

Memorandum

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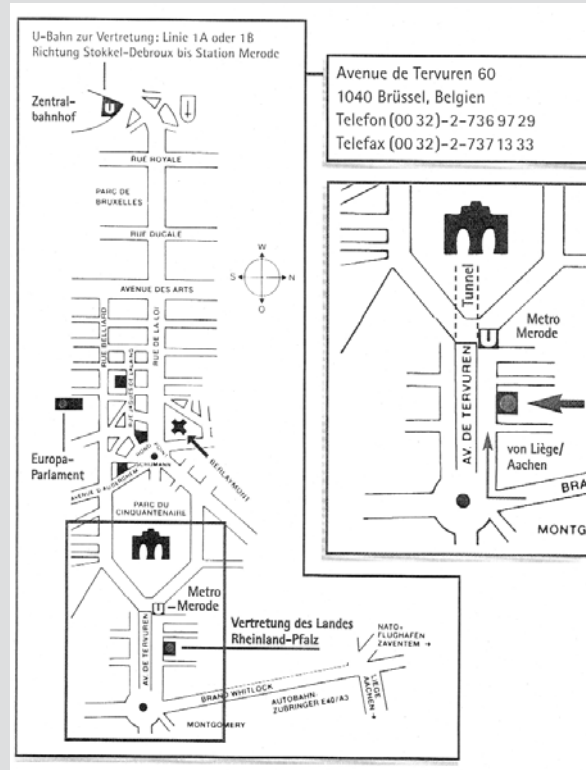
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Book Presentation

Enabling Social Europe

8 December 2005, 19.00

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Enabling Social Europe

'Enabling Social Europe' treats how the paradigm of the 'enabling welfare state' might offer a new perspective for European social policy in the decades to come. 'Enabling' is perceived as going beyond 'activating' only; it also entails the idea of policies aimed at raising the personal autonomy, individual responsibility and social inclusion of people by endowing people with resources and capabilities to allow them to manage and balance their life courses in a better way. Through an unique collaboration of experts in social and economic policy coming from a wide range of disciplines: economics, law, sociology, political science and philosophy the authors shed a new light on the question whether there should be a role for European social policy to play and what sort of role that could be in the future. The book delivers a rich account of both the potentialities and the limitations of European social policy in relationship with macro-economic policies and the challenges and opportunities that Europe will be confronted with in the next decade. The authors convincingly argue that though there is implicit normative consensus about the 'European social model' there is room for a multifaceted world in which welfare regimes seek to maintain their own path-dependent way of achieving a fair and just society with a high welfare for all.

The empirical part of the book contains an appraisal of policies and reforms fitting to the 'enabling welfare state' approach in four important areas of the welfare state: health care, old-age security, family policy, and poverty prevention. Within each sector, the authors explore in a comparative way the policies and practices in countries belonging to various regime types: Germany and the United Kingdom, Poland and Germany, Finland and Estonia, and Belgium and Denmark.

This book is highly recommended not only for scholars and policy makers in the field but also for students in welfare and labour economics, sociology, social policy, political science and law.



Report Presentation

Thursday, December 8, 2005

19.00	<p><i>Welcome</i></p> <p>Professor Dr. Dr. h.c. Carl Friedrich Gethmann Europäische Akademie GmbH</p> <p><i>Report Presentation</i></p> <p>Professor Dr. Bernd von Maydell</p> <p>Professor Dr. Ruud Muffels</p> <p>Professor Pirkko-Liisa Rauhala, PhD</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
21.00	<p>Reception</p>



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