl – University of Oslo)

The working poor: between minimum wage and minimum income (Prof. Gijsbert Vonk – University of Groningen)

Discussion

## **16.00–16.45: Young researcher's forum**

[Under the Presidency of prof. dr. Paul Schoukens]

**16.45-17.30: EISS General Assembly**

Presentation activities Working Group EFESE

Presentation outcomes meeting Presidency and Bureau

**18.00: Reception at the City Hall of Oslo**

**Friday, September 23.**

**9.30-12.00 Morning session - New types of work: crossing borders**

9.30-10.15. Session 1

New types of work: from a traditional work division to a sharing economy? (Prof. Valeria Pulignano – KU Leuven)

Discussion

**10.15-10.45: Coffee break**

10.45-12.00. Session 2

The changing concept of work in EU social security law (Prof. Rob Cornelissen – University of Brussels)

Work centered EU social security and the impact upon the Nordic model (Prof. Dorte Martinsen - Copenhagen University)

Discussion

**Kl. 12.00–13.00: Lunch break**

**13.00-13.30 (voluntary): A short guided tour of the University Aula**

The Aula is next to the conference venue. Edvard Munch's paintings on the Aula walls is a major work within Norwegian monumental painting.

<https://www.uio.no/om/kultur/kunst/kunstsamlingen/utsmykninger/Munchbrosjyre-aulamaleriene.pdf>

**13.30–15.00: Closing session**

Revisiting Social security - Will social security survive into an age of sharing economy and a diminishing labour “market”?

(Prof. Eberhard Eichenhofer – University of Jena)

Closing remarks